

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING QUIET ZONES AT ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS WITHIN NORTH RICHLAND HILLS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of North Richland Hills has ten at-grade roadways that cross railroad right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, the City has the right to establish Quiet Zones at each of the ten crossings within North Richland Hills under 49 CFR Part 222.39(a)(1) through the implementation of approved Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM's) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 222, Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Rail Administration defines a quiet zone as “a section of a rail line at least one-half mile in length that contains one or more consecutive public highway-rail grade crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded when trains are approaching the crossings” (“Quiet Zone”); and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that TEXRail create Quiet Zones along the railroad right-of-way at the ten crossings over the railroad right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, TEXRail has installed Supplemental Safety Measures as defined by the Federal Railroad Administration within the proposed Quiet Zone areas as a substitute for sounding locomotive audible warning devices by the railway carriers operating within the Quiet Zones; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Intent and Notice of Establishment of a Quiet Zone were mailed in accordance with 49 CFR 222.43;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if written herein.

SECTION 2. A Quiet Zone is hereby created and established at each of the ten crossings within North Richland Hills through the implementation of approved Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM's) as set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. The Quiet Zones shall be established at each railroad crossing location in the City of North Richland Hills as set forth in the attached Appendix B.

SECTION 4. The Quiet Zones shall be effective as of January 4, 2019.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, and it is so resolved; and all Resolutions of the City Council of the City in conflict herewith are hereby amended or repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 4th day of January, 2019.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

By: _____
Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Caroline Waggoner,
Director of Public Works

APPENDIX A

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This Quiet Zone is established under 49 CFR Part 222.39(a)(1) through the implementation of approved Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM's) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 222.

The ten (10) crossings listed below shall have the following devices and appliances installed:

- Audible electronic bells
- Constant Warning Time circuitry
- Flashing lights
- Gates
- Power-out indicators
- Traffic signs and pavement markings in accordance with provisions of the US Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for streets and highways.

Dependent on location configuration and SSM's in use, each crossing location will have at a minimum one of the following:

- Four-quadrant gates with presence detection and exit gate escape features
- Non-Traversable medians
- Traversable medians with channelization devices and gates

Location Configuration Information

- Browning Drive – Gates with Median (SSM)
- Rufe Snow Drive - Gates with Median (SSM)
- Iron Horse Blvd - Gates with Median (SSM)
- Mid-Cities Blvd - Gates with Median (SSM)
- Holiday Lane – Four Quadrant Gate System (SSM)
- Smithfield Road - Gates with Median (SSM)
- Davis Boulevard - Gates with Median and Channelization Devices (SSM)
- Main Street - Gates with Median (SSM)
- Eden Road - Four Quadrant Gate System (SSM)
- Precinct Line Road - Four Quadrant Gate System (SSM)

APPENDIX B
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PUBLIC HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE QUIET ZONES

<u>D.O.T. No.</u>	<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Mile Post Location</u>
790197G	Browning Drive	21.41
789561V	Rufe Snow	21.93
900257V	Iron Horse Blvd	22.53
788743D	Mid-Cities Blvd	23.03
912036C	Holiday Ln	23.23
789722N	Smithfield Road	23.65
789724C	Davis Blvd	23.89
789732U	Main St	23.96
789726R	Eden Rd	24.88
789727X	Precinct Line Rd	25.49