

ORDINANCE NO. 20160519-036

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 12-4-64(D) TO MODIFY THE EXISTING 20 MILES PER HOUR SCHOOL ZONE ON A SEGMENT OF VARGAS ROAD FOR THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS ATTENDING ALLISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 12-4-64(D) (*Table of Speed Limits*) is amended as follows:

Vargas Road from 30 feet north of the north curblane of Ponca Street to 140 [280] feet north of the north curblane of Lynch Lane (20 mph school zone for students attending Allison Elementary School).

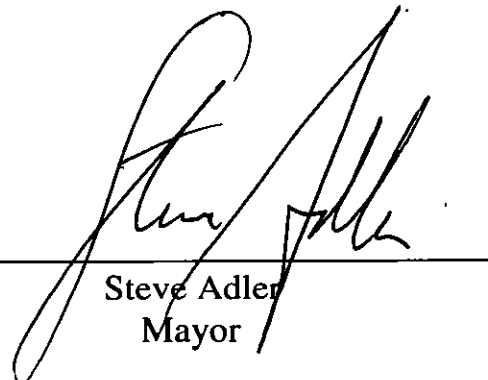
PART 2. The amendment made in this ordinance is based on the results of a traffic engineering investigation performed by a licensed professional engineer attached as Exhibit A.

PART 3. Council finds that school is in session, and the need for a school zone at this site constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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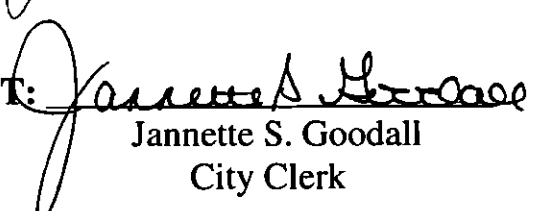
Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED:



Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST:



Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

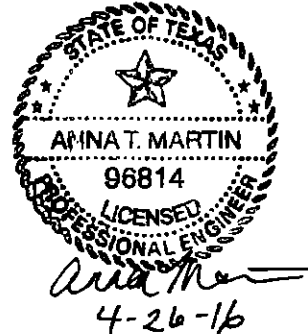
Exhibit A



TO: Eric Bollich P.E., PTOE
Austin Transportation Department

FROM: Anna Martin, P.E., PTOE
Austin Transportation Department

DATE: April 26, 2016



SUBJECT: Allison Elementary School Zone on Vargas Road

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) was contacted by Steve Morris, Parent Support Specialist and member of the Campus Advisory Council (CAC) of Allison Elementary School. Mr. Morris was receiving complaints from parents that the school zone was too long and they could not see the end school zone sign due to curvature in the roadway and trees blocking its view. The school zone in question extended over 300 feet past the last crosswalk into the neighborhood and is over 1,100 feet total in length, which is the equivalent of three city blocks.

ATD generally aims to keep school zones as short as possible to ensure driver awareness and compliance. Based on field investigations and best practice by ATD, Anna Martin, South Area Engineer, recommends the school zone for Allison Elementary School on Vargas Road be shortened by 140 feet to make it more visible for drivers and in turn increase driver compliance.