

**CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 247**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS CREATING FOUR-WAY STOPS AND ADDING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF NEW MATHIS AND SILVER CHALICE, NEW MATHIS AND HICKORY SHADOW, AND WATERWOOD PASS AND GRAND SPRING, AND CREATING THREE-WAY STOPS AND ADDING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF NEW MATHIS AND DRAGON ROCK AND NEW MATHIS AND SHADY FOREST; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING, SEVERABILITY, AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.**

**WHEREAS**, sections 311.002 and 542.202(a) of the Texas Transportation Code provide that a municipality has exclusive control over highways, streets, and alleys of the municipality and the authority to designate traffic control devices; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of traffic, motor vehicles and conveyances upon all public streets, roadways and right-of-ways within the city limits of the City of Sandy Oaks, ("City") is essential and necessary to protect the traveling public and to preserve and protect the public safety of the City and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, section 54.001 of the Local Government Code provides the governing body of a municipality may enforce each rule, ordinance, or police regulation of the municipality and may punish a violation of a rule, ordinance, or police regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has studied the intersection at New Mathis and Silver Chalice and New Mathis and Hickory Shadow, and Waterwood Pass and Grand Spring and found that a four-way stop would protect the public safety and welfare and benefit the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has studied the intersection at New Mathis and Dragon Rock and New Mathis and Shady Forest and found that a three-way stop would protect the public safety and welfare and benefit the area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor shall cause to be erected, installed, and/or maintained such stop signs in conformance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission, at the four corners, at the intersections of (a) New Mathis and Silver Chalice, (b) New Mathis and Hickory Shadow, and (c) Waterwood Pass and Grand Spring, creating a four-way stop intersection at each, where except when directed to proceed by a police officer or other traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign at said intersection, shall stop and after stopping, may proceed when the intersection can be safely entered without interference or collision with traffic using a different street or roadway; and at the three corners, at the

intersections of (a) New Mathis and Dragon Rock and (b) New Mathis and Shady Forest, creating a three-way stop intersection at each, where except when directed to proceed by a police officer or other traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign at said intersection, shall stop and after stopping, may proceed when the intersection can be safely entered without interference or collision with traffic using a different street or roadway.

**SECTION 3.** It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, remove, obstruct, or interfere with any stop sign established under the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined a sum of not to exceed \$500. A sign designated in this Ordinance shall become property of the City and penalty for removing or having in possession any signs designated as property of the City shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. The City of Sandy Oaks retains all legal rights and remedies available to it pursuant to local, state, and federal law.

**SECTION 5.** The provisions of this Ordinance are to be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances that are directly inconsistent with or in direct conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed but only to the extent of any such inconsistency or conflict.

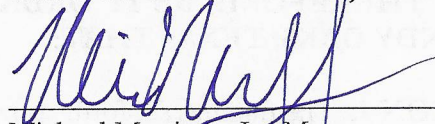
**SECTION 6.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance for any reason is held invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be excluded to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7.** It is officially found, determined and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and subject matter for the public business to be considered at such meeting including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

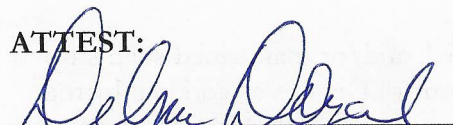
**SECTION 8.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and approval and publication as required by section 52.011 of the Local Government Code.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

**CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS**

  
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Michael Martinez, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Delma Doyal, City Secretary