

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 264

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS ADDING FLASHING SIGNALS AT THE FOUR-WAY STOPS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HICKORY SHADOW AND WATERWOOD PASS AND SILVER CHALICE AND WATERWOOD PASS 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 intersections at Hickory Shadow and Waterwood Pass and Silver Chalice and Waterwood Pass and finds that flashing yellow and red signals at those intersections 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. FINDINGS OF FACT. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. RATIFICATION OF SIGNS, SIGNALS, DEVICES, AND MARKINGS. All traffic-control signs, signals, devices, and markings placed or erected prior to the adoption of this Ordinance and in use for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic are hereby affirmed, ratified and declared to be official traffic-control devices, provided such traffic-control devices are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or state law.

SECTION 3. FLASHING SIGNALS.

- (A) The Mayor shall cause to be erected, installed, and/or maintained illuminating flashing yellow signals prior to and flashing red signals at four-way stop signs in conformance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission, at the four corner intersections identified below, where at each four-way stop intersection, 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:

- (1) Hickory Shadow and Waterwood Pass, and
- (2) Silver Chalice and Waterwood Pass.

(B) Whenever an illuminated flashing yellow signal is used before or in a traffic sign or signal, the operator of a vehicle facing a flashing yellow signal may proceed through an intersection or past the signal only with caution.

(C) Whenever an illuminated flashing red signal is used in a traffic sign or signal, it shall require all vehicular traffic drivers to stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

SECTION 4. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGN, SIGNAL, DEVICE, OR MARKING.

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

SECTION 5. PENALTY. Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$500. A sign, signal, device, or marking 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 6. REPEALING OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. 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.

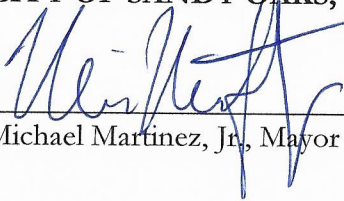
SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance for any reason is held invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be excluded to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. OPEN MEETING. 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 of 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.

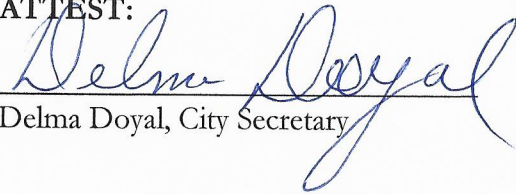
SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by section 52.011 of the Local Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8th day of January 2026.

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS


Michael Martinez, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Delma Doyal, City Secretary