

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-02-02

AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST AND UPDATE SPEED LIMITS ON FM 666

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 545, Subchapter H, Section 545.353 gives the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to alter maximum speed limits on highway routes both within and outside of cities, provided the Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones and provide regulations that allow cities such as the City of Mathis to update its Speed Zone Ordinances based upon speed studies performed by the state, an independent contractor, or by both of a city's Police Department and Public Works Department to alleviate traffic flow concerns and aid in public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been requested by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that the City Council of the City of Mathis update or implement a Speed Zone Ordinance based upon speed studies performed by TXDOT within the city limits of Mathis located at FM 666 from SH 359 to 10,438ft South of SH 359 to alleviate traffic flow speed rate concerns and aid in public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mathis to adjust certain speed limits as allowed by TxDOT regulations and post speed limit signs within the corporate boundaries of the City of Mathis; and

**WHEREAS**, any violation of the aforementioned posted speed limits shall constitute a traffic offense, pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code, and within the jurisdiction of The City of Mathis Municipal Court.; BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Mathis, Texas, that this Ordinance No. O-24-02-02 is hereby implemented:

**Section 1: Speed Limit on FM 666**

- A 40-mph zone be established by the City of Mathis from the southern city limit to a point 2930 ft (0.555 mi) north of the southern city limit.
- A 35-mph be established by the City of Mathis from a point 2930 ft (0.555 mi) north of the southern city limit to a point 4,419 ft (0.837 mi) north of the southern city limit (ending at SH 359)
- A 25 mph school zone be established by the City of Mathis from the southern city limit to a point 2,487 ft (0.471 mi) north of the southern city limit.

*Figure 1. FM 666 Speed Zone Map*

**Section 2: Duty of Police to Enforce**

It shall be the duty of the Police Department of the City of Mathis, Texas to enforce the provisions of the Ordinance against any person found to be violating the same.

**Section 3: Violations**

Violations for any provisions of the Ordinance shall constitute a Class C misdemeanor and that each day that a violation continues shall be a sperate offense. Conviction of an offense under the Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed the maximum established by law for each violation.

**Section 4: Conflicts**

Any provision of any previously enacted ordinance found to be in conflict herewith is expressly repealed to the extent that such conflict exists.

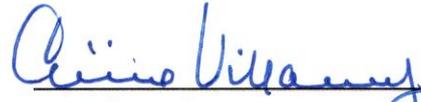
Section 5: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

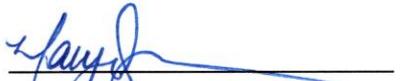
First reading was accomplished at a City Council meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Second reading was accomplished at a City Council meeting held on March 11, 2024.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MATHIS, TEXAS THIS**  
**11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2024.**

  
Ciri Villarreal, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
Mary A. Gonzales, City Secretary





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February 20th, 2024

Mary Gonzales  
City Secretary of The City of Mathis  
411 E San Patricio Ave.  
Mathis, TX 78368

Dear Mary Gonzalez,

My name is Jorge A. Perez and I work in the Corpus Christi District Traffic Engineering Office of the Texas Department of Transportation. We recently conducted a speed study along FM 666 from SH 359 to 10,438ft South of SH 359 and would like to propose to set the speed limits at FM 666 as shown below:

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If our proposal is satisfactory, please secure city action and return two copies of the city ordinance to our office. Once we have this information, we will schedule sign installations.

I have attached a map (Figure 1.) for your reference which includes the proposed speed zones in the area described above. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (361) 808-2276.

Sincerely,

Jorge A. Perez, P.E.  
Corpus Christi District Traffic Operations  
361-808-2346

Figure 1. FM 666 Proposed Speed Zones

