ORDINANCE # 1337-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 12.05, "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING", OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS CODE OF ORDINANCES (2020) BY INCORPORATING INTO SECTION 12.05.012 "SPECIAL STOP INTERSECTIONS" SUBSECTION (s) "OTHER SPECIAL STOPPING INTERSECTIONS" ADDING (17) "MEANDERING ROAD" OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS CODE OF ORDINANCES (2020) DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF MEANDERING ROAD AND YALE STREET A 4-WAY STOPPING INTERSECTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE CHIEF AND BY THE NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of River Oaks is a home rule City acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the police chief upon recommendation by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and upon investigation determined that there is a potential traffic hazard caused by there not being a stop intersection at the designated crosswalks on Meandering Road and Yale Street where School Children cross that has not been previously established by ordinance in order to protect the safety of pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to Sec. 12.03.001 "General powers and duties of chief of police", the chief of police shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals and devices when and as required under this chapter to make effective the provisions of this chapter, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as he may deem necessary to regulate traffic under this chapter or under state law, or to guide or warn traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief recommends that a "Special Stopping Intersection" be designated where Yale intersects with Meandering Road on the south west side of the Yale intersection on Meandering Rd. for traffic traveling from the west to east and a second stop sign located on the north east side of the Yale Intersection on Meandering Road for vehicular traffic traveling east to west on Meandering Road; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has determined that stop signs will be placed in accordance to the Transportation Code within 18 inches of the prevailing edge of the street as provided for in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Section 542.202, the City of River Oaks, Texas has the authority to establish prohibited parking, standing or stopping zones within its corporate boundaries for vehicles on streets and highways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS:

SECTION 1.

Section 12.05.012, Special Stop Intersections

That Article 12.05, "Stopping, Standing and Parking" of the City of River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2020) with the adoption of this ordinance, Section 12.05.012 "Special Stop Intersections" is amended by incorporating **Section 12.05.012 (s)** "Other special stopping intersections" (17) "Meandering Road" of the City of River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2020) designating special stop intersections as herein provided for in this ordinance to now read as follows:

"In accordance with this chapter, police chief hereby directs that the city public works department install a stop sign at the following locations:

- (17) "Meandering Road": At the intersection of Yale Street with Meandering Rd. in order to protect the safety of pedestrians crossing Meandering Road and Yale Street at the designated crosswalks due to vehicular traffic entering onto Meandering Rd. from the intersecting street of Yale St.
 - (A) A stop sign will be placed in front of the stop bar on the southwest corner of Meandering Road to be setback approximately 8-feet from its intersection with Yale Street at least 4-feet in front of the crosswalk across Meandering Road as plotted on the attached Exhibit A in accordance to the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices to be placed within 18-inches of the prevailing edge of the street within the dedicated public right-of-way as a stopping intersection in accordance to the Transportation Code all under the control of the City of River Oaks for vehicular traffic traveling west to east on Meandering Road; and
 - (B) A stop sign will be placed in front of the stop bar on the northeast corner of Meandering Road at its intersection with Yale Street as plotted on the attached Exhibit A in accordance to the Transportation Code to be placed within 18 inches of the prevailing edge of the street at its intersection with Yale Street for vehicular traffic traveling east to west on Meandering Road as a stopping intersection within the dedicated public right-of-way all under the control of the City of River Oaks; and
 - (C) There is an existing stop sign located on Yale Street at the northwest corner of Yale Street at its intersection with Meandering Road as plotted on the attached Exhibit A placed within 18 inches of the prevailing edge of the street on Yale Street within the dedicated public right-of-way all under the control of the City of River Oaks that shall remain at its present location at the intersection of Yale Street and Meandering Road with the stop bar moved back to 4-feet in front of the crosswalk across Yale Street in accordance to the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices near its intersection with Meandering Road for vehicular traffic traveling north to south on Yale Street as a stopping intersection; and
 - (D) There is an existing stop sign located on Yale Street at the southeast corner of Yale Street at its intersection with Meandering Road as plotted on the attached Exhibit A placed in front of the stop bar in accordance with the Transportation Code within 18 inches of the prevailing edge of the street on Yale Street within the public right-of-way all under control of the City of River Oaks for vehicular traffic traveling south to north on Yale Street as a stopping intersection; and
 - (E) With all the above Stopping Intersections as herein provided for, this intersection of Yale Street and Meandering Road will become a 4-way stopping intersection."

SECTION 2. CUMULATIVE

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of Ordinances of the city, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intentions of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence,

paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS

All rights and remedies of the City of River Oaks are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the City of River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2020) or any other ordinances affecting Stopping, Standing and Parking which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 5. PENALTY

In accordance to Section 1.01.009, "General penalty for violations of code; continuing violations", of the City of River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2020) as adopted and as amended; whenever in this code or in any ordinance of the city an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in such code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of this code or any such ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day any violation of this code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION

The City Secretary of the City of River Oaks is hereby directed to publish in the official newspaper the caption, savings clause, penalty clause, publication clause and effective date clause of this ordinance one (1) time after the adoption of this ordinance as authorized by Chapter 5, Section 5.02(c) of the Charter of the City of River Oaks.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

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ATTEST:

Darren Houk.

City Secretary
City of River Oaks

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