## The City of Castle Hills, Texas

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12-10**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASTLE HILLS ESTABLISHING A 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON NORTHCREST DRIVE AND ON NORTH MANTON LANE IN THE CITY OF CASTLE HILLS, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT AS SET OUT IN THE CITY MUNICIPAL COURT FEE SCHEDULE FOR SPEEDING 1 TO 10 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT AND FOR SPEEDING 11 TO 25 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT AND AS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR SPEEDING OVER 25 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, Section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code allows the governing body of a municipality, for a two lane undivided highway or part of a highway in the municipality that is not an officially designated or marked highway or road of the state highway system, to declare a lower speed limit of not less than 25 miles per hour if the governing body determines that the prima facie speed limit on the highway is unreasonable or unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Castle Hills has determined that the current prima facie speed limit of 30 miles per hour on Northcrest Drive and on North Manton Lane in the City of Castle Hills is unreasonable or unsafe; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council believes that public safety would be enhanced by lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on Northcrest Drive and on North Manton Lane in the City of Castle Hills, Texas.

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE HILLS THAT:

- 1. The City Council of the City of Castle Hills finds that the current prima facie speed limit of 30 miles per hour on Northcrest Drive and on North Manton Lane in the City of Castle Hills is unreasonable or unsafe.
- 2. Section 44-144, Speed limits applicable to Northcrest Drive, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Castle Hills is hereby added to read as follows:

Sec. 44-144 – Speed limit applicable to Northcrest Drive. The maximum speed limit on Northcrest Drive in the City of Castle Hills shall be 25 miles per hour. No person shall operate a vehicle on Northcrest Drive in the city limits of the City of Castle Hills at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour.

- 3. Section 44-145, Speed limits applicable to North Manton Lane, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Castle Hills is hereby added to read as follows:
  - Sec. 44-145 Speed limit applicable to North Manton Lane. The maximum speed limit on North Manton Lane in the City of Castle Hills shall be 25 miles per hour. No person shall operate a vehicle on North Manton Lane in the city limits of the City of Castle Hills at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour.
- 4. Any person violating Section 44-144 or Section 44-145 shall be fined for violation of such 25 mile per hour speed limit as set out in the City Municipal Court Fee Schedule for speeding 1 to 10 miles per hour over the 25 mile per hour speed limit and for speeding 11 to 25 miles per hour over the 25 mile per hour speed limit and as determined by the Municipal Judge for speeding more than 25 miles per hour over the 25 mile per hour speed limit.
- 5. The City Council shall, not later than February 1 of each year, publish on its internet website and submit to the Texas Department of Transportation a report that compares for each of the two previous calendar years:
- (1) the number of traffic citations issued by peace officers of the City of Castle Hills and the alleged speed of the vehicles, for speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway;
- (2) the number of warning citations issued by peace officers of the City of Castle Hills on the highway or part of the highway; and
- (3) the number of vehicular accidents that resulted in injury or death and were attributable to speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway.
- 6. This Ordinance shall be effective seven days after publication of the caption of this ordinance in the official newspaper of the City of Castle Hills.

Passed and adopted on the 10th day of December 2024.

JR Treviño, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nichole Heinrich, TRMC

City Secretary