



# City of Rowlett

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Ordinance: ORD-015-16

4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75088  
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS, ALTERING THE MAXIMUM LAWFUL PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MILES PER HOUR ON PORTIONS OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS; PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A REPORT OF VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Rowlett, Texas, has determined that certain portions of specific streets within the City are not an officially designated or marked highway or road of the state highway system, are two-lane undivided highways or parts of two-lane undivided highways, and are situated entirely within residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has further determined that the prima facie maximum speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour on the stated roadways is unreasonable or unsafe and, therefore, finds that the prima facie maximum speed limit should be altered as set forth hereinafter.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 66-53 of Division 2 ("Speed Limits") of Article II ("Specific Street Regulations") of Chapter 66 ("Traffic and Vehicles") of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rowlett, be and is hereby amended by amending the table incorporated in said section to add new streets whereby the speed limit shall be and is hereby twenty-five (25) miles per hour, without amendment, repeal, or revision to any other street or speed limit, said additions to read as follows:

### "Chapter 66

### TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

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### ARTICLE II. SPECIFIC STREET REGULATIONS

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### DIVISION 2. SPEED LIMITS

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**Sec. 66-53. Speed on specific streets.**

Section

Street	Portion of Street	Speed Miles Per Hour
Abercorn Drive	From 6300 block to 6400 block	25
...	...	...
Chatham Drive	6200 block	25
...	...	...
Crockett Drive	From 9000 block to 10000 block	25
...	...	...
Habershaw Drive	From 8700 block to 9000 block	25
...	...	...
Homestead Boulevard	From 8500 block to 9000 block	25
...	...	...
Kessler Drive	From 8900 block to 10000 block	25
...	...	...
Long Green Street	From 6400 block to 6600 block	25
...	...	...
McDonough Drive	From 6600 block to 6700 block	25
...	...	...
Montgomery Drive	From 6200 block to 6300 block	25
...	...	...
Ophelia Drive	6400 block	25
...	...	...
Trafalgar Drive	From 6300 block to 6500 block	25
...	...	...

**SECTION 2.** That the prima facie maximum speed limit on the foregoing streets shall be and is hereby twenty-five miles per hour and any speed in excess of such limit shall constitute prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable and prudent and that the speed is unlawful. The speed limit established herein shall be effective at all times when signs are erected giving notice of the new limit.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager or his designee is authorized and directed to erect and maintain such signs as may be necessary to give notice of the speed limits adopted hereby. Such signs shall be erected in the form and manner required by the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief of Police or his designee is authorized and directed to prepare a report each year of and from the effective date of this Ordinance showing for each of the two previous calendar years: 1) the number of traffic citations issued by peace officers of the City and the alleged speed of the vehicles, for speed limit violations on the named streets; 2) the number of warning citations issued by peace officers of the City on the said streets; and 3) the number of vehicular accidents that resulted in injury or death and were attributable to speed limit violations on the said streets. The report shall be published not later than February 1 of each year on the City's website and submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety as required by law.

**SECTION 5.** That all ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6.** That an offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by the prior law and the provisions of the Ordinances of the City, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

**SECTION 7.** That should any article, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, or the ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, as hereby amended, be adjudged or held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such judgment or holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 8.** That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

**SECTION 9.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption as the law and charter in such cases provide.

At a meeting of the City Council on March 15, 2016 this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 6** Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt and Councilmember Sheffield

**Absent: 1** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian

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Approved by [Signature]  
Mayor

Date March 15, 2016

Approved to form by [Signature]  
City Attorney

Date March 15, 2016

Certified by [Signature]  
City Secretary

Date March 15, 2016

