ORDINANCE NO 2017-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, TO ADOPT A 35 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON THE PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY FM 3005 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, the City Council of this City, as the governing body thereof, has the authority under Section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code to alter by ordinance the prima facie speed limits on officially designated highway of the state highway system when it determines from the results of an engineering and traffic investigation that the prima facie speed limit set forth in Subchapter H of the said Code is unreasonable or unsafe on a part of the state highway system, and may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on that part of the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 89-3, the City Council of this City did determine and declare, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, and pursuant to the authority heretofore granted under Article 6701d of the Texas Civil Statutes, a prima facie speed limit of 35 miles per hour on FM 3005 from the east city limit to the west city limit to be reasonable and safe, and fixed said rate of speed as the prima facie speed limit upon said portion of the said highway; and

WHEREAS, signs giving notice of the said 35 mile per hour speed limit were subsequently erected, have been in place for many years, and remain in place inside the east and west city limits of the City, and within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, a new traffic and engineering study was conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation in 2017, and the Texas Department of Transportation has provided the City with a written report and Speed Zone Strip Map in that regard, wherein the said Department recommends no change in the speed zone and 35 mile per hour prima facie speed limit as reflected in Ordinance 89-3; and

WHEREAS, the City has considered the said report and Speed Zone Strip Map in adopting and approving this Ordinance:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Upon the basis of the 2017 engineering and traffic investigation done by the Texas Department of Transportation, a prima facie speed limit for vehicles of 35 miles per hour is hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe and is hereby fixed as the prima facie speed limit for vehicles traveling upon FM 3005 within the city limits of Jamaica Beach, when signs giving notice of such prima facie speed limit are in place;
SECTION 2. Any person operating a vehicle at a speed in excess of the prima facie speed limit hereby adopted shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00).

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 15th day of May, 2017.

STEVE SPICER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LUPE RUSHING, CITY SECRETARY
April 24, 2017

John Brick
City Administrator, City of Jamaica Beach
5264 Jamaica Beach
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554

RE: Request for Speed Study – FM 3005 – Galveston County

Dear Mr. Brick:

Our office has completed a Speed Zone Study along FM 3005 within the City of Jamaica Beach. The attached Speed Zone Strip Map 5735D shows the speed study sets by the 85th Percentile Method, which represents the speed of the majority of drivers travelling on the particular segment of the roadway.

To ensure a true reflection of a normal traffic situation, the speed checks are conducted on average weekdays during off-peak hours and under favorable weather conditions. The data collected typically shows roadway features such as curves, crash history, cross streets, school crossings and sites that generate traffic. The observed free-flowing speed for vehicles is tailed and the 85th percentile speed is calculated using gathered information. The legend below the strip map explains the data collected.

The study conducted supports the current speed zone as reflected on the current city ordinance on file, therefore no change in speed is recommended at this time.

Should you have questions please contact Gaurang Pandit, Transportation Engineer Supervisor at (713) 802-5856 or Rogelio Rubico at (713) 802-5182.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Director of Transportation Operations
Houston District

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