

Ordinance No. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAWSON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING SPEED ZONES; PROVIDING FOR POSTING OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dawson, Texas, has the authority under the Texas Transportation Code to regulate the speed of vehicles on streets and highways within the city limits; and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that certain streets and areas within the City of Dawson require reduced speed limits in the interest of public safety, traffic control, and protection of life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Dawson, Texas:

Section 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the **Speed Zone Ordinance of the City of Dawson, Texas**.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish reasonable and safe speed limits on designated streets and areas within the City of Dawson to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Section 3. Applicability

This Ordinance shall apply to all vehicles operated upon streets, roads, and public rights-of-way located within the corporate limits of the City of Dawson, Texas.

Section 4. Established Speed Limits

A. Residential Areas

The maximum speed limit in all residential areas of the City of Dawson is hereby established at **30 miles per hour (MPH)**, unless otherwise posted.

B. School Zones

The maximum speed limit in all designated school zones is **20 MPH** during school hours or when children are present, as indicated by posted signs or flashing signals.

C. Business and Downtown Areas

The maximum speed limit in business or downtown areas is **30 MPH**, unless otherwise posted.

D. Other Streets and Roadways

The City Council may, by resolution or subsequent ordinance, establish different speed limits for specific streets or portions of streets based on engineering and traffic investigations.

Section 5. Posting of Signs

The City shall cause appropriate speed limit signs to be erected and maintained in accordance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD). Speed limits established by this Ordinance shall be effective only when properly posted, except where state law provides otherwise.

Section 6. Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Dawson Police Department and any other authorized law enforcement officers. Violations shall be handled as traffic offenses under applicable state and local laws.

Section 7. Penalties

Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provisions of the City of Dawson Code of Ordinances, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by state law.

Section 8. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13 day of January, 2026

Mayor, City of Dawson, Texas

ATTEST:

Stephen Sander

City Secretary

Amber Wilson