RESOLUTION NO. 23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR DEAF CHILD AREA ROAD SIGNS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Annetta, Texas ("Town"), is a Type A general law municipality located in Parker County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Annetta has received requests for the installation of "Deaf Child Area" signs to be installed in residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("TMUTCD") establishes the standards for such traffic control devices. Neither the TMUTCD nor the Federal MUTCD recognizes the use or lists such traffic-controlled devices as approved sign types; and

WHEREAS, the TMUTCD indicates the use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum as the unnecessary use of warning signs tends to breed disrespect for all signs and should be used only to warn motorists of unexpected or unusual conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the ability of parents to notify motorists of the unexpected or unusual condition of a deaf child in the area is in the best interest of the safety of the child; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to establish a policy that allows property owners to install and maintain "Deaf Child Area" signs to advance child safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The findings and recitals above are found to be true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2.

While the Town of Annetta does not recognize the use of Deaf Child Area signs, any resident is allowed to erect and maintain a Deaf Child Area sign within their own property so long as the sign does not interfere with official traffic control devices and the sign is not located within City or State Right of Way, in accordance with Town of Annetta Ordinance No. 73.

Deaf Child Area signs must be removed when the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age or no longer resides at the address where the sign was installed.

SECTION 3.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

Sandy Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator