RESOLUTION NO. 23-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-01 TO AMEND THE POLICY FOR WARNING 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 children playing or a deaf child in the area is in the best interest of the safety of children; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to install warning signs, including but not limited to warning signs notifying motorists of children in the area, in the right-of-way as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to establish a policy that allows warning signs to advance safety in the area.

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. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- A. While the Town of Annetta does not recognize the use of Children at Play or Deaf Child Area signs, any resident is allowed to erect and maintain a Children at Play, Deaf Child Area, or other warning sign within their own property so long as the sign does not interfere with official traffic control devices, in accordance with Town of Annetta Ordinance No. 73.
- B. A resident living within the Town Limits of Annetta who wishes to have a warning sign installed in the right-of-way must submit a written, dated, and signed request to the City Secretary. The written request shall contain a statement regarding the type of warning sign being installed and the need for the warning sign. All requests must be sent to the address below:

Town of Annetta, Texas P.O. Box 1150 450 Thunder Head Lane Annetta, Texas 76008

- C. Children at Play or Deaf Child Area warning signs are limited to areas where (i) the signs do not interfere with official traffic control devices; (ii) where City staff determines there will not be a proliferation of warning signs; and (iii) where children are under eighteen (18) years of age. The request shall be signed and dated by a parent or legal guardian. Warning 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.
- D. The requestor shall renew the request for a warning sign every two (2) years in a written form to the City Secretary. The requestor shall notify the City Secretary when the child turns eighteen (18) years of age or moves from the property.
- E. Requested right-of -way warning signs will be provided, installed, or maintained by the Town. Warning signs shall comply with applicable requirements of the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- F. The Town may remove warning signs for reasons that include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Interference with official traffic control devices;
 - b. For maintenance purposes;
 - c. Failure to comply with this policy; and
 - d. As required by local, state, or federal law

SECTION 3.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

Sandy Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administra