ORDINANCE NO. 22-00430

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUSTANG RIDGE TEXAS PROHIBITING VEHICULAR PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING IN OR ON THE RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY 183 NORTH FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 21 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST LONE STAR DRIVE AND ESTABLISHING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is unsafe for vehicles to park adjacent to US Highway 183 North from its intersection with State Highway 21 to its intersection with East Lone Star Drive; and

WHEREAS, property owners on this section of US Highway 183 North have complained about vehicles and trucks parking adjacent to the highway on public and private properties; and

WHEREAS the City has determined it to be in the best interest of its citizens and in the interest of public safety to prohibit parking in the right of way of US Highway 183 North from its intersection with State Highway 21 to its intersection with East Lone Star Drive;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSTANG RIDGE, TEXAS:

No Parking – The right of way of US Highway 183 North from its intersection with State Highway 21 to its intersection with East Lone Star Drive is hereby designated as a "No Parking Zone." Within this No Parking Zone no vehicles shall be stopped; no vehicles shall be parked; and no vehicles shall be left standing.

Enforcement-The chief of police and members of the police department, both regular and reserve officers, are empowered to enforce this ordinance.

Penalty-Any person convicted of violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Towing of Vehicles-Any vehicle which remains parked in the above-designated No Parking Zone in violation of this ordinance for a period of more than one (1) hour may be removed by or upon an order by a police officer. The owner of such vehicle shall be responsible for the payment of any fees incurred for the towing and/or storage of said vehicle.

Signage – Appropriate signage shall be placed in the above-designated No Parking Zone advising of the possible imposition of fines and of being towed for violation of this ordinance.

Partial Invalidity - If any part of this ordinance or its application is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the unconstitutionality, invalidity, or unenforceability of any such part shall in no way affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining parts of this ordinance, but as to such remaining parts, this ordinance shall remain in full effect.

Effective Date - Because prompt action is in the public interest, this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage, effective as of this date, but no fines or other penalties (including towing) shall be assessed or imposed until proper signage is displayed in the above-designated no parking zone.

Publication - The descriptive caption of this ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in the official newspaper of the City of Mustang Ridge immediately.

PASSED by the City Council of Mustang Ridge, Texas, on the 17th day of October 2022.

Mayor David Bunn

ATTEST:

City Secretary