

CITY OF COUPLAND, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03-17-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INSTALLATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF STOP SIGNS AND OTHER TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND THE TEXAS MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING A *SEVERABILITY* *CLAUSE*; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1. Purpose

This ordinance promotes public safety and regulates traffic within the City of Coupland by establishing standards for the placement, installation, and enforcement of stop signs and other traffic-control devices.

Section 2. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §§ 542.202, 544.002, and 544.003, which authorize municipalities to regulate traffic and install traffic-control devices that conform to the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD).

Section 3. Adoption of Standards

All stop signs and other traffic-control devices installed within the City shall conform to the TMUTCD, as adopted and amended by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Section 4. Installation and Designation of Stop Intersections

(a) The City Engineer, Police Chief, or their designee is authorized to evaluate traffic conditions and determine where stop signs or multi-way stop control are warranted.

(b) Stop signs may be installed at any intersection where warranted under the TMUTCD or where the City Engineer determines that safety considerations justify installation.

(c) The City Council may, but is not required to, adopt by resolution a schedule of designated stop or multi-way stop intersections.

(d) All existing stop signs within the City as of the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed as lawful traffic-control devices.

Section 5. Multi-Way Stop Control

(a) Multi-way stop control shall be installed in accordance with TMUTCD warrants, including crash history, traffic volumes, sight distance, and pedestrian considerations.

(b) The City Engineer may recommend multi-way stop control at locations not meeting TMUTCD warrants if documented engineering judgment determines that safety conditions justify installation.

Section 6. Unlawful Acts

(a) It is unlawful for any person to fail to stop at a stop sign installed under this ordinance.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to remove, damage, obscure, or interfere with any traffic-control device installed by the City.

Section 7. Enforcement

Violations of this ordinance shall be enforced by the City's law enforcement personnel and prosecuted as Class C misdemeanors in accordance with state law.

Section 8. Severability

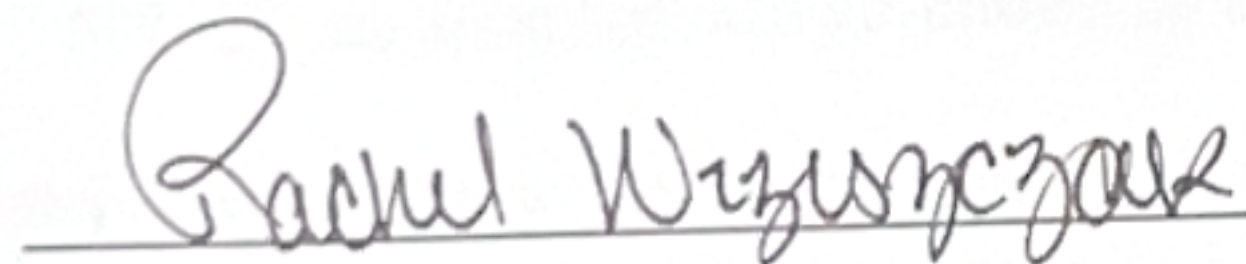
If any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Effective Date

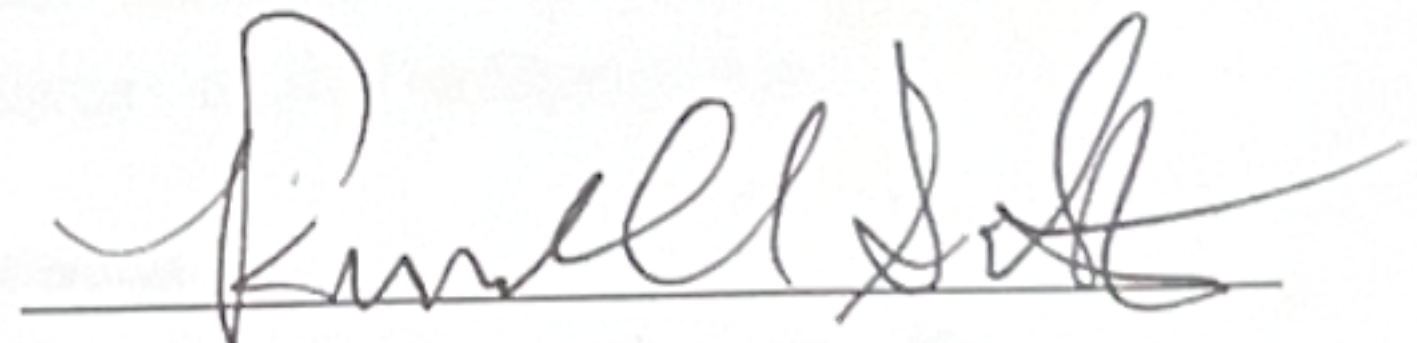
This ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF March, 2026.

ATTEST:



Rachel Wrzusczak, City Secretary



Russell Schmidt, Mayor