AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS IMPOSING THRU TRUCKS RESTRICTION ON VERANDA TRAILS PARKWAY AND SWEETGRASS CIRCLE IN PRECINCT 1 AND IMPOSING A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has determined that imposing a Thru Trucks restriction on Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Circle in Precinct 1 would be a valuable law enforcement tool of benefit to the public by lessening the danger to the public, increasing the efficiency of traffic flow and control, and decreasing the number of accidents to which public safety agencies must respond at the expense of the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Section 251.151 of the Texas Transportation Code establishes authority for the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to regulate traffic on a county road that is under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, Section 251.155(a) of the Texas Transportation Code establishes authority for the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to adopt regulations establishing a system of traffic control devices in restricted traffic zones; and

WHEREAS, Section 251.161 of the Texas Transportation Code establishes authority for the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to impose a criminal penalty for violations of said regulations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing as required by Texas Transportation Code Section 251.152 was held on July 24, 2018, prior to the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County imposing a Thru Trucks restriction on Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Circle, which are public roads located in the unincorporated area of Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County finds and determines that it is necessary for safety to the public to impose a Thru Trucks restriction for traffic flow on Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Circle located in Precinct 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:

Article I. Definitions

Section 1.1 In this Order, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed in this Section 1.1:

Commissioners Court: Fort Bend County, Texas, acting by and through its Commissioners Court.

Person: An individual, company, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

Thru Truck: A Truck accessing Veranda Trails Parkway from Williams Way Boulevard which then travels south of Holsten Meadow Drive, or a Truck accessing Sweetgrass Circle from FM 762 and then travels north of Mossy Cup Lane.

Truck: A motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used to transport construction materials or debris.

Article II. Thru Trucks Restriction

- Section 2.1 The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, imposes a restriction prohibiting Thru Trucks traveling on Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Circle, from the intersection of Veranda Trails Parkway and Holsten Meadow Drive to the intersection of Sweetgrass Circle at Mossy Cup Lane. Only trucks with a destination accessible solely by travel on Veranda Trails Parkway or Sweetgrass Circle are permitted.
- Section 2.2 The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, shall cause signs to be installed along Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Cricle designating the Thru Trucks restriction imposed by this Order.
- Section 2.3 The signs must be within 100 feet of the intersections described in Section 2.1 or located according to standards established in the manual adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission under Section 544.001 of the Texas Transportation Code. The signs must be easily readable to any operator of a motor vehicle approaching the intersections.

Article III. Offense

- Section 3.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a Truck in violation of this Order.
- Section 3.2 A person commits a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00 if the person operates a Truck in violation of this Order, as authorized by Section 251.161(b) of the Texas Transportation Code.

Article IV. Effective Date

Section 4.1 The effective date of this Order shall be August 1, 2018.

Article V. General Provisions

Section 5.1 All orders or parts of orders inconsistent with the terms of this Order are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency of other orders regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this Order.

Section 5.2 If any provision, section, exception, subsections, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void, or invalid, such provision(s) of this Order or its(their) application to other sets of circumstances are declared to be severable.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, this <u>J4</u> day of <u>J4</u>, 2018.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

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Motion was made by Commissioner 1) eyes and seconded by Commissioner attached Order for Fort Bend County.
Said Motion being put to vote, it carried by a vote of 5 "aye" votes to 0 "nay" votes.
THEREFORE, ITS IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ORDERED that the attached "Order of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas Imposing Thru Trucks Restriction on Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Circle in Precinct 1 and Imposing a Criminal Penalty for Violation of This Order" shall be implemented and applicable, effective August 1, 2018, under the authority of Section 251.151 of the Texas Transportation Code, thereby prohibiting through traffic by trucks used to transport construction materials on Veranda Trails Parkway and Sweetgrass Circle in Precinct 1, Fort Bend County, Texas.
SIGNED AND SEALED this 24th day of duly 2018.
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