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Revised City Ordinance Re: Pedestrians in Roadways

ABILENE, TX – On February 14, 2019, the Abilene City Council revised an ordinance that regulates pedestrians at or near a roadway. The Police Department will begin enforcement April 1, 2019. Violations of this ordinance are a Class C Misdemeanor, which can carry a fine that cannot exceed \$500.

The goal of the ordinance is the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike in some of the busiest intersections and thoroughfares of Abilene.

Secs. 18-167. Stopping, Standing, Sitting or Remaining at Certain Intersections within the City of Abilene

- (a) No pedestrian or other person, who is within a roadway, may stop, stand, sit or remain in any intersection or crosswalk for a period longer than is necessary to traverse said intersection or crosswalk.
- (b) No pedestrian or other person may stop, stand, sit or remain within the immediate vicinity of any vehicle stopped on a roadway.
- (c) It is specifically provided, however, that a pedestrian or other person may stop, stand, sit or remain on the surrounding sidewalks, but not in or on the roadway itself
- (d) No pedestrian or other person shall stop, stand, sit or remain on or under any portion of a median, bridge, overpass, or viaduct for longer than is necessary to safely traverse said median, bridge, overpass or viaduct.
- (e) The above provisions apply at the following locations:
 - (1) All intersections, access roads, and ramps adjacent to Winters Freeway from S. 1st Street to Buffalo Gap Road
 - (2) All intersections adjacent to:
 - Buffalo Gap Road from S. 27th Street to Antilley Road
 - Southwest Drive from Winters Freeway to Catclaw Drive

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