

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ZONE AND DOUBLING FINES FOR SPEED RELATED TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN SUCH ZONE

WHEREAS, the City of Alamosa has seen increased pedestrian use in the downtown area of Alamosa along U.S. Highway 160 between Denver Avenue and Richardson Avenue, including increased use of parallel parking, un-signalized crosswalks and jaywalking; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Alamosa, in consultation with the Colorado Department of Transportation, reduced the number of traffic lanes on U.S. Highway 160 as it runs through the downtown area between Denver Ave. and Ross Avenue from three to two, and has narrowed those traffic lanes, in an effort to calm traffic speeds; and

WHEREAS, the lane redesign resulted in calmer traffic speeds initially, but with the passage of time and a re-redesign adding back an additional 18" of width to the lanes to alleviate concerns with people exiting parallel parked cars, traffic speeds have crept upwards again; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably believes that increased penalties for speed related violations in the downtown area will add an additional element to calming traffic in the highly trafficked downtown area, thereby increasing pedestrian safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Alamosa, Colorado:

Section 1. Addition of New Section 19-24. A new Section 19-24 is added to Chapter 19, Article II, of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa* to read as follows:

Sec. 19-24. Fines Doubled in Downtown Pedestrian Safety Zone.

U.S. Highway 160 from the eastern city limit to Richardson Avenue, being the 400 and 500 blocks of Denver Avenue, the 400 to 1400 blocks of Main Street; and the 400 to 1400 Blocks of 6th Street, is designated as the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Zone. Fines for speeding, speed contests, and exhibitions of speed shall be doubled in the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Zone. The City shall place appropriate signs in conspicuous places on U.S. Highway 160 before the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Zone indicating that fines will be doubled in such zone, and after the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Zone indicating that doubled fines are no longer in effect.

Section 2. Renumbering Remaining Sections. The two subsequent sections in Article II, Chapter 19, being sections currently numbered 19-24 and 19-25, shall be renumbered as sections 19-25 and 19-26.

Section 3. General Repealer. All other acts, orders, ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with the sections adopted in this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Recording and Authentication. This ordinance, immediately upon its passage, shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk, recorded in the City book of Ordinances kept for that purposes, and published according to law.

Section 5. Publication and Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication following final passage. Publication both before and after final passage shall be by the title of this ordinance, which Council determines constitutes a sufficient summary of the ordinance, together with the statement that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 6. Declaration of Public Interest. This ordinance is necessary to preserve the peace, health, safety, welfare, and to serve the best interest of the citizens of the City of Alamosa, Colorado.

Section 7. Codification. The City Clerk is directed to codify the provisions of this ordinance in the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa* in substantially the same form as set forth herein.

INTRODUCED, READ AND APPROVED on first reading the 16th day of March, 2022, and ordered published by title and reference as provided by law with notice of a public hearing to be held for consideration of the adoption of said ordinance on the 6th day of April, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

APPROVED, AND ADOPTED after public hearing the 6th day of April, 2022.

CITY OF ALAMOSA

By _____
Ty Coleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk