

WHEREAS, the routine sounding of the locomotive train horn approaching a street grade crossing has a negative effect on the quality of life for those persons living along the rail line and also for those persons in the larger general area; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued its Train Horn Rule that requires trains to sound their horn within a quarter-mile of a crossing unless a Quiet Zone has been established by a public authority; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Quiet Zone is a detailed step process that includes providing a notice of intent by the public authority, the implementation of appropriate supplemental and/or alternative safety measures at the crossing deemed necessary, followed by the City issuing the required notice of establishment of the Quiet Zone; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas desires to proceed with the implementation of a Quiet Zone along the Kansas City Southern Railroad encompassing the at-grade street crossings from Highland Road to La Fonda Boulevard by filing the required Notice of Intent at this time.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to provide the required Notice of Intent to initiate the process of implementing a Quiet Zone along the Kansas City Southern Railroad encompassing the at-grade street crossings from Highland Road to La Fonda Boulevard as provided for in the FRA's Final Train Horn Rule.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.

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APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

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City Secretary