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WHEREAS, the routine sounding of the locomotive train horn approaching street grade crossings has a negative effect on the quality of life for those persons living near a rail line; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration issued its Final Train Horn Rule that requires trains to sound their horns within a quarter mile of a street grade crossing unless a Quiet Zone has been established by a public authority; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Quiet Zone is a detailed 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 by a multi-agency diagnostic team, followed by the City issuing the required Notice of Establishment of the Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is currently in the final construction phases of the 26-mile rail line between Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the City of Plano, known as the Silver Line Project; and

WHEREAS, the project will have 11 at-grade crossings within the city of Dallas covering: East Belt Line Road, Dallas Parkway Southbound, Dallas Parkway Northbound, Knoll Trail Drive, Davenport Road East/West, Campbell Road, Davenport Road North/South, McCallum Boulevard, Meandering Way, Dickerson Street, and a crossing at the future Copenhagen Avenue in the Cypress Waters Development, all of which would greatly benefit from the implementation of Quiet Zones; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, the City Council authorized the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Dallas and DART for the prohibition of freight services on DART's Silver Line of approximately a three-mile section from the Dallas City Limit at the Dallas North Tollway to the Dallas City Limit west of Waterview Parkway without the express written consent of the Dallas City Council and all applicable federal agencies by Resolution No. 20-0202; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2020, the City Council authorized Supplemental Agreement No. 11 to the existing Master Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dallas and DART that establishes certain obligations, conditions, roles, and responsibilities for the implementation and the long-term maintenance associated with the portion of the Silver Line Project located within the city of Dallas by Resolution No. 20-1166; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2020, the City Council authorized a resolution to support the City of Coppel as the applicant for the establishment of Quiet Zones at the DART Silver Line's at-grade crossings on East Beltline Road and in the Cypress Waters area based on the City of Dallas's review and approval of the final diagnostic team recommendations in accordance with the Federal Railroad Administration Train Horn Rule by Resolution No. 20-1230; and

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WHEREAS, on October 12, 2022, the City Council authorized a professional services contract with BCC Engineering, LLC, for construction management, engineering, and inspection (CMEI) services to assist the City in managing the construction activities of DART's Silver Line Project within the City's public right-of-way by Resolution No. 22-1538; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, the City Council authorized Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the professional services contract with BCC Engineering, LLC, for CMEI services to assist the City in managing the construction activities of DART's Silver Line Project within the City's public right-of-way, in order to maintain the current level of services provided by BCC Engineering, LLC, through the end of DART's current project schedule by Resolution No. 24-1073; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the City Council authorized the Notice of Intent to establish Quiet Zones along DART's Silver Line corridor encompassing 11 railroad crossings on the following streets: East Belt Line Road, Dallas Parkway Southbound, Dallas Parkway Northbound, Knoll Trail Drive, Davenport Road East/West, Campbell Road, Davenport Road North/South, McCallum Boulevard, Meandering Way, Dickerson Street, and a crossing at the future Copenhagen Avenue in the Cypress Waters Development by Resolution No. 25-0208; and

WHEREAS, the City has installed the necessary supplemental safety measures at the 11 railroad crossings listed above; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement Quiet Zones along DART's Silver Line corridor encompassing 11 railroad crossings on the following streets: East Belt Line Road, Dallas Parkway Southbound, Dallas Parkway Northbound, Knoll Trail Drive, Davenport Road East/West, Campbell Road, Davenport Road North/South, McCallum Boulevard, Meandering Way, Dickerson Street, and a crossing at the future Copenhagen Avenue in the Cypress Waters Development.

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 Notice of Establishment for Quiet Zones along the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Silver Line corridor (formerly known as the Cotton Belt Line) encompassing 11 railroad crossings on the following streets: East Belt Line Road, Dallas Parkway Southbound, Dallas Parkway Northbound, Knoll Trail Drive, Davenport Road East/West, Campbell Road, Davenport Road North/South, McCallum Boulevard, Meandering Way, Dickerson Street, and a crossing at the future Copenhagen Avenue in the Cypress Waters Development as provided for in the Federal Railroad Administration's Final Train Horn Rule.

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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.