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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 (FRA) has issued its 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, on April 27, 2016, the City Council authorized the Notice of Intent for a Quiet Zone along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridor encompassing the Prairie Creek Road and Sam Houston Road railroad crossings by Resolution No. 16-0644; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2016, the City Council authorized the Notice of Establishment for a Quiet Zone along the UPRR corridor encompassing the Prairie Creek Road and Sam Houston Road railroad crossings by Resolution No. 16-1456; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021, the FRA notified the City that the Quiet Zone for this area would be lifted due to safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists and would be reinstated once the safety concerns were addressed; and

WHEREAS, the City coordinated with the FRA to implement additional safety enhancements along the Prairie Creek Road and Sam Houston Road railroad crossings, and the FRA advised the City to submit a new Notice of Establishment for this Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a review of the existing at-grade crossings of Prairie Creek Road and Sam Houston Road and provide the required Notice of Intent for the Quiet Zone.

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 Intent to establish a Quiet Zone along the Union Pacific Railroad corridor encompassing the railroad crossings at Prairie Creek Road and Sam Houston Road as provided for in the Federal Railroad Administration's 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.