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Press Release

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RE: Von Ormy Adopts Ordinance Against Texting While Driving.

On Wednesday, November 3, 2010, by unanimous vote, the Von Ormy City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of handheld electronic devices while driving. The ordinance mirrors one passed recently by San Antonio. The ban will go into effect in December of this year. Violations of the ordinance can result in a \$200.00 fine. The ordinance was introduced by Councilman James Sweeney. The ordinance bans use of handheld devices for texting, email, surfing the internet and other such activities while driving. An exception is made for emergencies.

Mayor Art Martinez de Vara said, "Distracted driving is the cause of too many tragedies on our Texas Highways and roads. Weekly we see major traffic accidents on I-35 and many of these are caused by distracted driving. When road hazards occur drivers often have only a split second to react safely. We believe that this ordinance and the signs we will post warning of the new law will result in a safer highway. In Von Ormy: Drive Now, Text Later."

About Von Ormy:

Von Ormy is located in Southwest Bexar County and is the newest City in Bexar County, being formed in 2008. Von Ormy has 1300 residents and is 2 square miles and lies along I-35 between Loop 410 and Loop 1604 in southwest Bexar County.

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