

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them! This week:

***Barry from Little Elm made an inquiry using the "report a concern" tab/City Web-Site: I'm curious why Anna has temporarily restricted the riding of a bicycle on parts of FM455 as stated in Section 5 of the City Ordinance. The ordinance states the restriction is temporary but provides no reason why the restriction was enacted nor when the restriction would be lifted and has provided no conditions for lifting the restriction. As a bicyclist, I wish to observe all rules and regulations but am at a lost for this particular restriction. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.***

Hello Barry, Little Elm is a nice long ride!

In 2006 the City Council passed the ordinance with the safety of cyclists in mind. Page 1 of the ordinance (attached) indicates what their thinking was when it was passed. Since there have been no declines in the number of cars using the section of FM 455 where bicycle traffic is banned and no safety enhancements to the roadway that would offer a cyclist some shelter from motor vehicle traffic, the ordinance continues to be in effect.

Late next year TxDOT is scheduled to begin construction on FM 455 between the Hwy 5 intersection and US 75. When finished, FM 455 (White Street in Anna) will be a major thoroughfare that will improve the safety for traffic in that area. My personal hope is that at the completion of that project, the Council will again reconsider the ordinance banning bicycles.

Of course, cyclists are welcome on all of Anna's other roadways and our hike and bike trails. Their ban is only in effect on FM 455, from Hwy 5 to the West Anna City Limits.

**Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting):** First  
Wednesday of the month @ noon

**\*Phone numbers: Emergency???? Dial 911.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

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