



PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONING CHANGES for 2021-2022

Community / Board of Education Meetings
November 2020

Why Are Zoning Changes Being Proposed?

- Enrollment in Pelham City Schools has grown 12.2% in the last five years. Enrollment of 3,404 in Fall 2020 compared to 3,034 in Fall of 2015.
- Both Pelham Oaks and Pelham Ridge have reached facility capacity.

Why Are Zoning Changes Being Proposed?

- The construction of 11 new classrooms at Pelham Oaks Elementary will be ready for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Board has planned appropriately to ensure classrooms are in place to handle growth (instead of classroom trailers to handle growth).

Elementary School Zoning Goals & Process

- Our goals are to establish attendance zones that will reflect the nature of our community as a whole while improving efficiencies in transportation and considering future growth and development of the city.
- Main Considerations -
 - Student Demographics (% students eligible for free or reduced lunch)
 - Building Capacity
 - Geographic Areas

Zoning History

- Pelham Oaks and Pelham Ridge established in 2016-2017 as two K-5 schools
- After two years, there was a rezoning for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Three years later, we are proposing another rezoning for the 2021-2022 school year.
- This is planned to coincide with classroom additions at Pelham Oaks

Proposed Zoning Transition by Neighborhood

Students in the following areas will transfer from Pelham Ridge Elementary School to Pelham Oaks Elementary School:

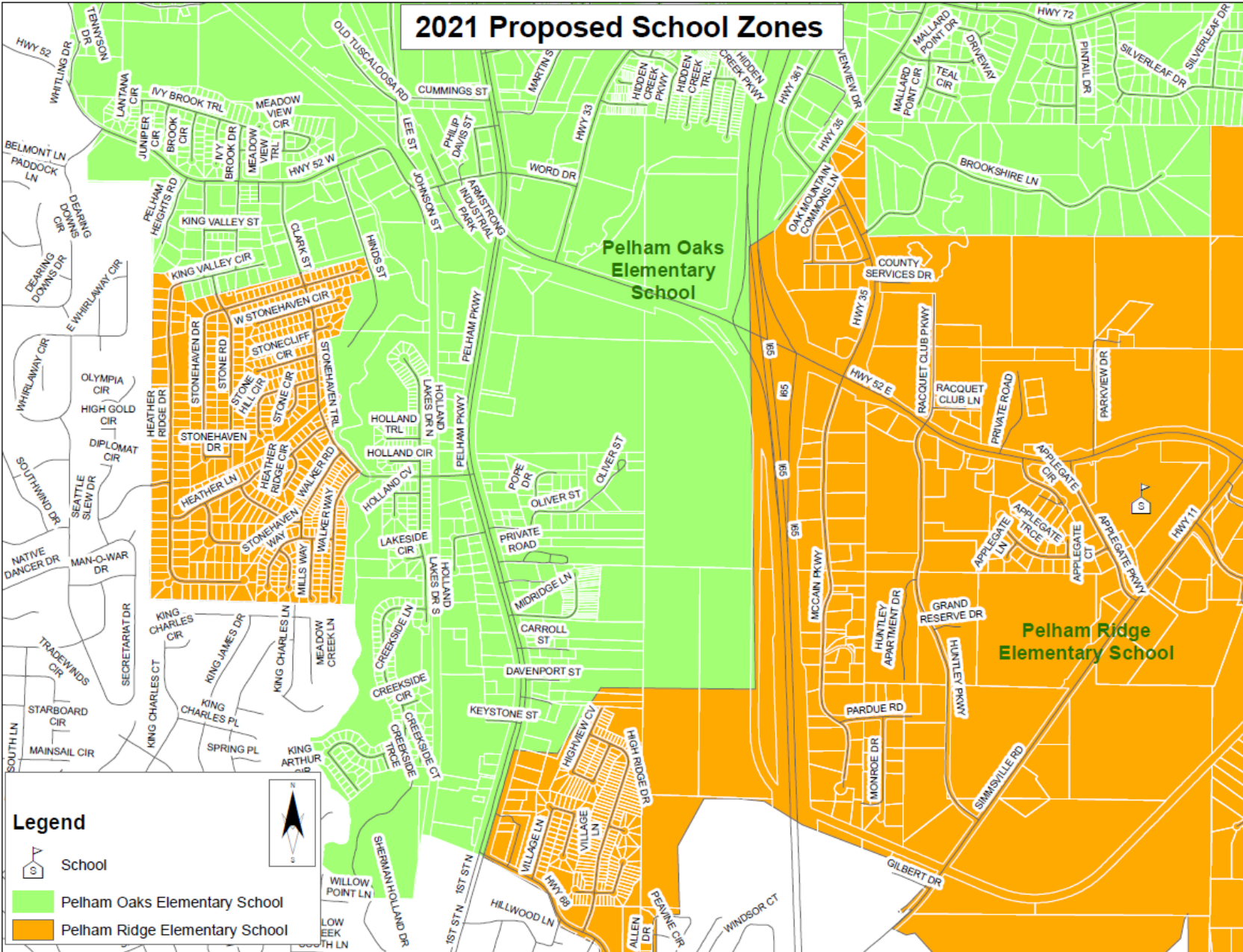
- Brookshire
- Creekside
- Holland Lakes
- Holland Place
- Ivy Brook
- King Valley

This proposed zoning change will reassign approximately 100 students from Ridge to Oaks.

All other neighborhood areas in Pelham will remain in their current assigned school zone.

Allowing students in the identified neighborhoods to self transport and stay at Pelham Ridge is not an option.

2021 Proposed School Zones



Pelham Oaks
Elementary
School

Pelham Ridge
Elementary School

Legend

- School
- Pelham Oaks Elementary School
- Pelham Ridge Elementary School

Proposed Zoning Changes – By the Numbers

School	K-5 Students Total = 1508	Building Capacity	% Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch
Pelham Oaks	*764 (51% of students)	850 (90%)	@ 43%
Pelham Ridge	*744 (49% of students)	825 (90%)	@ 37%

Timeline

- October - November Zoning presentations to Board of Education and community
- November - January Community feedback, finalize plan
(email: pcsFeedback@pelhamcityschools.org)
- January 25 Request for approval of zoning plan at Board of Education meeting
- February Communications to homes of all students affected by zoning changes.
- August New zoning plan in effect for 2021-2022 school year