

INTRODUCED: October 11, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-302

To erect all-way stop signs at the intersections of South Pine Street and China Street and South Pine Street and Albemarle Street.

Patron – Mrs. Lynch

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 13 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the intersections of South Pine Street and China Street and South Pine Street and Albemarle Street are located in a populous residential area of the City; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, residents of this area have expressed a desire for all-way stop signs at the intersections of South Pine Street and China Street and South Pine Street and Albemarle Street; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Council that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond and especially the citizens who reside near the aforesaid intersections to erect all-way stop signs at said intersections; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: DEC 13 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, section 2-428 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, requires an appropriate study by the Department of Public Works prior to the adoption of an ordinance regulating motor vehicle traffic within the City; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been properly referred to the Department of Public Works and more than 60 days have elapsed since such referral or the Department of Public Works has submitted its report to the City Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That all-way stop signs shall be erected at the intersections of South Pine Street and China Street and South Pine Street and Albemarle Street.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption or such other date as may be fixed by traffic order of the Director of Public Works if, prior to adoption, the all-way stop signs have been erected at the aforesaid intersections.

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:
Amelia D. Reed
City Clerk



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Council Member
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DATE October 1, 2021

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TITLE Four-Way Stop at the Intersections of S Pine St and China St and S Pine St and Albemarle St

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

S. Lynch

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

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ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council’s consideration requiring the installation of an all-way stops at the intersections of S Pine St and China St and S Pine St and Albemarle St

BACKGROUND

The patron and area residents hope that the installation of an all-way stops will help prevent speeding, collisions, and lessen the severity of accidents and collisions that might occur at the intersection.

Improved traffic safety will protect pedestrians, cyclists, and auto-drivers. This are of the City is heavily trafficked by pedestrians and cyclists requiring increased efforts by the City to protect them.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$ N/A	

Note: Generally costs of signage are paid from the operating funds of DPW, approximately \$500 per sign.

Attachment/s **Yes** **No** PDF regarding residents' comments on the traffic hazards.

Stop Sign #1: Would you like to the stop sign added to the intersection of Pine and China Streets?	Stop Sign #1: Have you had an issue at the intersection of Pine and China that you would like to share?	Stop Sign #1: Is there anything else that you would like to share about the intersection of Pine and China?	Stop Sign #2: Would you like to the stop sign added to the intersection of Pine and Albemarle Streets?	Stop Sign #2: Have you had an issue at the intersection of Pine and Albemarle that you would like to share?	Stop Sign #2: Is there anything else that you would like to share about the intersection of Pine and Albemarle?
Yes			Yes	I have come close to being sideswiped at this intersection multiple times.	
Yes	I've had none, however, I support my neighbors.	No	Yes	No, nor do I believe this proposed stop sign alone will discourage through traffic. However, it would be one more stop to discourage through traffic.	No
No			No		
No	The traffic patterns in Oregon Hill have become utterly inconsistent. This would make it even worse. I would support a reversion to how they were prior to the addition of stop signs on the North-South streets.		No	The traffic patterns in Oregon Hill have become utterly inconsistent. This would make it even worse. I would support a reversion to how they were prior to the addition of stop signs on the North-South streets.	

Yes		I thought there was one already previously installed at this location for pedestrian safety because of the school, so definitely a good idea.	Yes	Some people already stop on Pine thinking it is an all-way stop.	Visibility is often very limited turning left onto Pine from Albemarle, so I think a stop sign added on Pine will really help eliminate potential for accidents.
Yes			Yes		
Yes	Yes, while walking across the street cars drive very fast on China and swing around the corner to Pine without slowing down. It is not pedestrian friendly.	This is an intersection in front of a Richmond Public School and a business. It should be an all way stop for student safety.	Yes		
Yes	It is difficult to see around the parked cars		Yes	Adding a stop sign will make it more consistent	
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Yes	no	I think speed humps throughout the neighborhood would be more affective.	Yes	no	no

Yes	No incidents, but in such a densely populated neighborhood with lots of street activity, each intersection should provide a pause for automobiles. It would require cars that are speeding ,or using the neighborhood as a short cut rather than a destination, to be less of a safety hazard.		Yes	Same comment as #1.	
Yes		a small traffic circle (like the ones on Floyd Ave) would be better	Yes		a small traffic circle (like the ones on Floyd Ave) would be better
Yes			Yes		
Yes			Yes		
Yes	My husband has almost been hit twice		Yes		
Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Yes			Yes	I live on the 300 block of pine and every day turning on Pine to come home I pause trying to anticipate if the person approaching on pine from the 400 block knows thereâ€™s not a stop sign or if Iâ€™ll end up in an accident! Itâ€™s so scary!!!!	I am so grateful it being resolved!!
Yes			Yes		
Yes	Not specifically	It would make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly.	Yes	no	It would make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly.
No	No issues	No	No	No issues	No
Yes	close calls due to poor visibility	support 4 way stops at all Oregon Hill intersections	Yes		
Yes			Yes		

No	We need curb ramps at this intersection. Motorists already don't stop at the stop sign facing Pine st here, because they can tell it is not warranted.	I do not support this. Stop signs are not traffic calming devices. I supported the mini traffic circle Tom Flynn proposed here. I would also support mid block speed hump.	No	No	I would also support mid block speed humps. Curb ramps at all of our intersections should be higher priority than this (Holly and Pine [needs crosswalks too), Laurel and Holly) . Building a sidewalk on the north side of Idlewood to Belvidere should be higher priority. I will work on a list of infrastructure needs.
No	There is already a stop sign on the northbound side of Pine	There is already a stop sign on the northbound side of Pine	No	Pine and Albermarle are parallel they do not intersect	Pine and Albermarle are parallel they do not intersect
Yes	I've witnessed people speed down Pine St and some even run the stop signs. We need four way stop sign as well as better enforcement.		Yes		

Yes	Yes. As a pedestrian I have had some close calls at this intersection because you expect there to be a stop sign beside the school. This is probably the only school in Richmond without a stop sign on all intersections.	A stop sign here will reduce the opportunity for accidents by the teen drivers at Open High	Yes		One expects there to be a stop sign here. It will help to slow traffic.
Yes			Yes		
Yes		Protect the many pedestrians around Open High with painted crosswalks please	Yes		
Yes			Yes		Sight lines with parking up to intersections warrant stop signs. Easier to add stops than lose parking spaces.

Yes	No	All way stop signs are always better than only one street stops. People are confused if they don't know the streets. An all way makes everyone more alert to cross traffic.	Yes	Yes, people on Albemarle stop and then go believing that the Pine St driver will also stop. They think it is an all way stop. This happened to me a few times and now when I'm on Pine I slow way down prepared to stop at that corner to let the Albemarle driver go ahead when he/she pulls out in front of me.	
Yes			Yes	Several near misses both as a driver and as a pedestrian.	
Yes			Yes		Half the people think there is already a stop sign there and stop already. This causes confusion and I think added the sign would benefit greatly.
Yes	I have had near misses when walking, cycling and driving at this intersection	Please add pedestrian crossing signage on pavement	Yes	Near misses	

Yes			Yes		
Yes	No	We must SLOW down traffic.	Yes	Yes. Car racing down S Pine hit my parked car when a car pulled out from Albemarle. Pine ST is a "raceway" for traffic.	We must do something to SLOW traffic. SO dangerous.
Yes	Not personally but I am very thankful for the 4 way stops we finally have at Spring and Laurel. It took 20 years of complaining and watching constant accidents - and seeing neighbors deal with their houses that were hit by collisions.	Our neighborhood is not a highway. We have kids, pets, and Open Highschool Students. People need to stop and look out for them.	Yes	Our neighbors live here. We support 4 way stops. Traffic engineering should listen to us -instead of assuming all traffic patterns are the same everywhere. Richmond isn't Detroit. Look at our street scapes as you would individuals- stop generalizing and listen to people who care.	
Yes	No		Yes	No	
Yes			Yes		
Yes			Yes		
Yes			Yes		

Yes	It makes no sense that the through street in this case (Pine) has a stop but China does not. It should be 3-way.	No	No	Yes, the biggest issue is that east bound traffic often turns right and heads the wrong way down Pine. This happens at least once a day. The one way sign is not visible enough.	We live right at that intersection, so I worry that cars driving by with booming bass will only stay longer. Yes it's true that many northbound cars on Pine already stop at that intersection, but that's no reason to add a stop sign.
No	I have never had an issue here.	I have never had an issue here.	No	I have never had an issue here.	I have never had an issue here.
Yes		I live there.	Yes		
Yes	Nearly hit multiple bicyclists		Yes		
Yes	People stopping for school or thinking a stop sign is there		No	None	See no reason for it. A solution looking for a problem
Yes			Yes		
Yes			Yes		
Yes	Many near misses!		Yes		

	It seems counterintuitive to expect drivers and pedestrians, particularly high school students to realize that a car can pass through Pine into or out of a cul de sac without stopping.			Very hard to see cars approaching on Pine when turning left from Albemarle	
Yes		See above	Yes		
Yes			Yes		
					Not about this particular intersection, but I would be open to expanding this to Laurel as well
Yes			Yes		
Yes			Yes		
				I live on the 300 block of pine and every day turning on Pine to come home I pause trying to anticipate if the person approaching on pine from the 400 block knows thereâ€™s not a stop sign or if Iâ€™ll end up in an accident! Itâ€™s so scary!!!!	I am so grateful it being resolved!!
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Yes			Yes	Yes, cars and motorcycles speed through there frequently and I have had many close calls. There is also an issue with visibility depending on what types of cars are parked towards the Intersection so it makes it even harder to see.	
Yes	As a pedestrian who frequently walks their dog in that area I often see people speed through the intersection with no regard		Yes		
Yes	It is currently dangerous and counterintuitive.		Yes		Safer that way.
Yes			Yes		
Yes			Yes		