

INTRODUCED: October 9, 2017

AN ORDINANCE No. 2017-202

To reduce the speed limit on Grove Avenue between North Thompson Street and Matoaka Road from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour and to provide that the speed limit on Grove Avenue between Matoaka Road and Grove Avenue's terminus at Three Chopt Road shall be 25 miles per hour.

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Patron – Mr. Addison

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 13 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the speed limit on the portion of Grove Avenue between its intersection with North Thompson Street and a point just east of Seneca Road is currently 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit on the portion of Grove Avenue between such point just east of Seneca Road and Grove Avenue's terminus at Three Chopt Road is currently 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of the property fronting on Grove Avenue between its intersection with North Thompson Street and Grove Avenue's terminus at Three Chopt Road is located within one of various residential zoning districts; and

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WHEREAS, the Council believes that a lower speed limit will make Grove Avenue safer for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Council of the City of Richmond that the speed limit on the portion of Grove Avenue between its intersection with North Thompson Street and Grove Avenue's intersection with Matoaka Road should be 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, it is the further consensus of the Council that the speed limit on the portion of Grove Avenue between its intersection with Matoaka Road and Grove Avenue's terminus at Three Chopt Road should be 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, section 2-428 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), 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 section 46.2-878(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that any increase or decrease in speed limits shall be effective only when prescribed after a traffic engineering investigation and when indicated on the highway by signs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted the requisite traffic engineering investigation to the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the speed limit on Grove Avenue between its intersection with North Thompson Street and Grove Avenue's intersection with Matoaka Road shall be 30 miles per hour, except as modified temporarily by blinking signs indicating a speed limit of 25 miles per hour for school purposes.

§ 2. That the speed limit on Grove Avenue between its intersection with Matoaka Road and Grove Avenue's terminus at Three Chopt Road shall be 25 miles per hour.

§ 3. That the Department of Public Works shall install and maintain appropriate signs along the aforementioned portions of Grove Avenue indicating the speed limits established by this ordinance.

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



# Richmond City Council

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## Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Allen Jackson, City Attorney

**THROUGH** Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff *LA*

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**DATE** September 29, 2017

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**TITLE** Lowering Speed Limits on Grove Ave, West of Thompson Street to Three Chopt Road.

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

A. Addison

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Public Safety

### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that would lower the speed limit on Grove Avenue to 30 mph from the intersection of Thompson Street and Grove Avenue to the intersection of Matoaka Road. The legislation should also set the speed limit at 25 mph for the entirety of the remaining portion of Grove Avenue from its intersection with Matoaka Road to its intersection with Three Chopt Road.

### BACKGROUND

The current posted speed limit is 35 mph on most of this roadway except in the area of Libbie and Grove Avenues intersection and the area of Mary Munford School, during school activities. The 25 mph limit in the vicinity of Mary Munford School, during school activities, should remain.

Most of the roadway is residential on both sides. It is hoped that a lower speed limit will make roadway safer for its pedestrians, shoppers, church-goers and school children.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact                                  Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required                  Yes  No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact                  \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage is typically covered by the DPW operating budgets.

Attachment/s                  Yes  No