



**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number: Ord. 2019-040

Chief Patron: Councilor Kristen Larson

Introduction Date: February 25, 2019

Chief Patron Signature: 

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Attestation: 

Effective Date: March 25, 2019

INTRODUCED: February 25, 2019

AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-040

To reduce the speed limit on Forest Hill Avenue between its intersection with West Roanoke Street and its intersection with Prince George Road from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.

Patrons – Ms. Larson and Mr. Agelasto

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 13 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the speed limit on Forest Hill Avenue between its intersection with West Roanoke Street and its intersection with Prince George Road is currently 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, this portion of Forest Hill Avenue passes through a highly populated residential area and this roadway is currently an area frequented by bicyclists, pedestrians, and neighborhood vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the number of bicyclists, pedestrians, and automobiles in the area warrants a decrease in the speed limit to reduce the growing likelihood of collisions between bicyclists, pedestrians, and automobiles on this portion of Forest Hill Avenue; and

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Council of the City of Richmond that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond and especially of those who travel through and frequent this portion of Forest Hill Avenue to reduce the speed limit on Forest Hill Avenue between its intersection with West Roanoke Street and its intersection with Prince George Road to 30 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 an 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;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the speed limit on Forest Hill Avenue between its intersection with West Roanoke Street and its intersection with Prince George Road is hereby reduced to 30 miles per hour.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon completion of the traffic engineering investigation required by section 46.2-878(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.



Richmond City Council

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Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, Richmond City Attorney
Richmond Office of the City Attorney

THROUGH Meghan K. Brown *MLB*
Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM William E. Echelberger, Jr, Council Budget Analyst *[Signature]*

COPY Kristen N. Larson, 4th District Representative
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Bryce H. Lyle, 4th District Liaison

DATE February 5, 2019

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This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Kristen N. Larson, 4th District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Public Safety

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The Patron requests an ordinance to lower the speed limit on Forest Hill Ave to 30 mph between Roanoke St. and Prince George Road.

BACKGROUND

Summary:

- The patron believes that a reduction in the speed limit along this section of Forest Hill Avenue will reduce accidents and improve safety.
- Ordinance No. 2019-097 set the speed limit on Semmes Avenue between West 22nd Street and Forest Hill Avenue at 30 miles per hour. This is a segment of the Forest Hill Avenue – Semmes Avenue Corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

The cost of signage is included in the existing budget for the Department of Public Works.

Attachment/s Yes No

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