

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-097

As Amended

To reduce the speed limit on Semmes Avenue between West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Forest Hill Avenue from 35 miles per hour to [~~25~~] 30 miles per hour.

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Patron – Mr. Agelasto

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney

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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 9 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the speed limit on Semmes Avenue between West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Forest Hill Avenue is currently 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the roadway has been the location of several accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians; and

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 the residents of this area to reduce the speed limit on Semmes Avenue between West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Forest Hill Avenue to [~~25~~] 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

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ADOPTED:      MAY 23 2016      REJECTED:    \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN:    \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been properly referred to the Department of Public Works and more than 60 days have elapsed since such referral.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the speed limit on Semmes Avenue between West 22nd Street and Forest Hill Avenue is hereby reduced to [~~25~~] 30 miles per hour.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption or on such other date as may be fixed by traffic order of the Director of Public Works if, prior to adoption, the speed limit on the aforesaid street has been reduced to [~~25~~] 30 miles per hour.



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## Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Allen Jackson, City Attorney

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

**FROM** Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst *ST*

**COPY** Parker Agelasto, 5th District Council Member  
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**DATE** March 1, 2016

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**TITLE** Establishing a 25 mph speed on Riverside Drive

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

P. Agelasto

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The patron requests that an ordinance be drafted for City Council's consideration that establishes a speed limit of 25 mph for the entirety of Semmes Avenue from its intersection with 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to where it becomes Forrest Hill Avenue.

**BACKGROUND**

The current speed limit on Semmes Avenue is 35 mph. There have been several crashes of vehicles and incidents of people being struck on this roadway. It is hoped that a lower speed limit on this roadway will help to reduce the number of accidents and the severity of those that may occur in the future.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required Yes  No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Council approval of this paper will necessitate the need to change the current speed limit signs. Council staff has been informed previously that the costs of sign changes are paid for using regular operating funds.

Attachment/s

Yes  No