

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-096

To reduce the speed limit on Riverside Drive between West 20th Street and Hillcrest Road from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

Patron – Mr. Agelasto

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

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

WHEREAS, the speed limit on Riverside Drive between West 20th Street and Hillcrest Road is currently 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the roadway is designated as a scenic byway and is an area frequented by bicyclists and pedestrians and the speed limit on a portion of Riverside Drive currently stands at 25 miles per hour; 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 Riverside Drive between West 20th Street and Hillcrest Road to 25 miles per hour resulting in a 25 mile per hour speed limit for the roadway's entirety; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: MAY 9 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

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

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 Riverside Drive between West 20th Street and Hillcrest Road is hereby reduced to 25 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 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 25mph speed limit 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 Riverside Drive from its intersection with 20th Street to Hillcrest Road.

BACKGROUND

The current speed limit on approximately 90% of Riverside Drive 35 mph. The remaining portion of the roadway has a 25mph speed limit. The roadway designated as a scenic byway and part of US Bike Route 1, which connects Maine to Florida. The area is frequented by bicyclists, pedestrians and exercise enthusiasts. The speed limit needs to be lowered to 25 mph for the roadway's entirety to reduce crashes and pedestrian/vehicle collisions. It is hoped that a lower limit will prevent crashes on this roadway. It is also hoped that a lower speed limit on this roadway will help to reduce the number of reported near crashes and the severity of those that may occur in the future.

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	
<p>Note: Council approval of this paper will necessitate the need to change the current speed limit signs that are 35mph. Council staff has been informed previously that the costs of sign changes are paid for using regular operating funds.</p>		

Attachment/s Yes No