

INTRODUCED: December 14, 2015

A RESOLUTION No. 2015-R68

To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of Dove Street located between North Avenue and 1st Avenue.

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Patron – Ms. Robertson

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 8 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 46.2-878.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, section 27-163 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, provides for the imposition of enhanced speeding penalties for operation of a motor vehicle in excess of the maximum speed limit on certain residential streets; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 27-163, the City has determined that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on the portion of Dove Street located between North Avenue and 1st Avenue is at least ten miles per hour greater than the posted speed limit; and

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ADOPTED:      MAR 14 2016      REJECTED:        \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN:        \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Council Member representing the Council District in which the portion of Dove Street located between North Avenue and 1st Avenue is situated has submitted a written request for the application of the provisions of section 27-163; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best of interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond, especially those who reside on or near the portion of Dove Street located between North Avenue and 1st Avenue, that the City Council authorize the placement of signs on such portion of Dove Street Road in order to implement the enhanced speeding penalties for which section 27-163 provides;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:**

That the placement of signs indicating the application of enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to section 46.2-878.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and section 27-163 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, on the portion of Dove Street located between North Avenue and 1st Avenue is hereby authorized in accordance with section 27-163 (b)(3), with such signs to be placed no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which this resolution is adopted.



# Richmond City Council

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Office of the Council Chief of Staff

## Ordinance/Resolution Request

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

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**DATE** November 24, 2015

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**TITLE** Imposing Enhanced Speeding Penalties on Dove Street and Installing Signage Regarding Those Penalties

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

E. Robertson

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Public Safety

### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration imposes enhanced speeding penalties on Dove Street, from its intersection with North Avenue to its intersection with 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, in accordance with Va. Code § 46.2-878.2 and City Code § 102-188 and authorizing appropriate signage to give the public notice of the enhanced penalties.

### BACKGROUND

The patron requested that a traffic study be conducted along Dove Street. The City's Department of Traffic Engineering conducted a study and found that the speed and volume justified enhanced penalties for speeding. Vehicles frequently travel 10 mph above the posted speed limit.

Signage is necessary to reflect the enhanced penalty.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required Yes  No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Staff Note: DPW Staff has previously advised that the nominal cost of signage alerting drivers of enhanced penalties is absorbed by DPW's operating budget.

Attachment/s Yes  No

## Ordinance 2015-194

### To erect all-way stops at the intersection of Dove St and Richmond Henrico Turnpike Department of Public Works

#### Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

The installation of all-way stop signs must meet the conditions set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This is done to insure consistency in guidance and warning throughout the highway system, which promotes the orderly, safe, and predictable flow of traffic on all roads.

The MUTCD is published by the Federal Highway Administration and is nationally recognized and adopted by all fifty states as the standard for the installation of traffic control devices.

An engineering study is required to determine the need for traffic control devices.

All-way stop signs should ordinarily be used only where the volume of traffic on the intersecting roads is approximately equal.

Traffic volumes, crash history, operating conditions and physical characteristics are collected and compared to the warrants or "conditions" found in the MUTCD. These conditions basically include:

- A certain number of vehicles on the major street and on the minor street for the same eight hours of an average day or;
- An interim measure for locations where traffic signals are needed or;
- An intersection safety concern with five or more "angle" type crashed in a twelve month period.

## Study

By our review of Dove St and Richmond Henrico Turnpike this intersection does not meet the requirements for an all-way stop as set forth in the MUTCD.

The crash history revealed one reported crash at the intersection in a three year period (9-1-12 thru 8-31-15). This crash was classified as a "hit and run".

Speed studies were performed on Dove St where the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 39.9 mph in the 25mph posted zone.

## Recommendations

There are some alternatives to an unwarranted all-way stop:

- The speed sample meets part (b) (1) of Section 102-188 of the enhanced speeding penalty on certain residential streets code. Council may wish to pursue.
- A residential circle can work at this intersection pending input from the neighborhood and the Council representative. A concept is attached to this report.
- A road conversion is under review including a bike lane along Dove St between Richmond Henrico Turnpike and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave given the wide typical section.

DPW has already taken interim measures to improve safety in this area including signing improvements. These are depicted in the attachment.