

INTRODUCED: January 28, 2019

AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-020

To erect all-way stop signs at the intersection of West 43rd Street and Stonewall Avenue.

Patron – Ms. Larson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 25 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the intersection of West 43rd Street and Stonewall Avenue is located in a populous residential area of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Council that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond and especially the citizens who reside near the aforesaid intersection to erect all-way stop signs at said intersection; 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

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

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: APR 8 2019 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That all-way stop signs shall be erected at the intersection of West 43rd Street and Stonewall Avenue.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption or such other date as may be fixed by traffic order of the Director of Public Works if, prior to adoption, the all-way stop signs have been erected at the aforesaid intersection.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

THROUGH Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff *MLB*

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst *ST*

COPY Kristen Larson, 4th District Council Member
Bryce Lyle, 4th District Liaison
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney

DATE January 8, 2019

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TITLE Installation of an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of W 43rd St. and Stonewall Ave.

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

K. Larson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Public Safety

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that requires the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersections of W. 43rd Street and Stonewall Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Note: There are currently stop signs on Stonewall Avenue at this intersection. The purpose of the paper is to create an all-way stop at the intersection.

Residents and an area civic association have expressed concerns about speeding, confusing traffic at this location, and that it is the only intersection in this portion of the Forest Hill neighborhood that does not have an all-way stop.

It is hoped that an all-way stop here will make the area safer for pedestrians and the increasing number of small children who reside and play in this area. The area is near Forest Hill Park and it is increasingly difficult to navigate the on-street parking, the very busy South of the James Farmers Market, and the Good Shepherd Elementary School Park.

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	
Note: Costs of signage are typically covered in DPWs operating budget.		

Attachment/s Yes No **A letter from Forrest Hill Neighborhood Association**



Whit Clements
Forest Hill Neighborhood Association
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Richmond VA 23225

To:
Councilperson Kristen Larson
900 E Broad Street
Suite 305
Richmond, VA 23219

December 20, 2018

Dear Councilperson Larson,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association in support of the addition of two stop signs on 43rd street at the intersection with Stonewall Avenue. Currently this is the only intersection on 43rd street, north of Forest Hill Ave, that does not have a four way stop. This lack of a four-way stop is inconsistent with the rest of the stretch of road. It has made this a more dangerous intersection due to the number of cars that speed through since there is no stop sign. Additionally, there is a significant volume of pedestrians that walk along 43rd through this intersection due to the proximity to the South of the James Farmers Market and Good Shepard Elementary school. Compounding the safety issue is the lack of sidewalks on 43rd which pushes the pedestrians into the street to walk.

At the October 2018 meeting the neighborhood association voted to support the request of the residents to addition of the two stop signs to turn the intersection of 43rd and Stonewall into a four way stop. The legislation in to support this change is appreciated as the association feels that it will help to improve the safety and well being of the residents, young and old, in the neighborhood.

Regards,

Whit Clements

President
Forest Hill Neighborhood Association