



Legislation Text

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To reduce the speed limits on Huguenot Road from its intersection with Riverside Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Richmond Highway from its intersection with Hopkins Road to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Warwick Road from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with German School Road; on Commerce Road from its intersection with Commerce Road Access to its intersection with Bells Road Access Road; on Forest Hill Avenue from its intersection with Sheila Lane to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Broad Rock Boulevard from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive; on Ironbridge Road from its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Belt Boulevard from its intersection with Warwick Road to its intersection with Broad Rock Boulevard; on the Manchester Bridge from its intersection with Byrd Street to its intersection with Semmes Avenue; and on U.S. Route 1 from its intersection with Rowe Street to its intersection with Riverside Drive, to 35 miles per hour.

WHEREAS, the speed limits on Huguenot Road from its intersection with Riverside Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Richmond Highway from its intersection with Hopkins Road to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Warwick Road from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with German School Road; on Commerce Road from its intersection with Commerce Road Access to its intersection with Bells Road Access Road; on Forest Hill Avenue from its intersection with Sheila Lane to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Broad Rock Boulevard from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive; on Ironbridge Road from its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Belt Boulevard from its intersection with Warwick Road to its intersection with Broad Rock Boulevard; on the Manchester Bridge from its intersection with Byrd Street to its intersection with Semmes Avenue; and on U.S. Route 1 from its intersection with Rowe Street to its intersection with Riverside Drive, currently exceed 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that a lower speed limit these streets will improve traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Council that the speed limits on these streets should be 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, section 2-428 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), 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 any 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; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted the requisite traffic engineering investigation to the Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-R041, adopted September 23, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the speed limit on Huguenot Road from its intersection with Riverside Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 2. That the speed limit on Richmond Highway from its intersection with Hopkins Road to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 3. That the speed limit on Warwick Road from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with German School Road shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 4. That the speed limit on Commerce Road from its intersection with Commerce Road Access to its intersection with Bells Road Access Road shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 5. That the speed limit on Forest Hill Avenue from its intersection with Sheila Lane to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 6. That the speed limit on Broad Rock Boulevard from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 7. That the speed limit on Ironbridge Road from its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive to intersection with the Chesterfield County line shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 8. That the speed limit on Belt Boulevard from its intersection with Warwick Road to its intersection with

Broad Rock Boulevard shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 9. That the speed limit on the Manchester Bridge from its intersection with Byrd Street to its intersection with Semmes Avenue shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 10. That the speed limit on U.S. Route 1 from its intersection with Rowe Street to its intersection with Riverside Drive shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 11. That the Department of Public Works shall install and maintain appropriate signs along the aforementioned portions of these streets indicating the speed limits established by this ordinance.

§ 12. This ordinance shall be in force and effect 60 days after the date of adoption.