

ORDINANCE NO. BL2021-594

An ordinance lowering the speed limit on streets designated as local streets on the Major and Collector Street Plan within the Urban Services District from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour, allowing exceptions to that general reduction to be granted by the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission, and amending Section 12.20.020 of the Metropolitan Code.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated subsections 55-8-153(c)(2) and (d) allow the legislative bodies of municipalities and counties to prescribe lower speed limits within certain areas, zones, streets, or roads within their jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Charter Section 11.904 authorizes the adoption of traffic regulations establishing speed zones upon Metropolitan streets and roads by the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission; and,

WHEREAS, lowering the speed limit on streets designated as local streets on the Major and Collector Street Plan within the Urban Services District from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour has been proposed to increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists (the Neighborhood Speed Limit Reduction Project); and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 18, 2019, the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission passed a motion approving the Neighborhood Speed Limit Reduction Project; and,

WHEREAS, to the extent there is a need to make exceptions to the general speed limit reduction accomplished by the Neighborhood Speed Limit Reduction Project, and to allow the speed limit to remain at a speed other than 25 miles per hour in some locations, it is advisable for the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission to be authorized to approve such exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, Section 12.20.020.A. of the Metropolitan Code currently provides for the speed limit in an area where there is not a duly authorized and posted speed limit sign to be 30 miles per hour; and,

WHEREAS, it is further advisable, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Speed Limit Reduction Project, to lower the speed limit specified in Section 12.20.020.A. to 25 miles per hour.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:**

Section 1. Speed limits on streets designated as local streets on the Major and Collector Street Plan within the Urban Services District are hereby generally lowered from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour, except for those for which exceptions are made pursuant to the process

described below, and the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission and its staff are hereby authorized to post appropriate signage indicating the speed limit reduction.

Section 2. Authority is retained by the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission to officially adopt the above-referenced general speed limit reduction as well as any exceptions to the speed limit reduction, to allow the speed limit to remain at a speed other than 25 miles per hour in some locations. Upon receipt of a request for such an exception, the Commission shall hold a noticed public hearing on the request, and may grant an exception to the general speed limit reduction if the testimony at the public hearing supports it. Upon adoption of such an exception by the Commission, the Commission and its staff shall post or retain appropriate speed limit signage, accordingly.

Section 3. Section 12.20.020.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety, and replacing it with the following:

A. Twenty-five miles per hour in any urban district;

Section 4. Amendments to this legislation shall be approved by resolution.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

RECOMMENDED BY:

INTRODUCED BY:

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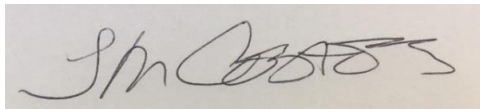
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Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

December 15, 2020

Mr. Kevin Crumbo  
Director of Finance  
Metro Nashville and Davidson County

RE: An ordinance lowering the speed limit on streets designated as local streets on the Major and Collector Street Plan within the Urban Services District from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour, allowing exceptions to that general reduction to be granted by the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission, and amending Section 12.20.020 of the Metropolitan Code.

Mr. Crumbo,

This ordinance will lower speed limits on all local streets in the Urban Services District from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. The project estimate is \$85,000.00 for the purchasing of 25 MPH speed limit signs and labor overtime to ensure work is completed in a timely manner. All work is scheduled to be completed by metro staff.

Sincerely,



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