



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service, or an appropriate designee, to request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) establish a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Wilson Road from Sullivant Avenue to the Franklin Township corporation limit immediately north of the Camp Chase Railroad.

An engineering study conducted along Wilson Road by the Franklin County Engineer's Office in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.21 supports decreasing the current speed limit from 50 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour on that stretch of roadway. The Department of Public Service, Division of Traffic Management, reached the same conclusion after conducting its own investigation.

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 0605-22 on 8/30/22 requesting ODOT investigate and determine a safe speed limit at this location. It is now necessary for the City of Columbus to enact similar legislation because a portion of Wilson Road lies within City limits.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City for this ordinance.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so as to allow the Franklin County Engineer's Office to formally submit the results of its study to ODOT for review and approval as soon as reasonably practicable to ensure or enhance the safety of the traveling public.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation establish a reasonable and safe prima facie speed on Wilson Road from Sullivant Avenue to the Franklin Township corporation limit immediately north of the Camp Chase Railroad; to repeal any and all previous speed limit ordinances and resolutions on said roadway; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the current prima facie speed limit on Wilson Road from Sullivant Avenue to the Franklin Township corporation limit immediately north of the Camp Chase Railroad is 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, an engineering study conducted by the Franklin County Engineer's Office determined that a speed limit reduction would be appropriate at the aforementioned location; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.21 provides for the establishment of a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit under such conditions by ordinance enacted by a local authority; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service, Division of Traffic Management, reached the same conclusion after conducting its own investigation; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.21 provides for the establishment of a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation upon request from a local authority; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution requesting ODOT investigate and determine a safe speed limit at the aforementioned location; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the City of Columbus to enact similar legislation because a portion of Wilson Road lies within City limits; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize this legislation so as to allow the Franklin County Engineer's Office to formally submit the results of its study to ODOT for review and approval as soon as reasonably practicable to ensure or enhance the safety of the traveling public, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation determine and declare, based upon the recommendation of the Department of Public Service, Division of Traffic Management, that the current prima facie speed limit be lowered to 45 miles per hour on Wilson Road from Sullivant Avenue to the Franklin Township corporation limit immediately north of the Camp Chase Railroad on the basis of traffic engineering studies and investigations conducted under the direction of professional engineers.

SECTION 2. That any and all previous speed limit ordinances and resolutions on Wilson Rd between from Sullivant Avenue to the Franklin Township corporation limit immediately north of the Camp Chase Railroad, be and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.