



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to request the Ohio Department of Transportation to establish a safe operating speed on Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road.

Engineering studies conducted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4511.21 support decreasing the current prima-facie speed limit from 45 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

To request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation lower the prima-facie speed limit on Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road from 45 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour, and to repeal any and all speed limit ordinances and resolutions on said roadway.

**WHEREAS**, the current prima-facie speed limit on Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road is 45 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, a request to study the existing speed limit was received by the Franklin County Engineer's Office from a citizen, and

**WHEREAS**, traffic engineering studies and investigations performed under the direction of a professional engineer indicate a posted speed of 40 miles per hour is reasonable and safe under existing conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus will continue to monitor traffic crashes and volumes and revise necessary regulations to promote a safe roadway operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation and Pedestrian Commission approved this speed limit reduction on October 8, 2013; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, Ohio, Department of Public Service, Division of Planning and Operations, recommends a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit of 40 miles per hour be established for Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That any and all previous speed limit ordinances and resolutions on Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road be and are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** That, upon the basis of the aforesaid engineering and traffic investigations, it is hereby determined that a posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour for Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road is reasonable and safe under existing conditions.

**SECTION 3.** That the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit of 40 miles per hour for Bent Tree Boulevard from Sawmill Place Boulevard to Snouffer Road.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordnance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.