



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to request the Ohio Department of Transportation to journalize a safe operating speed on Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road.

Engineering studies conducted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4511.21 support increasing the current statutory speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour.

To request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation establish the prima-facie speed limit on Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road as 50 miles per hour, and to repeal any and all speed limit ordinances and resolutions on said roadway.

WHEREAS, the current statutory limit on Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road is 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit for this segment is not posted; and

WHEREAS, traffic engineering studies and investigations performed under the direction of a professional engineer indicate a posted speed of 50 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 revision on May 8, 2012; 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 50 miles per hour be established for Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That any and all previous speed limit ordinances and resolutions on Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road be and are hereby repealed.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 50 miles per hour for Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road is reasonable and safe under existing conditions.

SECTION 3. Be it further resolved that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is hereby requested to journalize a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit of 50 miles per hour for Parsons Avenue from the I-270 overpass to Rathmell Road.

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