



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to request the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) establish a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Gantz Road from the Grove City corporation limit immediately south of the I-270 overpass to the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road.

An engineering study conducted along Gantz Road by the Franklin County Engineer's Office in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.21 supports decreasing the current speed limit from 45 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour on Gantz Road from the Grove City corporation limit immediately south of the I-270 overpass to the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road. The Department of Public Service, Division of Traffic Management, reached the same conclusion after conducting its own investigation.

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution requesting ODOT investigate and determine a safe speed limit at that location. It is now necessary for the City of Columbus to enact similar legislation because a portion of Gantz Road lies within City limits.

2. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

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

To authorize the Director of Public Service to request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation establish a reasonable and safe prima facie speed on Gantz Road from the Grove City corporation limit immediately south of the I-270 overpass to the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road; to repeal any and all speed limit ordinances and resolutions on said roadway; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the current prima facie speed limit on Gantz Road from the Grove City corporation limit immediately south of the I-270 overpass to the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road is 45 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 Gantz 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 preliminary study to the Ohio Department of Transportation for review and approval as soon as reasonably practicable, 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 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 40 miles per hour on Gantz Road from the Grove City corporation limit immediately south of the I-270 overpass to the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road 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 Gantz Road from the Grove City corporation limit immediately south of the I-270 overpass to the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road 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.