

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 5 “SPEED REGULATIONS”, OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE AMENDING SPEED ON STREETS THROUGH SCHOOL ZONES AND SCHOOL CROSSING AREAS.

WHEREAS, this proposed amendment would revise the hours of operations of school flashing beacons in school zones and school crossing areas of Sec.18.05.004 of the City Code and 18.05.003 of the Traffic Schedule to improve driver awareness and support safer school child pedestrian activity, and

WHEREAS, this proposed amendment would extend the life and maintenance cost associated with school flashing beacons,

WHEREAS, this proposed amendment would improve and promote greater compliance with the school speed limit in each school zone and school crossing area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 18.05.004 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 18.05.004. SPEED ON STREETS THROUGH SCHOOL ZONES AND SCHOOL CROSSING AREAS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive in excess of the posted speed limit when passing through a school zone or school crossing area during the ~~hours of 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.~~ **posted time periods and/or when flashing beacons are activated,** weekdays when school is in session, providing the **flashing beacons and/or the** school zone and the speed limit are erected and properly maintained.

SECTION 2. That Section 18.05.003 of the Traffic Schedule is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour when passing through a school area during the ~~hours of 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.~~ **posted time periods and/or when flashing beacons are activated,** weekdays when school is in session, providing the **flashing beacons and/or the** school zone and the speed limit are erected and properly maintained (formerly Section 18.079):
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour when passing through a school crossing at a distance of five hundred feet in either direction from a school crossing area during the ~~hours of 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.~~ **posted time periods and/or when flashing beacons are activated,** weekdays when school is in session, providing the **flashing beacons and/or the** crossing is clearly marked and the street signs indicating the presence of a school crossing and the speed limit are erected and properly maintained (formerly Section 18.098):
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour when passing through a school zone area during the ~~hours of 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.~~ **posted time periods and/or when flashing beacons are activated,** weekdays when school is in session, providing the **flashing beacons and/or the** school zone and the speed limit signs are erected and properly maintained (formerly Section 18.099):

SECTION 3. That all other parts and provisions of the City Code and Traffic Schedule shall be in full force and effect unless previously or subsequently amended or repealed.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED - FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager

NOTE: Words struck through and bolded are being removed by this ordinance and words underscored and bolded are being added by this ordinance.