



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of September 25, 2010

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT – REVISED RECOMMENDATION

**DATE:** September 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Request to Advertise an Amendment to Chapter 14.2 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Section 14.2-12(a) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia Concerning Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits by Decreasing the Speed Limits on North Pershing Drive from North George Mason Drive to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50 (Fort Myer).

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the advertisement of an October 23, 2010 public hearing to enact an Ordinance to Amend, Reenact and Recodify Chapter 14.2 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Section 14.2-12(a) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia Concerning Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits by Decreasing the Speed Limits on North Pershing Drive from North George Mason Drive to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50 (Fort Myer) to North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Residents along North Pershing Drive and members of the Lyon Park Civic Association and Ashton Heights Civic Association have requested that the speed limit on North Pershing Drive from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50 (Fort Myer) be reduced from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour, citing vehicle speeds and safety concerns. Speed limits are set by ordinance based upon a traffic engineering investigation, in accordance with the State Code and Section 14.2-12 of the County Code.

To evaluate this request, staff completed a traffic engineering investigation for North Pershing Drive. This investigation initially included the segment of North Pershing Drive from North George Mason Drive to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50 (Fort Myer). Staff have expanded the engineering and traffic investigation to include North Pershing Drive from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50 (Fort Myer). The revised traffic engineering investigation report now includes the segment of North Pershing Drive from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North to North George Mason Drive as a fifth segment of the corridor due to its distinct roadway and roadside features. Factors considered for this segment were the same as those considered for the other four segments and included speed statistics, collision history, pedestrian history, and roadway characteristics. Data collected for the above noted factors supports establishing a speed limit of 25 miles per hour along the fifth segment.

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The segment of North Pershing Drive from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North to North George Mason Drive was not included in the proposed Amended Ordinance attached to the Board Report. Upon further consideration, staff recommends that the speed limit from North George Mason Drive to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North along North Pershing Drive also be reduced from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour and that this reduction be included in the proposed Amended Ordinance.

Therefore, it is recommended that the County Board authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to consider enactment of the attached Amended Ordinance (Attachment 1) in its revised form. This Ordinance would reduce the speed limit from the existing 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour along the entire corridor of North Pershing Drive from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50 (Fort Myer).

## Attachment 1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 14.2 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), SECTION 14.2-12 (a) OF THE CODE OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA CONCERNING MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS BY DECREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH PERSHING DRIVE FROM ARLINGTON BOULEVARD/STATE ROUTE 50 (FORT MYER) TO NORTH 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET.

I. BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 14.2, Section 14.2-12 (a) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia is hereby amended, reenacted and recodified to read, in pertinent part, as follows:

### **§ 14.2-12. Maximum and minimum speed limits.**

(a) No person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway in this county at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour except upon the following highways or portions thereof on which the speed limits shall be as follows:

#### **Thirty (30) miles per hour upon:**

North 10th Street between Arlington Boulevard and North Washington Boulevard.

Fairfax Drive between North Monroe Street and North Glebe Road.

George Washington Parkway, marked portions either side of Key Bridge.

Kirkwood Road from Washington Boulevard to Spout Run Parkway.

Lorcom Lane from Old Dominion Drive to Spout Run Parkway.

Nellie Custis Drive from Lorcom Lane to Military Road.

South Arlington Mill Drive from Shirlington Road to Walter Reed Drive.

North Carlin Springs Road from North Glebe Road to Arlington Boulevard.

South Carlin Springs Road from Arlington Boulevard to Columbia Pike.

Fairfax Drive from Arlington Boulevard to North Barton Street.

Little Falls Road from Yorktown Boulevard at North Kensington Street to Williamsburg Boulevard.

~~North Pershing Drive from Arlington Boulevard (Fort Myer) to North 2nd Street.~~

Quaker Lane from Shirley Highway to King Street.

Walter Reed Drive from Columbia Pike to King Street.

North Westmoreland Street from Arlington County line to Fairfax Drive.

South 15th Street from Jefferson Davis Highway to South Hayes Street.

Chain Bridge Road from North Glebe Road to Fairfax County Line.

Washington Boulevard from Kirkwood Road to Lee Highway.

Spout Run Parkway from Lee Highway to Kirkwood Road.

Williamsburg Boulevard from North Glebe Road to North 29th Street.

Yorktown Boulevard from North 26th Street to North Kensington Street.

Old Dominion Drive from Lorcom Lane to North Abingdon Street.  
Military Road from North Glebe Road to Lee Highway.  
South George Mason Drive from Arlington Boulevard to Fairfax County line.  
South Four Mile Run Drive (West Roadway) from Columbia Pike to South Walter Reed Drive.  
Washington Boulevard from North Pershing Drive to North 10th Street.  
Columbia Pike from Pentagon Reservation to South Dinwiddie Street.  
Army Navy Drive from South 25th Street to South Nash Street.  
South Eads Street from South 15th Street to Army Navy Drive.  
South Hayes Street from South 15th Street to South 12th Street.  
Wilson Boulevard from North Glebe Road to Fairfax County Line.  
South Four Mile Run Drive from South Walter Reed Drive to Shirlington Road.  
North George Mason Drive from Yorktown Boulevard to Arlington Boulevard.  
South Eads Street from South 24th Street to South Glebe Road.  
North Roosevelt Street from North 17th Street to Falls Church City line.  
North Sycamore Street from Williamsburg Boulevard to North Washington Boulevard.  
Clarendon Boulevard from Washington Boulevard to North Oak Street.  
Crystal Drive from Jefferson Davis Highway to South 12th Street.  
Fairfax Drive from Little Falls Road to Washington Boulevard.  
Fort Myer Drive from Key Bridge to Arlington Boulevard (including underpass).  
Fort Myer Drive underpass at Wilson Boulevard.  
North Glebe Road from Arlington Boulevard to Lee Highway.  
Lee Highway from the Federal line at the approach to Key Bridge at Rosslyn to North Nash Street.  
Lee Highway from North Quincy Street to Falls Church City Line.  
North Lynn Street from Arlington Boulevard to Key Bridge.  
North Meade Street from Arlington Boulevard to Jackson Avenue.  
Washington Boulevard from Lee Highway to North Westmoreland Street.  
Wilson Boulevard from Jefferson Davis Highway to Washington Boulevard.

**Thirty-five (35) miles per hour upon:**

U.S. Route 1  
Old Dominion Drive from Military Road to Lorcom Lane  
Columbia Pike from South Dinwiddie Street to Fairfax County line.  
South Glebe Road from West Glebe Road to Jefferson Davis Highway  
State Route 233 (Airport Viaduct) from Jefferson Davis Highway to Mount Vernon Parkway right-of-way.  
South 5th Road from South Carlin Springs Road to Fairfax County line.  
Washington Boulevard from Arlington Boulevard to North Pershing Drive.  
Old Dominion Drive from North Abingdon Street to North Glebe Road.  
Army Navy Drive from South Nash Street to South 12th Street.  
South Joyce Street from Columbia Pike to Army Navy Drive.  
North Sycamore Street from North Washington Boulevard to North 17th Street.  
South Glebe Road from West Glebe Road to Arlington Boulevard.  
South Hayes Street from South 15th Street to Army Navy Drive.  
Old Dominion Drive from North Glebe Road to Fairfax County line.

North Glebe Road from Lee Highway to ramp from Military Road.  
Lee Highway from North Veitch Street to North Quincy Street.  
Spout Run Parkway from George Washington Memorial Parkway to Lee Highway.

**Forty (40) miles per hour upon:**

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**Fifty (50) miles per hour upon:**

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**Fifty-Five (55) miles per hour upon:**

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II. The remaining sub-subsections of § 14.2-12(a) not hereby amended shall remain as previously enacted.