



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of March 10, 2012**

**DATE:** February 23, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Enactment of an Ordinance to Amend, Reenact, and Recodify Chapter 14.2 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Section 14.2-12, Subsection (A), of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, Concerning Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits by Decreasing the Speed Limit on South Glebe Road from Walter Reed Drive to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Enact the attached Ordinance to amend, Reenact, and Recodify Chapter 14.2 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Section 14.2-12, Subsection (A), of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, Concerning Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits by Decreasing the Speed Limit on South Glebe Road from Walter Reed Drive to Arlington Boulevard/State Route 50.

**ISSUES:** County Board action is needed to amend the County Code to decrease the speed limit on a portion of South Glebe Road. There are no issues.

**SUMMARY:** The State Code authorizes local governing bodies to enact and enforce ordinances to increase or decrease the speed limit within its boundaries provided the increase or decrease is based upon a traffic engineering investigation. A discrepancy in speed limits along a portion of South Glebe Road from Walter Reed Drive to Arlington Boulevard exists as reflected in the records of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the County Code.

**BACKGROUND:** A recent staff inquiry regarding the speed limits along South Glebe Road revealed a discrepancy between the VDOT records and the County Code. VDOT records indicate that the speed limit along South Glebe Road from Walter Reed Drive to Arlington Boulevard is 30 miles per hour. The County Code indicates that the speed limit along that section, along with the rest of South Glebe Road between Arlington Boulevard and Jefferson Davis Highway, is 35 miles per hour. The speed limit signs, posted by VDOT along this portion of South Glebe Road, indicate the speed limit is 30 mph. This portion of South Glebe Road is owned and maintained by VDOT.

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**DISCUSSION:** South Glebe Road from Arlington Boulevard to Jefferson Davis Highway is owned and maintained by VDOT. Because of this, VDOT has the responsibility to establish speed limits along that portion of the road. The County Code reflects speed limits established along state roads so that violators may be charged under either the State or County Code provisions. It was recently determined that along the portion of South Glebe Road from Walter Reed Drive to Arlington Boulevard the County Code indicates a higher speed limit than the State speed limit. The purpose of the proposed amendment to the County Code is to correct this discrepancy. VDOT has made a traffic engineering investigation supporting the 30 mph speed limit. County staff concurs with the 30 mile per hour speed limit. Enactment of the proposed amendments to the County code will not require a change in signage by VDOT or the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

Attachment 1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 14.2 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), SECTION 14.2-12, SUBSECTION (A), OF THE CODE OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA CONCERNING MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS BY DECREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH GLEBE ROAD FROM SOUTH WALTER REED DRIVE TO ARLINGTON BOULEVARD/STATE ROUTE 50.

I. BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 14.2, Section 14.2-12, Subsection (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.

*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.

*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 South Oak Street 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.

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*South Glebe Road* from Walter Reed Drive to Arlington Boulevard.

*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~~ Walter Reed Drive 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:

*George Washington Memorial Parkway* from Four Mile Run to Spout Run Parkway.

*Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway (I-395)* from the Federal line at the approach to 14th Street Bridge to Arlington Ridge Road connection (Bridge 16).

*Lee Highway* from North Nash Street to North Veitch Street.

Forty-five (45) miles per hour upon:

*South Washington Boulevard* from Boundary Channel to Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway.

*South Washington Boulevard* from Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to Arlington Boulevard.

*Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 110)* from Wilson Boulevard to U.S. Route 1.

*Arlington Boulevard (U.S. Route 50)* except parallel marginal or service roads which shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

Fifty (50) miles per hour upon:

*George Washington Memorial Parkway* from Spout Run Parkway to Fairfax County line.

Fifty-five (55) miles per hour upon:

*Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway (I-395)* from Alexandria line to the District of Columbia line at the 14th Street Bridge.

Sixty-five (65) miles per hour upon:

*Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway (I-395) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes* from Alexandria line to Mile Marker 8.0.

II. The remaining sub-sections of § 14.2-12 not hereby amended shall remain as previously enacted.