

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsections (1) (2) and (8) of subsection (a), subsection (2) of subsection (b) and subsection (c), all of Section 22-69 of Division 2 of Article III of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 22 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, which Article III relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES, which Division 2 relates to RECKLESS DRIVING, SPEEDING ETC., which Section 22-69 relates to SPEED LIMITS AND RELATED REGULATIONS, which subsection (a) relates to MAXIMUM LIMITS, which subsection (1) relates to INTERSTATE AND LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS, which subsection (2) relates to NON-LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS and which subsection (8) relates to CITY HIGHWAYS, which subsection (b) relates to MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS, which subsection (2) relates to ESTABLISHING MINIMUM SPEED, which subsection (c) relates to SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS; PENALTY.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsections (1) (2) and (8), subsection (a), Section 22-69, Division 2, Article III, Chapter 22, The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(1) Sixty-five miles per hour on the Interstate System of highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways; if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, passenger bus, United States Post Office bus, pickup or panel truck, not exceeding an actual gross weight of five thousands pounds or a motorcycle; and fifty-five miles per hour on such highways if the vehicle is a truck, road tractor, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer.

(2) Sixty miles per hour on non-limited access highways having four or more lanes, * if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, passenger bus, United States Post Office bus, pickup or panel truck not exceeding an actual gross weight of five thousand pounds, or a motorcycle; and fifty-five miles per hour on such highways if the vehicle is a truck, road tractor, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer; provided, that for such highways such speed has been prescribed by the state highway commission, or other authority having jurisdiction over highways, after an engineering and traffic investigation. On any highway where such speed is prescribed, the speed shall be plainly indicated upon the highway by signs; and where the speed limit is indicated by posted signs, there shall be a prima facie presumption that such engineering and traffic investigation was made.

(8) Thirty-five miles per hour on highways in the city, except upon interstate or other limited access highways with divided roadways and except in business or residential districts.

Section 2. That subsection (2), subsection (b), Section 22-69, Division 2, Article III, Chapter 22, The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(2) Whenever the traffic and parking board determines on the basis of a traffic engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the traffic and parking board may determine and declare a minimum speed limit to be set forth on signs posted on such highway, below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law; provided, that such minimum speed limit shall not apply to a school bus carrying children.

Section 3. That subsection (c), Section 22-69, Division 2, Article III, Chapter 22, The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(c) Special speed limits on certain streets. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions and the provisions of sections 22-20 to 22-46 of this Code, the traffic and parking board may decrease the speed limits set forth in subsections (a) (1) through (a) (3) of this section and may increase or decrease the speed limits set forth in subsections (a) (6) through (a) (8) of this section on any street in the city; and may establish differentiated speed limits for daytime and nighttime by decreasing for nighttime driving the speed limits set forth in subsections (a) (1) through (a) (3) of this section and by increasing for daytime or decreasing for nighttime the speed limits set forth in subsections (a) (6) through (a) (8) of this section on any street in the city. Such increased or decreased speed limits and such differentiated speed limits for daytime and nighttime driving shall be effective only when based on a traffic engineering and traffic investigation and prescribed after such investigation, and when clearly indicated upon the highway by markers or signs.

The director of traffic is authorized and directed to cause signs and markers to be erected on the city streets to clearly indicate any minimum or special speed limits adopted by the traffic and parking board.

Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with the provisions of section 22-19 of this Code.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date

of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: September 27, 1968

Note: Underlining is not part of the ordinance but merely denotes new or changed matter.