

ORDINANCE NO. 5418

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 10-3-30 and 10-3-874 Article B (RECKLESS DRIVING, SPEEDING, ETC.) of Chapter 3 (OPERATION OF VEHICLES) of Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article B of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and adding the text shown in underline as follows:

ARTICLE B – Reckless Driving, Speeding, Etc.

Sec. 10-3-30 – Authority to change speed limits.

- (a) The city manager is authorized to increase or decrease the speed limits on city streets set forth in §§ 46.2-873 through 46.2-875 and 46.2-1300(A)(4) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and incorporated by §§ 10-3-873 through 10-3-875 of this code, and to establish differential speeds for daytime and nighttime driving on such streets, provided that any such increase or decrease in speed limit, or differential speed limit, shall be based upon an engineering and traffic investigation by the director of transportation and environmental services.
- (b) The director of transportation and environmental services is authorized to decrease, for a temporary period not to exceed 60 days, without such engineering and traffic investigation, the speed limit on any city street on which work is being done or which work is under construction or repair.
- (c) Any increase or decrease in speed limits established under this section shall be indicated by signs as provided in section 10-2-26 of this code.
- (d) Whenever the speed limit on any city street has been increased or decreased, or a differential speed limit established, and such speed limit is posted as required, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the change in speed was properly established in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 10-3-874 – Same – city business and residence districts.

Pursuant to the authority granted by section 46.2-1313 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, section 46.2-874 and 46.2-1300(A)(4) of the Virginia Code, as amended, which relates to the maximum speed limit in city business and residence districts, is ~~is~~ are hereby adopted and incorporated in ~~its~~ their entirety into this chapter as if ~~it was~~ fully set forth herein.

Section 2. That Article B as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JUSTIN M. WILSON
Mayor

Final Passage: March 12, 2022

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