

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER



CITY OF BOSTON

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON BOSTON SPEED LIMITS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

WHEREAS: The City of Boston reduced its default speed limit, unless otherwise posted, to 25 miles per hour on January 9, 2017; *and*

WHEREAS: Lowering the speed limit is a tool to enhance public safety for the City’s Vision Zero action plan, as studies show a direct link between the rate of speed for a vehicle when a crash occurs and the likelihood of a fatality or severe injury; *and,*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston continues to experience tragic crashes caused by speeding and reckless driving in our communities; *and,*

WHEREAS: The increase of both commuters and ride-sharing company vehicles contribute to more cars cutting through our neighborhoods that may be unfamiliar with their surroundings, sometimes speeding to a destination and not always showing consideration for residents; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston must continue to work to ensure that pedestrians, bicyclists and other motorists are protected from the dangers of speeding; *and,*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss lowering the speed limit to 20 Miles Per Hour and ways in which we can provide better traffic calming throughout the City of Boston. Representatives from the City of Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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