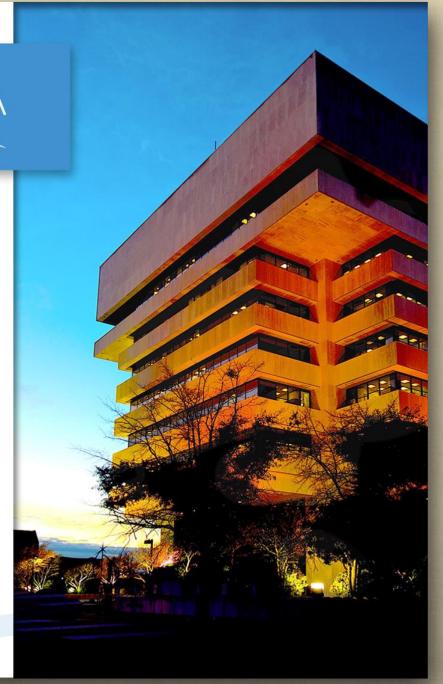
# HAMPTON VA

**Excessive Speeding Ordinance** 

**Hampton City Council** 

June 14, 2023



#### Background

- Our City continues to explore options to reduce excessive speeding in residential neighborhoods
- Various traffic calming tools are implemented to reduce speeding and improve safety
  - (traffic signs, speed limit reduction, flashing warning signs, etc.)
- Additional Fine Program can be added in areas that have excessive speeding concerns

#### Legal

- 2003 City Council adopted, by resolution, criteria for installation of signs indicating increased fines.
- HPD has enforced in signed areas pursuant to enabling law contained in the state code.
- PW would like to clarify the criteria.
- City Attorney's Office and Staff recommend adopting an ordinance.
  - Codifying program makes enforcement simpler and more practical for officers and judicial system.
  - More transparent for citizens.

#### \$200 Additional Fine Program

- Residential roadway speed limit must be posted at 35 mph or less to qualify
- Public Works will conduct a traffic study on the requested residential roadways and determine if they qualify for the program
- Public Works would receive a request for a study from City Council, City Manager or Residential Neighborhood with concerns of excessive speeding
- Residential Neighborhood request requires a petition with 75% of the residents on a specific roadway to determine if the area qualifies for this program

#### **Traffic Study**

- Our Traffic studies evaluate existing vehicle volumes and speeds on roadways that may have speeding concerns generally customer requested
- Roadway volume must meet our program standard of (1000 vehicles or more in a 24 hour period) and 85% of the vehicles must be traveling 10mph above the posted speed limit
- or excessive speeding concerns highlighted in our traffic studies that create safety concerns

## **Speed Study Summary**

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Combined Channels															
mph		0 -	15 -	20 -	25 -	30 -	35 -	40 -	45 -	50 -	55 -	60 -	65 -	70 -	
	Total	< 15	< 20	< 25	< 30	< 35	< 40	< 45	< 50	< 55	< 60	< 65	< 70	< 200	Avg.
1:00 PM	239	0	5	33	76	77	30	7	1	5	1	2	2	0	31.3
2:00 PM	313	1	23	68	89	58	35	12	11	7	2	1	1	5	30.9
3:00 PM	311	2	9	46	103	77	31	8	16	9	3	4	2	1	31.9
4:00 PM	414	7	17	71	120	126	25	15	6	14	3	3	0	7	31.1
5:00 PM	315	6	23	61	111	68	14	10	10	5	2	3	2	0	29.3
6:00 PM	247	2	8	52	68	70	25	6	4	5	0	2	5	0	30.7
7:00 PM	150	0	3	24	49	43	15	8	3	1	1	2	1	0	31.1
8:00 PM	138	0	4	21	39	39	15	5	4	3	2	1	1	4	33.1
9:00 PM	63	0	2	9	18	22	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	30.9
10:00 PM	42	0	0	9	18	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	31.3
11:00 PM	19	0	0	4	6	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.6
11/29/2022															
12:00 AM	18	0	0	1	6	7	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	32.2
1:00 AM	15	0	0	2	4	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	36.5
2:00 AM	14	0	0	3	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	33.5
3:00 AM	10	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34.5
4:00 AM	21	0	0	2	9	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	33.7
5:00 AM	82	1	5	14	20	13	9	4	3	2	3	2	2	4	35.4
6:00 AM	151	2	4	33	38	37	16	7	0	7	1	2	0	4	32.1
7:00 AM	367	1	14	88	99	79	31	12	15	11	(7)	4	3	3	31.6
8:00 AM	263	0	6	47	57	59	34	10	13	12	12	4	6	3	35.0
9:00 AM	158	0	8	27	37	41	11	9	11	3	4	5	0	2	33.3
10:00 AM	207	2	3	24	56	52	35	6	11	5	3	5	3	2	34.1
11:00 AM	199	4	6	26	45	73	26	8	2	2	3	1	0	3	31.8
12:00 PM	227	2	8	36	50	61	40	14	6	5	3	1	0	1	32.2
Total	3983	30	148	701	1126	1026	416	150	120	100	52	43	28	43	31.9
%		0.8	3.7	17.6	28.3	25.8	10.4	3.8	3.0	2.5	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.1	

Average (Mean) 31.9 mph

Minimum 10.1 mph

Maximum 89.8 mph

Pace Range 23.8 - 33.8 mph 2226 vehicles (55.9%)

Percentile Speeds (mph)

10%

22.3 23.6 29.9 38.7 44.4

#### **Penalties**

- The penalty for exceeding the speed limit is an "additional" \$200 fine
- The fine can be suspended by court order if 20 hours of community service is completed



## State of Virginia Support

- The State provides guidance to support the \$200
   Additional Fine Program for exceeding the speed limit on Designated Residential Roadways.
- Virginia Code § 46.2-878.2. Maximum speed limits in certain residential districts of counties, cities, and towns supports the program.



### **Hampton Roads Support**

- Other Hampton Roads cities have implemented the \$200 Additional Fine Program for Speeding
- Newport News
- Williamsburg
- Virginia Beach
- Chesapeake



#### **Considerations**

 The Additional Fine Program for speeding is an effective low cost traffic calming solution when implemented with enforcement to reduce speeding in residential neighborhoods.



# Roadways Impacted by the proposed Ordinance

- ➤ Northampton Drive from Todd's Lane to Burton Street
- Gilbert Street from King Street to Eagle Point Road
- Michael Woods Drive from Locksley Drive to Big Bethel Road
- Silver Isles Boulevard from Old Buckroe Road to Hall Road
- Farmington Boulevard from Todd's Lane to Estate Drive
- Westview Drive from Saunders Road to Dead end
- Charlton Drive from Mercury Boulevard to Dead end
- Big Bethel Road from Mercury Boulevard to Todd's Lane

#### Recommendations

- Support the Additional Fine Program as a traffic calming measure which is supported by the Virginia Department of Transportation.
- Request Hampton City Council adopt an ordinance to implement the \$200 Additional Fine Program for speeding in specific residential neighborhoods with supporting data.

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**Questions??** 

