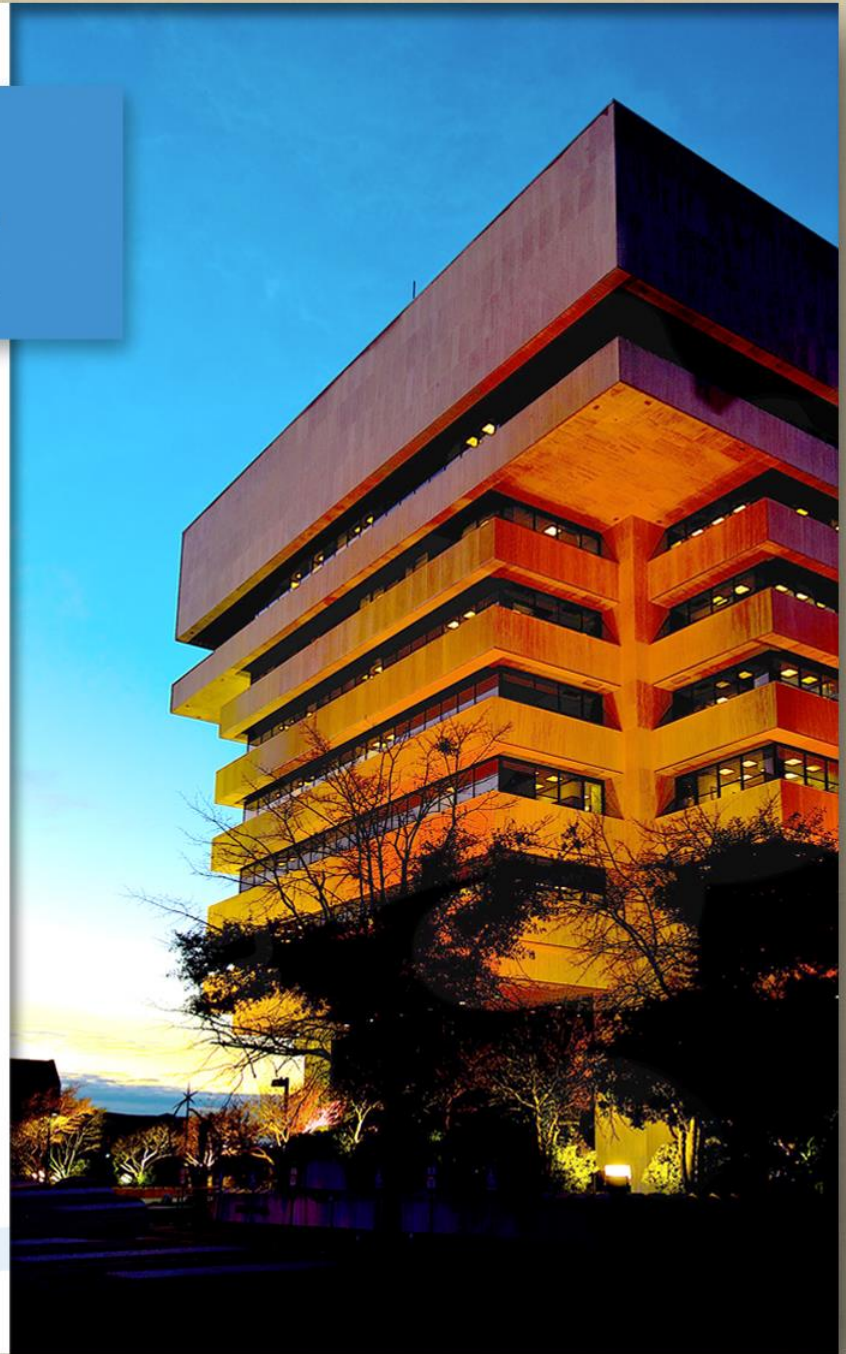


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Pedestrian Safety Ordinance

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Mercury Boulevard Safety

- Largest number of vehicular accidents in the City, including accidents with pedestrians.
 - 12/17/20 Pedestrian killed near intersection of Aberdeen and Mercury.
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Six of Top Eight Highest Accident Intersections Over Six Year Period (2015-2020)

- COLISEUM & MERCURY: **377**
- ABERDEEN & MERCURY: **320**
- ARMISTEAD & MERCURY: **312**
- CUNNINGHAM & MERCURY: **235**
- POWER PLANT WAY & MERCURY: **227**
- BIG BETHEL AND MERCURY: **183**

Approximately 25 pedestrian accidents in this
“corridor.”

Virginia Code Sec. 46.2-930

- Pedestrians shall not loiter on any bridge or in any portion of the right-of-way of any highway where loitering has been determined by the . . . local governing body of any county, city, or town to present a public safety hazard and on which the . . . governing body of any county, city, or town has posted signs prohibiting such action.
- Violation is a traffic infraction, punishable by up to \$250.

Proposed Ordinance

Sec. 21-188. – Loitering on designated highway rights-of-way prohibited.

a) No pedestrian shall sit, stand, or otherwise remain on any portion of the right-of-way of mercury boulevard beginning from the western side of the intersection of mercury boulevard and big bethel road and continuing to the eastern side of the intersection of mercury boulevard and armistead avenue.

Proposed Ordinance, Cont.

(b) This section shall not apply to the following persons:

(1) any pedestrian using a sidewalk for travel or a designated crosswalk to cross the roadway;

(2) any person who is waiting at or near a bus shelter for the arrival of a bus;

(3) any public safety personnel or other city personnel or city contractor who is operating in the course of his duties; or

(4) any person participating in an event for which a special event permit has been issued pursuant to Sec. 2-318 of the City Code or which is exempt from that code.

Recommendation

- Adopt ordinance pursuant to Va. Code Sec. 46.2-930 prohibiting loitering in the right of way on Mercury between Aberdeen and Armistead based on the high number of vehicular and pedestrian accidents.
- Place signs in designated areas.
- Review periodically to determine whether ordinance is helping accident rate and whether the affected area should be amended.



QUESTIONS?

