



Legislation Text

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Council Members Melden and Komives

Urging the Ohio General Assembly amend Sections 4511.06 and 4511.21 of the Ohio Revised Code to enable municipalities to set speed limits within their own jurisdictions on all thoroughfares except for highways within the city limits.

WHEREAS, pedestrian fatalities and injuries as a result of cars speeding has continued to climb, with a 20% increase in pedestrian deaths by car crashes from 2019 to 2020 despite a decrease in vehicular traffic within that same time period; and

WHEREAS, the solution to this issue is multifaceted including redesigning roads to calm traffic on city streets with Complete Streets plans, enforcement of speed limits, and lowering speed limits; and

WHEREAS, there are several residential streets in Toledo characterized by children playing and families walking with speed limits allowing cars to drive 40-50 mph, often resulting in unnecessary death; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.21 precludes municipalities from setting speed limits on streets within their own jurisdiction without approval from the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, this prohibition infringes on municipalities' ability to address excessive speeding in a way that protects the health and safety of its residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council urges the Ohio General Assembly to amend Sections 4511.06 and 4511.21 of the Ohio Revised Code to enable municipalities to set speed limits within their own jurisdictions on all thoroughfares except for highways within the city limits.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies of this Resolution be provided to the President of Ohio Senate, Speaker of Ohio House, the Toledo delegation in the Ohio General Assembly and to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

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Attest: _____
Clerk of Council