

ORDINANCE NO: 5767

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 11, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 11-16 "RULES OF THE ROAD" OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 11-16-21 (GENERAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS)

WHEREAS, City Ordinance currently establishes a default Speed Limit in the City of Memphis of 30mph; and

WHEREAS, This default Speed Limit applies to all roadways where the Speed Limit has not been formally established on the basis of a Traffic Engineering Study; and

WHEREAS, The majority of roadways governed by this default Speed Limit typically include residential/neighborhood roadways and roadways in the Downtown area where there is a higher percentage of pedestrians, bike riders, and other vulnerable users; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Engineering recommends a reduction in the current default Speed Limit to improve safety;

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS,
That Title 11 – Vehicles and Traffic – Chapter 11-16 "Rules of the Road", of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 11-16-21. - General *speed* restrictions.

It is unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle upon the streets of this city at a *speed* greater than 25 miles per hour. However, the city engineer shall have the authority, after determining on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the stated *limit* is greater or lesser than is reasonable and safe, to designate certain streets or sections of streets as *speed* zones where greater speeds may be permitted or lesser speeds required. No person shall drive a vehicle upon the streets or sections of streets designated by the city engineer as *speed* zones at a greater *speed* than is permitted, when signs are in place giving notice thereof.

(Code 1967, § 23-152; Code 1985, § 21-106; Ord. No. 2236, § 1, 4-15-1975; Ord. No. 3586, § 10, 9-2-1986; Ord. No. 4491, § 1, 5-20-1997)

State Law reference— Speed limits, T.C.A. § 55-8-152 et seq.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts is held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of the Mayor in writing by the Comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

Sponsor:
Ford Canale

Patrice Robinson
City Council Chairman

Attest:
Valerie Snipes, Deputy Comptroller

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
5767 PASSED
1st Reading 12-01-2020
2nd Reading 12-15-2020
3rd Reading 01-05-2021
Approved [Signature]
Chairman of Council

Date Signed: _____
[Signature]
APPROVED
Mayor, City of Memphis
Date Signed: 2/8/21

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and said document was adopted by the Council of the City of Memphis as above indicated and approved by the Mayor.

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