

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

ORDINANCE NO: G-21-14

AN ORDINANCE concerning

School zones

FOR the purpose of revising the description of a certain school zone by adding a designated roadway segment; and deleting certain school zones where schools are no longer located.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Section 13-15

The Code of the City of Frederick, 1966 (as amended)

BACKGROUND

Speed monitoring systems - commonly referred to as “speed cameras” – have been in use in school zones throughout the City of Frederick since approximately 2011, as part of an effort to decrease driver speeds and make the streets safer for children, motorists, and other citizens.

Under Maryland Code, Transportation Article, Section 21-809 and Frederick City Code, Section 13-5, a “school zone” is a designated roadway segment within up to a half-mile radius of a school for any of grades kindergarten through grade 12 where school-related activity occurs, including travel by students to or from school on foot or by bicycle or the dropping off or picking up of students by school buses or other vehicles. As stated in Section 13-5, “In accordance with Section 21-809, the City may use speed monitoring systems in enforcing the applicable speed limits in school zones within the City. The Chief of Police and the Director of Public Works shall select the school zones and the locations within school zones in which to place the speed monitoring systems.”

Under Maryland Code, Transportation Article, Section 21-803.1, the City of Frederick may establish a school zone and maximum speed limits applicable therein on any highway under its jurisdiction. Pursuant to such authority, Frederick City Code, Section 13-15 establishes several school zones on roads within the City of Frederick.

Two school zones currently described in Section 13-15 pertain to schools that are no longer operational: to wit, the Visitation Academy closed in or around 2016 and the Trinity School closed in or around 2017.

Another currently established school zone is the “St. John’s School Zone”, within a half-mile radius of St. John’s Regional Catholic School. Recently, the Frederick Police Department (FPD) received complaints of speeding on Christopher’s Crossing between Moran Drive and Crestone Drive, which is not currently included as a designated roadway portion within the St. John’s School Zone.

In or around March 2021, the FPD procured a three-day speed site study for that stretch of roadway, which study showed that approximately 3% of Northbound and 9% of Southbound vehicles exceeded the 30-mph speed limit by more than 12 mph. The Chief of Police and the

Director of Public Works, upon review and evaluation of the study results, recommend amending the description of the St. John's School Zone to include the above-referenced portion of Christopher's Crossing. The Board of Aldermen believes such recommendation to be in the best interests of the City of Frederick, and desires to amend the City Code accordingly.

SECTION I. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK, That Section 13-5 of The Code of the City of Frederick, 1966 (as amended) be repealed and reenacted, with amendments, as follows:

Sec. 13-15. School zones.

Establishment and Description. The following school zones are hereby established:

- (a) **Monocacy School Zone: *****
- (b) **Frederick School Zone. *****
- (c) **Thomas Johnson School Zone. ***.**
- (d) **Thomas Johnson Middle School Zone. *****
- (e) **Heather Ridge School Zone. *****
- (f) **Hillcrest Elementary School Zone. *****
- (g) **Lincoln Elementary School Zone. *****
- (h) **MSD School Zone. *****
- (i) **North Frederick Elementary School Zone. *****
- (j) **Parkway Elementary School Zone. *****
- (k) **Rock Creek/Waverley School Zone. ***.**
- (l) **Whittier Elementary School Zone. *****
- (m) **St. John's School Zone:** Within a one-half mile radius of St. John's Regional Catholic School, located at 8414 Opossumtown Pike, the school zone is on Opossumtown Pike from Christopher's Crossing to McClellan [Drive.] **Drive and on Christopher's Crossing from Moran Drive to Creston Drive.**
- ~~[(n) **Visitation Academy School Zone:** Within a one-half mile radius of the Visitation Academy, located at 200 East 2nd Street, the school zone is on East 2nd Street from North East Street to North Market Street and on East Church Street from North Market Street to North East Street.]~~

~~[(o) Trinity School Zone: Within a one-half mile radius of the Trinity School, located at 6460 New Design Road, the school zone is on Stadium Drive from South Market Street to New Design Road.]~~

~~[(p)](n) Monocacy Valley Montessori Public Charter School Zone: ***~~

NOTE: Underlining indicates material added

~~[Bold brackets]~~ indicate material deleted

*** indicates no change

SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK, That this ordinance shall take effect on the date it is signed by the mayor, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance will as of that date be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

APPROVED: July 15, 2021

PASSED: July 15, 2021

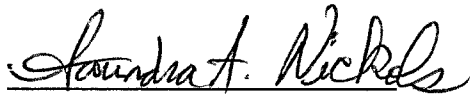


Michael C. O'Connor, Mayor



Michael C. O'Connor, President,
Board of Aldermen

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:



City Attorney