

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA**

September 22, 2021

4:30 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

Online link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/84222785885>

Meeting ID: 842 2278 5885

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes -- none at this time
- III. Communications from Commission
- IV. Public Comment*
- V. Reports from Staff
- VI. Old Business*
- VII. New Business*
 - A. TC-21-05 Title 15 Updates: changes to schedule (staff)
 - B. TC-21-06 Resolution 21-01 (Commission Member Alexander)
 - C. TC-21-07 Resolution 21-02 (Commission Member Alexander)
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries
- IX. Adjournment

Next meeting – October 27, 2021

**Action Requested/Public comment prior to any vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*

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To: Traffic Commission
MEMO

Resolution #: 21- TC-21-05
Date: September 16, 2021

From: Andrew Cibor, City Engineer; Raye Ann Cox, Parking Enforcement Supervisor; Amir Farshchi, Long Range Planner; Neil Kopper, Senior Project Engineer; Barbara E. McKinney, Assistant City Attorney; Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager; Michelle Wahl, Parking Services Director

Request: Title 15 Amendments -- Changes to Schedules

REPORT

The City staff from the Planning and Transportation, Engineering, Parking Services division of Public Works, and Legal departments have compiled a number of recommendations for changes to Title 15, the vehicle and traffic section of the Bloomington Municipal Code. Link to the current Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code:

https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15VETR

The purpose of these recommendations is to address issues that have come to staff's attention through public requests, commissions' recommendations, or 180-day orders. The ordinance amending Title 15 and respective maps are included in the meeting packet. This request for changes to Title 15 is planned to be presented to the Traffic Commission on September 22, 2021 and Parking Commission on September 23, 2021.

The ordinance includes the following changes:

- Section 1 changes the time limit of a limited parking zone on East 2nd Street. *Amir Farshchi*
 - Changing the 11 parking spaces enforcement hours and limitations in front of 614 East 2nd Street, Elm Restaurant, from Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, 1-hour limited free parking to Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm, 2-hour limited free parking.
 - The Parking Resolution 21-03 for this case was presented to the Parking Commission on March 25, 2021 by Amir Farshchi, the resolution was passed 7-0-0.
- Section 2 amends the code to reflect the changing of the name of Jordan Avenue to Eagleson Avenue. *Beth Rosenbarger*
 - The street name change of Jordan Avenue from Davis Street to East 17th Street to Eagleson Avenue was reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission at their regular hearing on September 13, 2021, case number RS-25-21. This is to replace the existing street name in code and update all references to accurately reflect the new street name of Eagleson Avenue.

- Section 3 and 4 add angle parking and no parking zones to West Illinois Court. *Neil Kopper, Andrew Cibor*
 - This request originated from community concerns regarding an increase in parking demand and parking related challenges on Illinois Court that started after improvements were made to the Crestmont Park Playground.
 - Adding Approximately 21 Angle Parking Spaces on West Illinois Ct. from 100° East of N. Illinois Street to 190° east of North Illinois Street, Pull In Angle Type. One of the parking spaces will be designated an ADA parking space with an access aisle to an existing sidewalk ramp.
 - Adding 1 No Parking Zone on West Illinois Ct. from North Illinois Street to 100° east of North Illinois Street, on the south side of street.
 - Adding 1 No Parking Zone on West Illinois Court from North Illinois Street to 190° east of North Illinois Street, on the north side of street
 - The 180-Day Order 21-01 for this case was issued on July 26, 2021.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission supports the changes to Title 15 and forward to Common Council with a positive recommendation.

ORDINANCE 21-

TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

RE: Amending Chapter 15.32.090 to adjust the time of a limited parking zone on Second Street; Chapters 15.12.010, 15.12.030, 15.16.010, 15.20.020, 15.32.080, 15.32.100 and 15.37.020 to reflect the changing of the name of Jordan Avenue to Eagleson Avenue; Chapters 15.32.030 and 15.32.080 to add angle parking and no parking zones to Illinois Court.

WHEREAS, the Parking Commission, Plan Commission, Traffic Commission, and City staff from the Planning and Transportation, Engineering, Parking Services division of Public Works, and Legal departments recommend certain changes be made in Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic,"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15.32.090, entitled "Schedule N, Limited Parking Zones," shall be amended by removing the following language and adding the following language:

Schedule N
LIMITED PARKING ZONES

Remove

Street	From	To	Side of Street	Limit
Second St.	Fess Avenue	170° East of Fess	South	1 Hr (16)

Add

Street	From	To	Side of Street	Limit
Second St.	Fess Avenue	170° West of Fess	South	2 Hr (17)

Add to Legend:

(17) 8 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

SECTION 2. Chapters 15.12.010, entitled "Stop intersections;" 15.12.030, entitled "Signalized intersections;" 15.16.010, entitled "One-way streets;" 15.20.020, entitled "Restricted turns at signalized intersections;" 15.32.080, entitled "No parking zones;" 15.32.100, entitled "Loading Zones;" and 15.37.020, entitled "Applicability" shall each be amended to delete "Jordan Avenue" or "Jordan" and replace these terms with "Eagleson Avenue" or "Eagleson."

SECTION 3. Chapter 15.32.030, Schedule L, entitled "Angle Parking," shall be amended by adding the following:

ANGLE PARKING

Street	From	To	Side of Street	Angle Type
W. Illinois Ct.	100° East of N. Illinois St.	190° East of N. Illinois St.	South, East and North	Pull In

SECTION 4. Chapter 15.32.080, Schedule M, entitled “No parking zones,” shall be amended by adding the following:

Schedule M No parking zones				
Street	From	To	Side of Street	Time of Restriction
W. Illinois Ct.	N. Illinois St.	100° east of N. Illinois St.	South	Any Time
W. Illinois Ct.	N. Illinois St.	190° east of N. Illinois St.	North	Any Time

SECTION 5. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. With the exception of Section 2, this ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor, any required publication, and, as necessary, other promulgation in accordance with the law. Section 2 shall go into effect on February 1, 2022.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2021.

 JIM SIMS, President
 Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

 NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
 City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2021.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk,
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

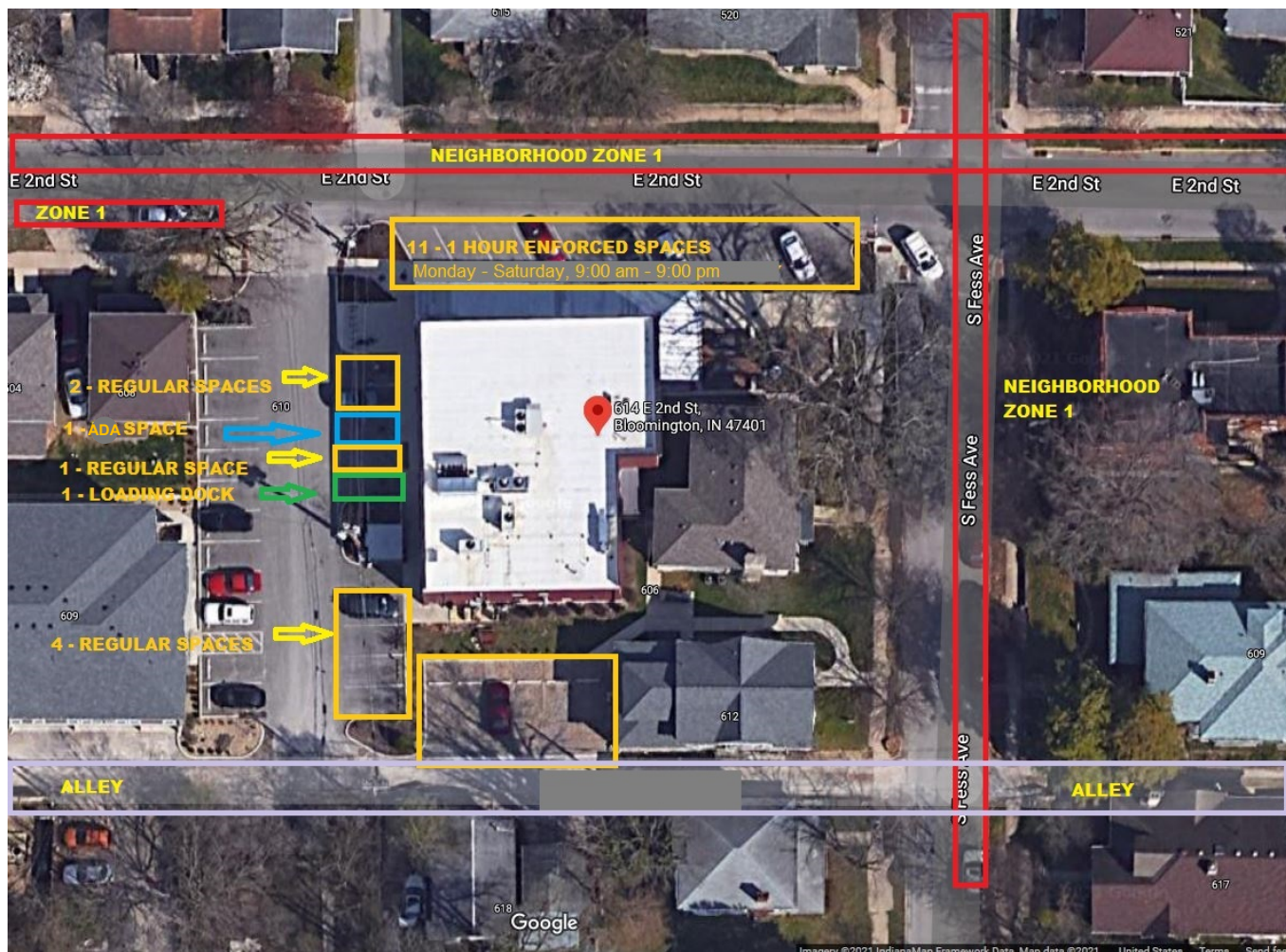
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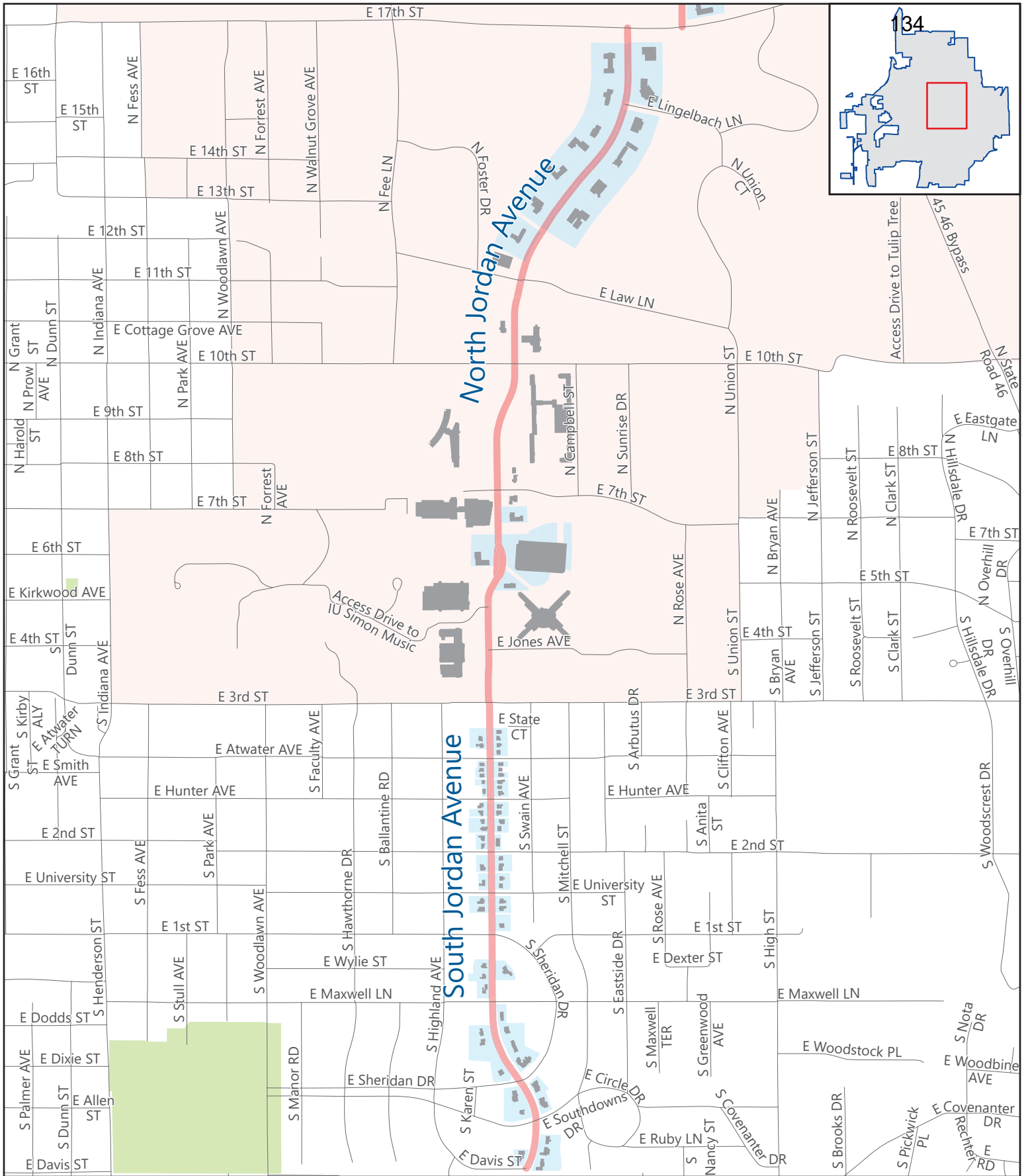
This Ordinance amends Title 15, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Bloomington Municipal Code and comes forth at the request of City staff and the Parking and Traffic Commissions. The ordinance makes the following changes:

- Changes the time limit of a limited parking zone on Second Street.
- Amends the code to reflect the changing of the name of Jordan Avenue to Eagleson Avenue.
- Adds angle parking and no parking zones to W. Illinois Court.

Changing 11 Parking Spaces Enforcement in front of 614 E. 2nd Street

From Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, 1-hour limited free parking to Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm, 2-hour limited free parking.





Proposed Jordan Avenue Renaming Extent



- Adding Approximately 21 Angle Parking Spaces on W. Illinois Ct. from 100° East of N. Illinois St. to 190° East of N. Illinois St.
- Adding 1 No Parking Zone on W. Illinois Ct. from N. Illinois St. to 100° east of N. Illinois St., South Side of Street
- Adding 1 No Parking Zone on W. Illinois Ct. from N. Illinois St. to 190° east of N. Illinois St., North Side of Street



Angle Parking Sketch



CALLING FOR ENGINEERING REPORTS ON TRAFFIC FATALITIES

WHEREAS, drivers killed two residents who were correctly using pedestrian infrastructure on 3rd Street downtown in 2020.

WHEREAS, road fatalities among all transportation modes concentrate on roads and intersections with specific, known engineering features.

WHEREAS, engineering choices in road design are a significant determining factor in collision frequency and severity.

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's 2018 Comprehensive Plan recommends that the city work to achieve zero transportation fatalities by viewing crashes as a preventable result of past decisions (pg 69).

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's 2018 Comprehensive Plan contains Policy 6.1.7: Prioritize safety and accessibility over capacity in transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance decisions (pg 74).

WHEREAS, the city's Engineering Department has unique expertise at evaluating the role that infrastructure design plays in crashes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT:

Whenever a public roadway user is killed as a result of a collision, the Director of the Engineering Department must, within 90 days, present to the city's Common Council in open session a summary of the infrastructure design attributes that contributed to the crash, what steps might reduce the likelihood of such an incident in the future, and an estimate of the resources needed to take those steps.

CALLING FOR CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BRING SPEED LIMITS IN LINE WITH CITY PLANS

WHEREAS, speed is the single most significant variable influencing crash severity and frequency.

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan contains Policy 6.1.7: Prioritize safety and accessibility over capacity in transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance decisions (pg 74).

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington’s 2019 Transportation Plan designates all street typologies to have target speeds of at most 25mph, with the exception of Suburban Connectors, which have target speeds of at most 35mph (pg 36).

WHEREAS, College Ave and Walnut St north of the SR 45/46 bypass are the only city-controlled street segments indicated as Suburban Connectors in the Transportation Plan (pg 35).

WHEREAS, IC 9-21-5-6 allows cities to reduce speed limits to 25mph without a traffic and engineering investigation.

WHEREAS, when street projects naturally arise, including regular maintenance, the scope of work is often limited such that the codified speed limit is not reconsidered.

WHEREAS, the codified speed limit informs safety-critical design decisions such as lane width and intersection geometry which are expensive to change after the design has been drafted.

WHEREAS, Title 15 of Bloomington Municipal Code lists many street segments as having a speed limit higher than 25mph in direct contradiction to our Transportation Plan.

WHEREAS, codified speed limit changes do not take legal effect until after new signage is installed, so no material change will occur without Engineering staff oversight to implement the revised code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT:

Title 15 should be amended to reflect the target speeds in the City of Bloomington’s 2019 Transportation Plan. 15.24.020 schedule I should be amended by removing every row with a posted speed greater than 25 MPH, and by adding two new rows:

College Avenue	SR 45/46	North to Corporate Limits	35 MPH
Walnut Street	SR 45/46	North to Corporate Limits	35 MPH