



CITY OF SALEM

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Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilor Virginia Stapleton, Ward 1

SUBJECT:

Motion from Councilor Virginia Stapleton regarding the adoption of a *20 is Plenty* program.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

MOTION:

I move that City Council direct staff to bring back for Council's consideration an implementation plan for a 20 is plenty program that would reduce speed limits on local, residential streets from 25 to 20 miles per hour, citywide. The plan should include a public hearing and robust communication plan.

DISCUSSION:

Neighborhoods are areas where people who walk, ride, or drive come into close contact and in order to protect everyone within that transportation system we must look to tools that reduce serious injury and death to those who are the most vulnerable. Reducing the speed limits in our neighborhoods does just that. A person hit by someone driving 40 MPH has a one in ten chance of surviving, at 30 MPH your survival increases to five in ten. It is only when you get to 20 MPH that the survival rate is nine out of ten. This program will also elevate our neighborhoods as places of value and discourage drive through traffic.

Attachments:

None