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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

EXPRESSING the support of the Mayor and City Council for a revision to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.06 and 4511.21 to allow municipalities like the City of Cincinnati to establish their own speed limits on roads within their jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, the rate of pedestrian fatalities and injuries due to vehicular accidents related to excessive speed 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 Cincinnati characterized by children playing and families walking that have speed limits that allow cars to drive 40-50 mph, often resulting in unnecessary deaths; and

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

WHEREAS, this prohibition infringes on Ohio municipalities' ability to address excessive speeding in a way that protects the health and safety of their residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council ask the Ohio General Assembly to amend Sections 4511.06 and 4511.21 of the Ohio Revised Code to enable municipalities to establish 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 Ohio Department of Transportation, State Senators Thomas,

Blessing, III, and Wilson, and State Representatives Abrams, Ingram, Brinkman, Seitz, Kelly, and Denson through the office of Councilmember Jeffreys.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys