



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE STATE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL S2021 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A1007 AUTHORIZING CITIES, VILLAGES AND TOWNS TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MPH**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S2021 and Assembly Bill A1007 have been introduced in the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly, respectively each entitled “AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing cities, villages and towns to reduce the speed limit to twenty-five miles per hours”; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this legislation is to afford cities, villages and towns the option to set the maximum speed limit at 25 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1643 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law currently prohibits the City from adopting a City-wide speed limit of less than 30 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 25 mph has a 25 percent risk of sustaining a serious or fatal injury, a 50 percent risk at 33 mph and a 75 percent risk at 41 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks the option to lower the speed limit on all City streets from 30 mph to 25 mph in order to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and to reduce the occurrence of serious injuries and fatalities in the City in pedestrian involved accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the research is clear that there are major safety benefits to the public when speed limits are reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities should be granted the authority to reduce speed limits on municipal roads to help decrease fatalities and the severity of injuries that can result from speed related accidents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Beacon hereby adopts this Resolution to urge the New York State Legislature to allow cities the option to reduce the maximum speed limit to 25 mph City-wide.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby supports and endorses Senate Bill S2021 and Assembly Bill A1007 which would amend Section 1643 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow the legislative body of any city or village to establish by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation, a maximum speed limit of 25 mph throughout the city or village; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to New York State Senator Sue Serino and New York State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments						<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.		<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call				<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		<b>Paloma Wake</b>	x				
		<b>Justice McCray</b>	x				
		<b>George Mansfield</b>	x				
	x	<b>Wren Longno</b>	x				
		<b>Molly Rhodes</b>	x				
x		<b>Dan Aymar-Blair</b>	x				
		<b>Mayor Lee Kyriacou</b>	x				
		<b>Motion Carried</b>	x				