



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250927

Submitted Department/Preparer: Public Works

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Amending Chapter 70, Article XII of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Traffic Control Signs, Signals, and Devices," by amending Sections 70-954 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit right turns in school zones when school zone speed limits are in effect.

Discussion

The City has a fundamental responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all residents, particularly the children of Kansas City. The tragic death of an elementary student at an intersection near a school has highlighted the urgent need for enhanced traffic safety measures in school zones.

Students walking, biking, and traveling to and from school are among our most vulnerable road users and deserve the highest level of protection. School zones experience concentrated periods of pedestrian activity during arrival and dismissal times, creating heightened risk for vehicle-pedestrian conflicts.

Eliminating right turns on red during school zone hours will reduce potential conflict points between vehicles and student pedestrians, particularly in intersections adjacent to schools. This ordinance is consistent with the City's commitment to Vision Zero principles and the goal of eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Kansas City streets.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. What is the funding source?
Not applicable because this legislation does not have a fiscal impact.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Not applicable because this legislation does not have a fiscal impact.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
Not applicable because this legislation does not have a fiscal impact.
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
No

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

No account string to verify because this legislation does not have a fiscal impact.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Infrastructure and Accessibility (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - ☒ Engage in thoughtful planning and redesign of existing road networks to ensure safety, access, and mobility of users of all ages and abilities.
 - ☐ Enhance the City's connectivity, resiliency, and equity through a better-connected multi-modal transportation system for all users.
 - ☐ Build on existing strengths while developing a comprehensive transportation plan for the future.
 - ☐ Develop environmentally sustainable infrastructure strategies that improve quality of life and foster economic growth.
 - ☐ Ensure adequate resources are provided for continued maintenance of existing infrastructure.

- ☐ Focus on delivery of safe connections to schools.

Prior Legislation

Click or tap here to list prior, related ordinances/resolutions.

Service Level Impacts

Click or tap here to provide a description of how this ordinance will impact service levels. List any related key performance indicators and impact.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

When intersections feel safer, more students may choose to walk or cycle instead of drive, increasing daily physical activity among students.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

City's Public works Transportation division, City Council, and School districts were involved in developing this ordinance.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

Yes, especially when considered within a broader framework of safe, equitable, and environmentally responsible urban mobility by minimizing pedestrian and cyclist injuries & aligning with Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?

Please Select (Press tab after selecting)

No

Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and

Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

Please Select (Press tab after selecting)

This ordinance does not impact the Affirmative Action Plans

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)