Town of Carrboro



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Establishment of Stop Controls and Speed Limit on Bike Alley

PURPOSE: The Board of Aldermen is asked to approve a resolution establishing stop conditions on Bike Alley, per Sec. 6-4 of the Town Code, and a speed limit, per Sec. 6-16 of the Town Code. Based on Board comments, changes to the ordinance have been made to reduce the speed limit to 10 MPH.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

CONTACT INFORMATION: Jeff Brubaker

INFORMATION: This item was considered by the Board of Aldermen at its annual retreat on February 2, 2014. The Board asked that the item be brought back at a future meeting with a revised speed limit of 10 MPH established for Bike Alley.

The Town Attorney has prepared a revised ordinance that retains the same stop control provisions but revises the speed limit to 10 MPH.

A question was subsequently asked by a Board member if the speed limit could be further lowered to 7 MPH. This is prohibited on public streets by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Sec. 2B-13.02:

"The Speed Limit (R2-1) sign (see Figure 2B-3) shall display the limit established by law, ordinance, regulation, or as adopted by the authorized agency based on the engineering study. **The speed limits displayed shall be in multiples of 5 mph.**" [emphasis added]

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Cost items include any additional stop signs and posts not already installed, or not already being installed as part of the completion of the (east-west) Boyd St. improvements. Public Works staff time will be necessary to install any of these signs.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen approve the resolution amending the Town Code in Attachment A.