



ORDINANCE #O-__-__
AMENDING AND RE-ORDAINING SECTION 15-98 OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE
CITY CODE, “MAXIMUM LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES,” TO INCLUDE ALL
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL DIVISION SCHOOLS WITHIN CITY
BOUNDARIES AND TO REFLECT THEIR CURRENT NAMES

WHEREAS this Ordinance’s purpose is to reduce speed limits around school crossings pursuant to authority granted by Virginia Code § 46.2-873; and

WHEREAS the purpose of reduced speed limits within school zones is to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of anyone who walks, bikes, or drives in the vicinity of schools by allowing drivers more time to react, to increase the chance of avoiding a collision, and to reduce the severity of injury in the event of a collision; and

WHEREAS Charlottesville City Code Section 15-98, which governs speed limits within school zones, needs to be updated to identify the names of all schools within City boundaries, to reflect the current names of all schools, and to align with current applicable school boundaries; and

WHEREAS the Charlottesville City School Board, on October 9, 2025, adopted a Resolution to amend Charlottesville City Code Section 15-98 to reflect current school names, existing school zone locations, and sign placement in alignment with Virginia Code § 46.2-873.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that Charlottesville City Code Section 15-98 is hereby amended and re-ordained to read as follows:

The maximum speed limit shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour between portable signs, tilt-over signs or fixed blinking signs placed in or along any street and bearing the word “School” or the words “School Crossing.” In the school crossing zones surrounding Charlottesville High School; Charlottesville Middle School; Walker Upper Elementary School; Sunrise Elementary School (formerly Burnley-Moran); Summit Elementary School (formerly Clark); Greenbrier Elementary School; Jackson-Via Elementary School; Tall Oaks Elementary School (formerly Johnson); and Trailblazer Elementary School (formerly Venable), the maximum speed limit shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour between portable signs, tilt-over signs or fixed blinking signs placed in or along any street and bearing the word “School” or the words “School Crossing.”_Any signs erected under this section shall be placed not more than six hundred (600) feet from the limits of the school property or crossing in the vicinity of the school which is used by children going to and from the school; provided, that such crossings are not more than five hundred (500) yards from the limits of the school property and the city council approves such crossing for such signs. Such portable signs shall be furnished and delivered by the city. It shall be the duty of the principal or chief administrative officer of each school or some responsible person designated by the school board, preferably not a classroom teacher, to place such portable signs in the street at a point not more than seven hundred fifty (750) feet from the limits of the school property and remove such signs when their presence is no longer required by this section. Such portable signs

shall be placed in position plainly visible to vehicular traffic approaching from either direction but shall not be placed so as to obstruct the street. Such portable signs, tilt-over signs or blinking signals shall be in a position or be turned on for thirty (30) minutes preceding regular school hours and for thirty (30) minutes thereafter and during such other times as the presence of children are in such school property or going to and from school reasonably requires a special warning to motorists.

It is expressly understood that the names and locations of the above-referenced schools, or any newly constructed or acquired schools, may be amended or added by the Charlottesville City School Board from time-to-time, and this Ordinance shall be considered henceforth as amended to reflect the most current names and locations.

Date Introduced: December 1, 2025

Date Adopted: _____

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

Aye No

Oschrin	—	—
Payne	—	—
Pinkston	—	—
Snook	—	—
Wade	—	—