

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL

NO.2023-114

WHEREAS: Concern for the needs of vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and bicyclists, has grown in recent years as the volume and prevalence of these road users has become more widely observed; AND

WHEREAS: There are many roads that are not suitable to hold some overweight freights. Applying a weight limit to a road is often done to protect a roadway's appearance in particular. It also aims to protect the character and environment of rural areas, villages, and residential estates; AND

WHEREAS: Admiral Kalbfus Road has many residential homes whose environmental impact has resulted in traffic congestion, an increase in traffic fumes from vehicles and in particular shipping trucks; AND

WHEREAS: JT Connell Highway that is more preferable and accessible for trucks; AND

WHEREAS: The restriction assist with the reduction danger to pedestrians and other road user, prevents damage to buildings and roads. Restrictions can also preserve the character, amenity, and environment of an area; AND

WHEREAS: Speed cameras can be beneficial for traffic calming and speed management. Additionally, they can reduce the severity and frequency of crashes, as lower speeds reduce the kinetic energy and stopping distance of vehicles. Finally, they can improve the quality of life and environment for residents and pedestrians, as lower speeds reduce noise, pollution, and stress; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: The city administration send a communication to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) requesting a weight limit on vehicles be imposed on Admiral Kalbfus Road and that proper signage be installed. City Administration will also send communication to the State Traffic Commission for review of Admiral Kalbfus Road for further study on traffic calming safety measures; AND BE IT FURHTER

RESOLVED: RIDOT will institute "No Right Turn on Red" sign be placed on both sides of the stoplight between Hillside Ave and Admiral Kalbfus; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: A traffic signal at Sagamore and Admiral Kalbfus be implemented; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: RIDOT consider rerouting traffic patterns through GPS measures or otherwise to detour traffic to JT Connell Highway; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: The City of Newport implement a speed camera at the intersection of Admiral Kalbfus and Hillside Ave; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: The City Administration shall install traffic cameras, under the discretion of the Chief of Police, between 3 Harrison Avenue and 111 Harrison Avenue.

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IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
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