

Proposed: 6/28/2021

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2021 (MS), *First Reading*

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution adopting and supporting the ideals, principles, and concepts of Vision Zero for the City of Cleveland Heights, and affirming that the acceptable number of annual traffic deaths is zero.

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights prides itself on being a walkable city with sidewalks on almost all City streets; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights is also a Bicycle Friendly Community with many sharrows and bike lanes around the City; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights also has transit service provided by the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and University Circle (UCI); and

WHEREAS, all users of Cleveland Heights roadways are vulnerable to accidents; and

WHEREAS, “roadway” includes streets, roads, lanes, courts, alleys, trails, bikeways, sidewalks, multipurpose paths, bicycle lanes, pedestrian crossings, or other improvements, structures, infrastructures, appurtenances, or improvements within or adjacent to the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, the overarching goal of the Vision Zero movement is that the acceptable number of annual traffic deaths is zero, and this Council believes that such a goal is appropriate and attainable, as has been demonstrated in other cities around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights’s award-winning Complete and Green Streets Policy is compatible with Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, studies and history show that traffic crashes and collisions are often the result human error and that many such traffic crashes and collisions might be avoided, mitigated, or ameliorated by the application of roadway design and engineering practices recognizing human error as such a cause; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its various Departments, can prioritize the goal of zero traffic fatalities in the planning of future projects, facilities, or operations where there is a foreseeable potential of one or more traffic-related fatalities by implementing the roadway design plans and engineering practices that underlie Vision Zero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

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SECTION 1. This Council hereby adopts Vision Zero for the City of Cleveland Heights, with the goal of achieving zero annual traffic fatalities in the City.

SECTION 2. This Council authorizes and directs the City Manager to have City Departments cooperate and coordinate to prioritize the goal of zero traffic fatalities in the planning of future projects, facilities, or operations where there is a foreseeable potential of one or more traffic-related fatalities by using the roadway design and engineering practices underlying Vision Zero.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be so interpreted or construed as to create any liability or strict liability upon the City where none has previously existed, nor shall any person be entitled to pursue any case in law or equity seeking to impose such a liability where none has heretofore existed.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time possible permitted by law.

JASON S. STEIN
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: