



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Rich Olson, City Manager

**DATE:** May 17, 2016

**REF:** Consideration – Adoption of Resolution Requesting Study by NCDOT

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***BACKGROUND:***

As a part of the Preyer Avenue speed limit discussion conducted by the Council during the May 9, 2016 meeting, several Council members expressed their concerns regarding speeding in other areas of the City. Councilman Walton voiced his worry for ECSU students who must walk across and along the NCDOT highways near campus. He stated that he would like to request NCDOT to perform a speed study on Halstead Boulevard from Peartree Road to Edgewood Drive and on Herrington Road from Halstead Boulevard to the new bridge to determine if the speed limits should be decreased for the safety of the students. Members of the City Council agreed and voted unanimously in support of Councilman Walton's motion to request the study.

***BACKGROUND:***

City Manager Olson informed the Council that NCDOT requires adoption of a resolution by the governing body in order to request studies of this nature. Staff has prepared a resolution (attached) for the Council's review and action. Once adopted, City staff will forward the resolution to NCDOT. If NCDOT agrees to do the work, the Council should expect a minimum of four months' time before the results of the study are known.

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

By motion, adopt the attached resolution requesting that NCDOT conduct a feasibility study on decreasing the speed limits on Herrington Road and a portion of Halstead Boulevard from Peartree Road to Edgewood Drive and instruct staff to forward same to NCDOT as soon as possible.

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**RESOLUTION #2016-05-\_\_\_\_\_**  
**REQUESTING THAT THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON DECREASING THE SPEED LIMITS**  
**ON HERRINGTON ROAD AND A PORTION OF HALSTEAD BOULEVARD**

**WHEREAS**, Halstead Boulevard from its intersection with Peartree Road to its intersection with Edgewood Drive is heavily travelled by local and through traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, Herrington Road from its intersection with Halstead Boulevard to South Road Street is a favorite route for motorists travelling from the south of the City to and through the downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, both of these roads intersect and are adjacent to Elizabeth City State University, shopping and residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Elizabeth City Council members have taken notice of motor vehicles speeding in excess of the posted speed limits on these roads and share great concern for the safety of university students who must cross Halstead Boulevard to and from their residences at Viking Village, as well as all other students who frequently walk and ride bicycles in this immediate area.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina respectfully requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation perform speed limit feasibility studies on these two sections of roadway to determine if the existing speed limits warrant a decrease for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

**READ, CONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, during which a quorum was present held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Joseph W. Peel  
Mayor

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Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC  
City Clerk