

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
2 **COUNTY OF DEKALB**
3 **CITY OF LITHONIA**

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5 **ORDINANCE NO.** 2022-01-01

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7 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF**
8 **LITHONIA, GEORGIA BY AMENDING SECTION 5-1510 SPEED LIMITS IN**
9 **CHAPTER 15 (TRAFFIC) TO REDUCE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON SWIFT**
10 **STREET BETWEEN THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS AND BORN STREET; TO**
11 **INCREASE FINES; TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; TO**
12 **PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS;**
13 **TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR**
14 **OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.**

15 **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Lithonia, Georgia (“City”) is the Mayor
16 and Council thereof; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to
18 adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs, and local government; and

19 **WHEREAS**, speeding on Swift Street between the present city limits and Born Street has
20 become a safety hazard to pedestrians and surrounding residents; and

21 **WHEREAS**, a reduction in traffic speed from thirty-five (35) to twenty-five (25) miles
22 per hour would greatly increase safety to motorists and pedestrians; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to increase fines for speed limit violations.

24 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITHONIA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS,**
25 **AS FOLLOWS:**

26 **SECTION 1:** That the City Council is authorized to reduce the posted speed limit on
27 Swift Street between the present city limits and Born Street from thirty-five (35) to twenty-five
28 (25) miles per hour by adopting the provisions set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a
29 part by reference.

30 **SECTION 2:** That the signage reflecting the above speed limit reduction shall be
31 updated by the Department of Public Works within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this
32 Ordinance.

33 **SECTION 3:** That the City Council is authorized to increase fines for violations of the City's
34 speed limit by adopting the provisions set forth below:

<u>Speed Limit</u>	<u>Fine</u>
6-10 miles over	\$25.00 to \$100.00
11-14 miles over	\$200
15-18 miles over	\$250
19-23 miles over	\$300
24-33 miles over	\$1,000

35 Speed fines for school zone violations at (3) three times the fine amount.

36 **SECTION 4:** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this
37 Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of the conflict.

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39 **ORDAINED** this 7th day of Feb., 2022.

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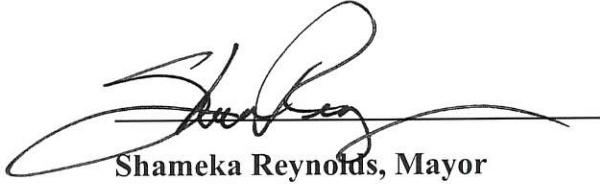
77 **EXHIBIT A**

78 Section 5-1510. Speed limits.

79 Twenty-five miles per hour shall be the maximum speed for vehicles being operated within the
80 city limits, except as follows:

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- 82 a. In parks, fifteen miles per hour.
 - 83 b. On streets adjoining school property, during school days, twenty miles per hour.
 - 84 c. On College Avenue from Randall Avenue to and including the intersection with Stone
85 Mountain Street, during school days, twenty miles per hour.
 - 86 d. At railroad grade crossings for railroad trains fifteen miles per hour.
 - 87 e. ~~On Swift Street between the present city limits and Born Street, Main Street between the~~
88 ~~city limits and Johnson Street, Rock Chapel Road between the city limits and Church~~
89 ~~Street, Stone Mountain Street between the city limits and Ida Street, thirty-five miles per~~
90 ~~hour.~~
 - 91 e. f. On streets so designated and marked by the Chief of Police, such maximum speeds as are
92 reasonable and proper, but not to exceed twenty ~~thirty~~-five miles per hour, and not less
93 than five miles per hour, as determined by the Chief of Police upon the basis of
94 engineering and traffic surveys, taking into consideration and having due regard that such
95 speeds shall be a safe rate of speed but yet expedite the flow of traffic, and also
96 considering the amount and type of traffic, surface, contour, intersections and width of
97 the street, and any other similar conditions affecting traffic. A public record of such
98 maximum and minimum speed designations, carefully indexed, shall be maintained at all
99 times in the office of the City Clerk and Chief of Police, and the certificate of the Chief
100 of Police bearing the approval of the Mayor to such speed shall be deemed the maximum
101 and minimum speed on such street.
 - 102 f. g. On streets adjoining property used for religious services, during the regular hours of
103 worship, twenty miles per hour.
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CITY OF LITHONIA, GEORGIA


Shameka Reynolds, Mayor

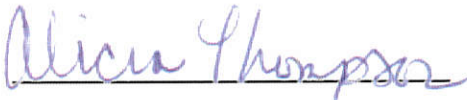
ATTEST:





Robinette Blount, City Clerk

APPROVED BY:



City Attorney