COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-53

For the September 12, 2024
Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker

Supported by: Council President Pride and Councilpersons Greene, Mills, McManus and Wright

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THAT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON NORTHFIELD ROAD (STATE ROUTE 8) FOR ALL AREAS APPLICABLE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Northfield Road is a State Route and also known as State Route 8 and travels north-south in the Village of Highland Hills, from the Village southern municipal boundary with Warrensville Heights to near the Village northern municipal boundary with Shaker Heights, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is authorized by statute to maintain and establish appropriate speed limits on this route, and

WHEREAS, ODOT establish a forty (40) miles per hour (MPH) speed limit in about 1968 when State Route 8 traveled through the predecessor of the Village of Highland Hills known as Warrensville Township, and

WHEREAS, During that time, up to about 1995, there were very few if any changes along State Route 8 in the Village, such that the area was mainly rural with no businesses or sidewalks and no homes on the east side of the road, and

WHEREAS, After incorporation of the Village, since about 1995 to the present, there have been substantial changes including construction of several office buildings, a church, a school, a fire house and a round-a-bout, and

WHEREAS, After discussions with the Village Engineer and representatives of ODOT, the Village determined that it would be in the best interest of the Village to request a reduction in the speed limit on this stretch of the State Route within the Village of Highland Hills boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO:

Section 1: Council hereby requests that ODOT reduce the speed limit on State Route 8 within the

municipal boundaries of the Village of Highland Hills or so much of the road that in the opinion of ODOT merits a reduction in speed limit. Council requests that the speed be reduced to 35 MPH for most of the road but that on approach to the round-a-bout at the northern end, that the speed limit be reduced to 25 MPH or that signage be posted to recommend a reduced speed to 25 MPH before entering the round-a-bout

Section 2: The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed send a certified copy of this ordinance to appropriate representatives of ODOT District 12.

Section 3:   Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Highland Hills and for the orderly operation of the Police Department, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage, otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this _12th_ day of _September_, 2024.

First Reading ✓____   Second Reading _____   Third Reading _____

Vote: Pride ✓ yea __ nay   Greene ✓ yea __ nay   Mills ✓ yea __ nay

McManus ✓ yea __ nay   Wright ✓ yea __ nay

Cassandra Pride   9/12/24
Cassandra Pride   Date
President of Council

Attest: _Margaret Sikon_   9/12/24
Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council   Date

Filed with the Mayor: _____ 9/13/24
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Approved By: _____ 9/13/24
             Michael L. Booker, Mayor   Date

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