

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-12-070 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

9-12-070 Speed limits.

(a) As used in this section, "urban district" shall have the meaning ascribed to the term in Section 1-214 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, codified at 625 ILCS 5/1-214.

(b) The ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of Section 11-601 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, codified at 625 ILCS 5/11-601, shall be applicable on all streets within and under the jurisdiction of the city City. The absolute statutory urban speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour in streets and 15 miles per hour in alleys. The absolute statutory nonurban speed limit shall be 55 miles per hour. In accordance with Section 11-604 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, codified at 625 ILCS 5/11-604, and upon the basis of engineering and traffic investigations of the streets within urban districts under the jurisdiction of the City, the City has determined that the maximum speed limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, codified at 625 ILCS 5/11-601, is greater than is reasonable or safe with respect to the conditions found to exist along the streets within urban districts under the jurisdiction of the City. The City Council hereby determines and declares that, unless some other speed restriction is established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or by a speed regulation ordinance adopted prior to January 1, 2026, a reasonable and safe absolute maximum speed limit is: (1) 25 miles per hour on all streets within urban districts under the jurisdiction of the City; (2) 15 miles per hour in alleys under the jurisdiction of the City; and (3) 55 miles per hour on all and streets outside urban districts and under the jurisdiction of the City. In addition to any fines or other penalties provided by statute or by this Code, any person found operating a vehicle in excess of the limits stated herein shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$300.00 for the first offense, and not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$500.00 for the second offense, and not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for the third and each subsequent offense within a given three-year period. A person violating this section shall also be subject to the community service requirements imposed by Section 1-4-120 of the this Code. A person whose violation of this section results in a fatality may be subject to the imposition of felony charges by the state's attorney State's Attorney.~~

~~(b) (c) Where the commissioner of transportation Commissioner has determined on the basis of an engineering or traffic investigation that the statutory speed limits established in subsection (b) of this section are greater or less than is reasonable or safe with respect to the conditions found to exist along any part of any roadway street, the urban speed limits speed limit may be increased, but not in excess of 55 miles per hour within an urban district, and or may be diminished decreased, but not to less than 20 miles per hour within an urban district, and the nonurban speed limit may be diminished, but not to or less than 35 miles per hour outside an urban district, when such determination is approved by an ordinance of the city council City Council. Such ordinance altering speed limits~~

(d) A speed limit established pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall be enforceable when appropriate signs giving notice of the limit are erected at the proper places along the affected roadway or highway street or part thereof.

SECTION 2. After passage and publication, this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel La Spata". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'L'.

Daniel La Spata
Alderman, 1st Ward