

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 SERIES OF 2021

COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-1475  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Safety, Housing, and Homelessness

5 A BILL

6 **For an ordinance reducing the speed limit on streets and highways where speed**  
7 **limits are not posted.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, a study commissioned by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure finds  
10 faster traffic speeds on our streets contributes to more, and more serious collisions, some of which  
11 result in serious injury and death;

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**  
14 **DENVER:**

15 **Section 1.** That section 54-157, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by deleting the language stricken  
16 and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

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18 **Sec. 54-157. - Unposted speed limits.**

19 Where speed limits are not posted, and where no special hazard exists, the following speed  
20 shall be lawful, but any speed in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is  
21 not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful:

- 22 (1) Fifteen (15) miles per hour in alleys;  
23 (2) ~~Twenty (20)~~ Fifteen (15) miles per hour on park roadways;  
24 (3) ~~Twenty-five (25)~~ 20 miles per hour on streets and highways.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: December 1, 2021  
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: December 7, 2021 Consent  
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 20, 2021

4 *Stacie Filmore* - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR *M. B.* Dec 23, 2021

6 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_;

11 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: September 10, 2021

12 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the  
13 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
14 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §  
15 3.2.6 of the Charter.  
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17 Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney

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19 BY: *Jonathan Griffin*, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Dec 9, 2021