

ORDINANCE 2001-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE BELLE MEADE CODE.

WHEREAS,

1. The Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade have been concerned for a period of years about the safety of pedestrians, walkers, joggers, bicycle riders and others using Belle Meade Boulevard.
2. In this connection, in 1999, the Commissioners created the Boulevard Safety Committee, which held a number of meetings and conducted an extensive study into the overall subject of safety on the Boulevard.
3. Based upon the recommendations of the Boulevard Safety Committee, the Commissioners have now created a new Committee, known as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Committee, and employed a consulting firm to work with it, to recommend appropriate measures to improve the safety of walkers, joggers, bicycle riders and others utilizing Belle Meade Boulevard and other public streets within the City of Belle Meade.
4. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Committee has also held a number of meetings, including three public meetings, and has under consideration a number of suggestions and proposals for the improvement of safety on the public streets throughout the City of Belle Meade.
5. Although the Committee has not finished its work or presented its final recommendations, a number of serious concerns have been advanced by many citizens, which clearly have merit, some of which the Commissioners believe should be addressed now even before the Committee completes its work. Among others these concerns include:
 - a) There is concern about the excessive speed of vehicles traveling on Belle Meade Boulevard. A Resolution, addressing this concern and reducing the speed limit on Belle Meade Boulevard, was adopted at the March meeting of the Commissioners
 - b) There is a real need for additional sidewalks in the City on the Boulevard and on a number of the side streets throughout the City, a concern that the Commissioners hope to address when they receive the Committee's final report.
 - c) There is much concern about the frequency of people walking or jogging infant children in baby carriages, strollers and/or in bicycle-drawn carts on Belle Meade Boulevard in heavy

traffic, a concern which the Commissioners believe they should address immediately.

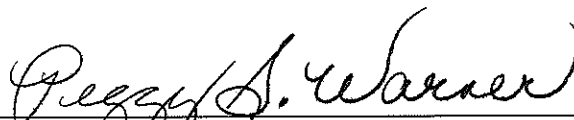
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title 15 of the Belle Meade Code is amended by adding the following additional section:

"Section 15-126. Baby Carriages, Strollers and Bicycle- Drawn Carts Prohibited on Belle Meade Boulevard. Excepting only designated cross-walks at intersections and the necessary distance between a resident's home and the nearest intersection, the practice of people walking and jogging infant children in baby carriages, strollers and/or through the use of bicycle-drawn carts on the paved surface or shoulders of Belle Meade Boulevard is strictly prohibited."

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days following its passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING:
March 14, 2001.



Mayor Peggy S. Warner

PASSED ON SECOND READING:
April 11, 2001



City Recorder Dorothy L. Wheeler