

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	June 18, 2007
Action Required:	Adopt Ordinance
Presenter:	Jeanie Alexander, P.E.
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Additional \$200 Speeding Fine Signs</b>

**Background and Discussion:**

Virginia Code Section 46.2-878.2 allows local governments to develop criteria for the installation of signs indicating an additional \$200 fine beyond other penalties provided by law. Generally, the road must be within a residence district; have a functional classification of minor arterial, collector or local street; and experience documented speeding problems. The VDOT Board of Supervisors Manual 2007 provides additional guidance that the posted speed limit must be 35 mph or less.

**Alternatives:**

Approximately 30 roads were considered for implementation of the additional speeding fine sign. Those recommended for the initial phase of implementation were determined based on the following criteria.

- Functional classification of local, collector or minor arterial. Principal arterial roadways were not considered based on the Code of Virginia.
- Length of 300 feet or greater.
- Land Use or Zoning of property adjacent to the road 75% or more residential – meeting the definition of a residence district.
- Ineligibility for traffic calming due to either functional classification or grade of the road.
- Data indicating that a speeding problem exists.

Based on the criteria above the following roadways are recommended for installation of the additional speeding fine sign.

- Old Lynchburg Road (City Line to JPA)
- Rugby Avenue (Rugby Road to Bypass)
- Elliott Avenue (Monticello Avenue to Ridge Street)
- Avon Street (City Line to Monticello Avenue)
- Brandywine Drive (Hydraulic Road to Yorktown Drive)
- Altavista Avenue (Monticello Avenue to Avon Street)

Maps illustrating the locations of these roads are attached.

The police department has reviewed the recommended locations and is in agreement that they are

appropriate.

**Budgetary Impact:**

Minimal - for sign installation. Cost is approximately \$25 per sign.

**Recommendation:**

Adopt Ordinance for the **first phase** of implementation including the six roads suggested above to be in place September 1<sup>st</sup>. Evaluate these roads after a six month trial period and determine their effectiveness and whether signs should be installed on additional streets.

**Process for future implementation**

Formal requests are to be made to traffic engineer to assess whether a road meets the criteria outlined in the ordinance. If met, traffic engineer recommendation for installation of signs.

**Attachments:**

Data Table

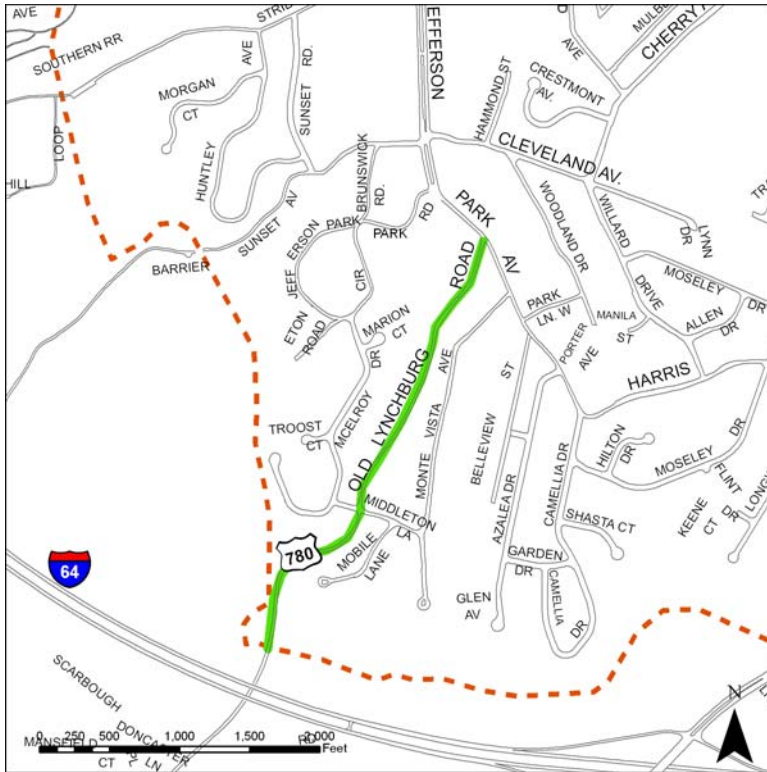
Maps of Recommended Roads

Functional Classification Map

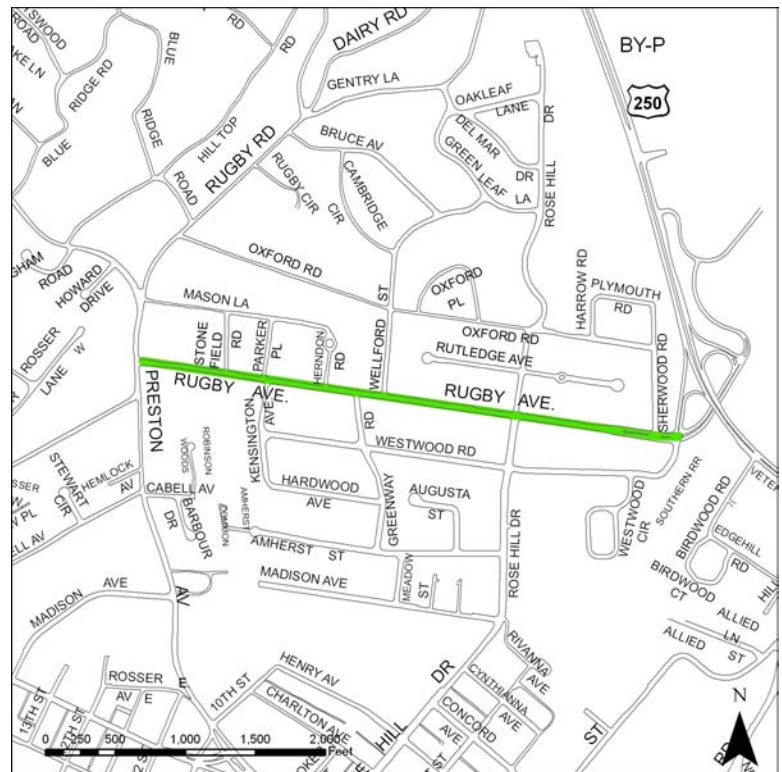
### Additional Speeding Fine Sign Data by Roadway

Roadway	Functional Classification	% Frontage Zoned Residential	% Frontage Residential Land Use	Posted Speed Limit	85th Percentile Speed
Old Lynchburg Road (City Line to JPA)	Collector	100	88	25	43
Rugby Avenue (Rugby Road to Bypass)	Collector/Minor Arterial	100	97	25	38
Elliott Avenue (Monticello Avenue to Ridge Street)	Minor Arterial	91	68	25	41
Avon Street (City Line to Monticello Ave)	Minor Arterial	63	75	25/35	51
Brandywine Drive (Hydraulic Road to Yorktown Drive)	Collector	100	100	25	38
Altavista Avenue (Monticello Avenue to Avon Street)	Local	100	95	25	41

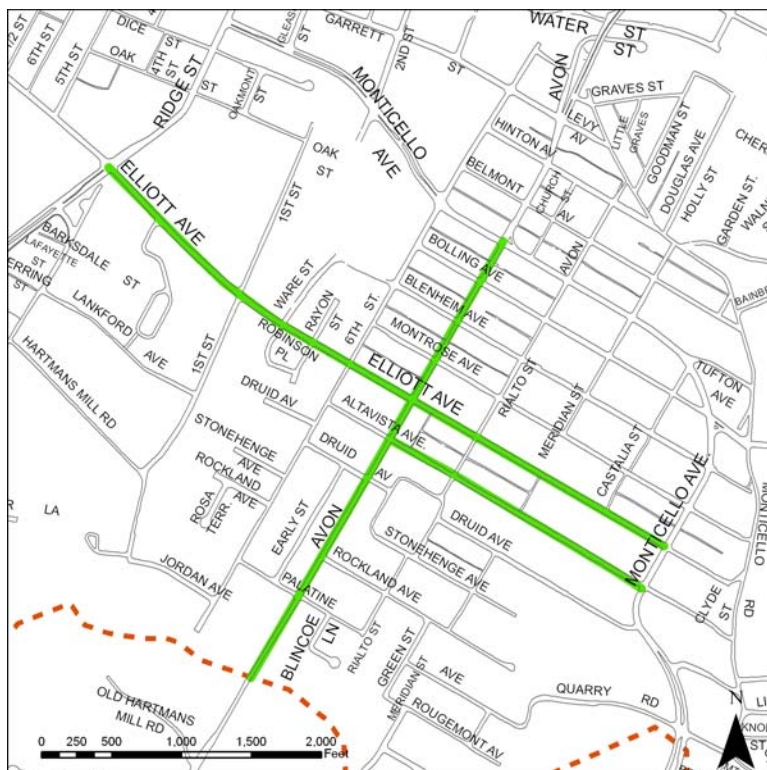
**Old Lynchburg Road**



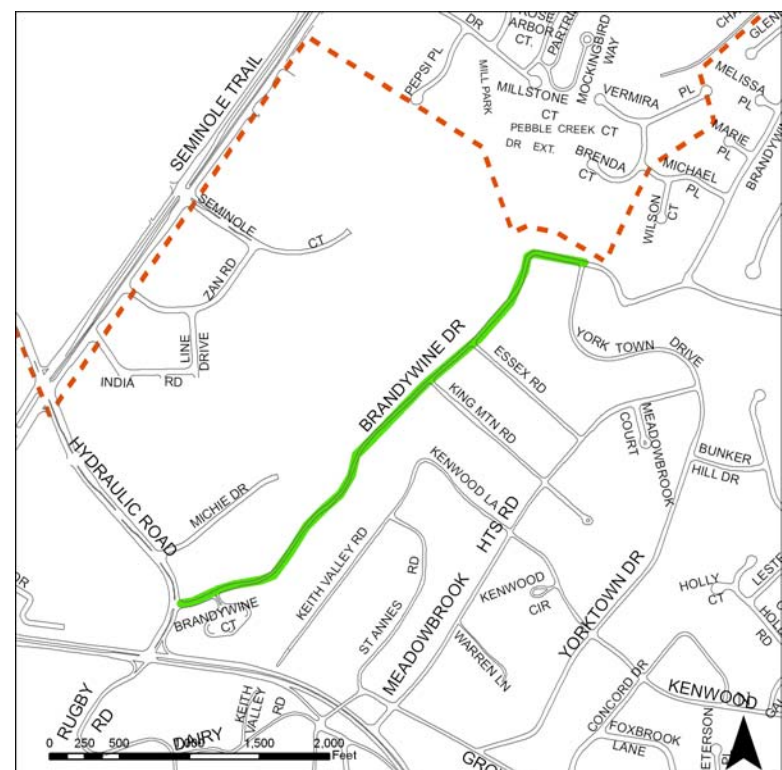
**Rugby Avenue**



**Elliott Avenue, Avon Street  
and Altavista Avenue**



**Brandywine Drive**



**AN ORDINANCE  
ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 15  
TO BE NUMBERED SECTION 15-101, RELATING TO  
ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR SPEEDING ON  
CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL STREETS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that there is hereby added to Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles) of the Charlottesville City Code, 1990, as amended, the following Section 15-101:

**Sec. 15-101. Enhanced penalties for speeding on certain designated residential streets.**

(a) Pursuant to § 46.2-878.2 of the Code of Virginia any person who operates a motor vehicle in excess of the maximum posted speed limit established for any portion of the streets or highways listed in paragraph (c) below, on or after the effective date, shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a pre-payable fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), in addition to other penalties provided by law. The maximum speed limit and the penalty for speeding violations shall be displayed on appropriately placed signs on the designated streets. No portion of the fine shall be suspended unless the Court orders 20 hours of community service.

(b) The criteria for the designation of streets that will be subject to the increased penalty for speeding shall include the following:

- (1) The street or highway is located in a residence district as defined in §46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia;
- (2) The street or highway has a functional classification of minor arterial, collector or local street;
- (3) The portion of the street or highway subject to the penalty has a length of not less than 300 feet;
- (4) At the time of designation pursuant to this ordinance, the City Traffic Engineer, or her designee, has determined that a speeding problem exists on the street or highway, as documented by data demonstrating that motorist regularly exceed the posted speed limit by at least 10 miles per hour.

(c) The following streets or highways, having been found to satisfy the criteria of paragraph (b), are hereby subject to the fine imposed by paragraph (a) herein:

Effective as of September 1, 2007:

- (1) ***Old Lynchburg Road*** from the City of Charlottesville corporate limits to the intersection with Jefferson Park Avenue;
- (2) ***Rugby Avenue*** from Rugby Road to the U.S. Route 250 Bypass;
- (3) ***Elliott Avenue*** from Monticello Avenue to Ridge Street;
- (4) ***Avon Street*** from the City of Charlottesville corporate limits to the intersection with Monticello Avenue;
- (5) ***Brandywine Drive*** from Hydraulic Road to the intersection with Yorktown Drive;
- (6) ***Altavista Avenue*** from Monticello Avenue to Avon Street.