

Several ordinances relevant to traffic safety were read for the second time in front of the Knoxville City Council at their meeting on [Tuesday, December 14](#). Bike Walk Knoxville was proud to advocate in favor of these ordinances, and is glad to see all the thoughtful discussion among Council members working to make the best possible decisions for our community.

An Ordinance to amend the Knoxville City Code, Chapter 17, Article VI, Division 1, § 17- 262 to lower the unposted speed limit on City roadways by five miles per hour.

With the unanimous passage of this ordinance, the Knoxville City Council lowered the speed limit to 25 MPH on roads where there is not a posted speed limit. Bike Walk Knoxville supports this important step because we understand that as speed increases, so do the chances of fatality or serious injury from a collision. Lowering speeds makes our streets safer, especially for vulnerable roadway users like cyclists, pedestrians, children, the elderly, and people of color. It also serves as a vital step in achieving the goals set forth by the Vision Zero Knoxville Resolution, and we look forward to seeing the City implement a strong public education campaign around traffic safety.

An Ordinance to amend the Knoxville City Code, Chapter 17, Article VI, Division 1, § 17- 263 to eliminate the required minimum speed limit on City roadways.

The passage of this ordinance eliminated the restriction that prohibited Engineering from setting speed limits below 25 MPH on City roadways. This step allows Engineering the freedom and flexibility to implement speed limits that are the best choice for the roadway in question. A valuable tool in the toolbox of Engineering to help design streets for safety, Bike Walk Knoxville applauds City Council on unanimously passing this ordinance.

An Ordinance to amend Chapters 16, 17, and 20 of the Knoxville City Code in order to establish a permit and associated regulations for shareable personal micromobility vehicles and systems.

With the Pilot Program for e-scooters in Knoxville rapidly approaching its expiration, the passage of this ordinance was extremely important to ensure that Personal Mobility Vehicles (PMVs) are safely regulated in our community. While we understand that many people have their reservations about e-scooters, we also know that many folks in our community love using them to get around and have fun while doing so. We strongly encourage everyone to wear a helmet while operating any PMV. We are glad to see the ordinance pass, and look forward to e-scooters becoming a stronger mobility option in our community.