AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15, TITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING," CHAPTER 5, TITLED "SPEED REGULATIONS," SECTION 15-502, TITLED "SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION (3) REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS FOR SCHOOL ZONE SPEED VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, there are approximately eleven (11) school zones within the City Limits of Oak Ridge with speed limits ranging from 15 mph to 20 mph; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students, school personnel, and other persons present during school zone speed limit hours of operation, the City desires to prevent a school zone speed limit violator’s ability to keep a conviction for the offense from being reported to the Tennessee Department of Safety through deferment or diversion of the citation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Title 15, titled “Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking,” Chapter 5, titled “Speed Regulations,” Section 15-502, titled “School zone speed limits,” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is hereby amended by creating a new subsection (3), which new subsection shall read as follows:

Sec. 15-502. School zone speed limits.

(3) For speeding violations occurring during school zone speed limits, the City shall not defer imposition of judgment or allow the defendant to enter into a diversion program, including but not limited to a driver education training course, that would prevent such defendant’s conviction for the violation from appearing on the person’s driving record with the Tennessee Department of Safety.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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