



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Brandon Mundy, Public Works
Superintendent- Environmental
Services, Streets & Traffic

MEETING DATE: June 1, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

TITLE OF ITEM: Amendments to City Code to Remove Play Street Designation – *Brandon Mundy, Public Works Superintendent- Environmental Services, Streets & Traffic*

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

I move City Council to adopt *An Ordinance of the City Of Hendersonville City Council to Provide for the Safety of Hendersonville Residents by Removing the Play Street Designation from the Code of Ordinances* as presented.

SUMMARY: The Code of Ordinances has had a provision for the designation of “play streets” since at least 1971, however, current safety practices advise against these designations.

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), a national organization that conducts transportation research, advises that “non-uniform signs such as “CAUTION—CHILDREN AT PLAY,” “SLOW—CHILDREN,” or similar legends should not be permitted on any roadway at any time,” and any such sign should be removed promptly.

The NCDOT has a transportation engineering policy statement that states: “Children Playing warning signs are not approved for use on the State Highway System right of way. These signs tend to promote a false sense of security for the children and encourage them to actually play in the roadway, since traffic is warned of their presence.”

For these reasons, the Public Works Department is proposing to remove the “play street” designation from the Code of Ordinances.

ATTACHMENTS:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE