



# Town of Southern Shores

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RESOLUTION 2021-05-02

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9 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
10 TRANSPORTATION TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT ALONG A PORTION OF NC HIGHWAY 12  
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13 **Whereas** Safety on NC 12 is always a concern of the Town of Southern Shores,  
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15 **Whereas** the Town of Southern Shores has an interest in the safety and well-being of both  
16 pedestrians and vehicle drivers and passengers utilizing NC State Highway 12; and  
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18 **Whereas** The population in the Town of Southern Shores is increasing year-round and NC 12  
19 traffic at or over capacity even during non-vacation season: and  
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21 **Whereas** There have been numerous documented crashes related to pedestrians and bicyclists; and  
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23 **Whereas** Lowering the speed limit to 35 MPH on NC 12 within the Town Limits is important to  
24 the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists as well as vehicles: and  
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26 **Whereas** the North Carolina Department of Transportation controls and administers traffic  
27 regulations and speed limits through established policies and best engineering practices along  
28 North Carolina State Highway 12 in the Town of Southern Shores, NC; and  
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30 **Whereas** the speed of vehicles travelling NC State Highway 12, especially during low-light times  
31 of the mornings, late afternoons, and evenings, is a concern for the safety of large numbers of  
32 pedestrians seeking to cross the highway travelling to and from the beach; and  
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34 **Whereas** a majority of the 18 crosswalks on NC State Highway 12 in Southern Shores are not  
35 “signalized” and are located in “mid-block” areas between the state highway’s intersection width,  
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37 **Now, Therefore,** the Southern Shores Town Council does hereby resolve that the North Carolina  
38 Department of Transportation is requested and urged to lower the speed limit along NC State  
39 Highway 12 throughout the Town limits to 35 mph, install signage and/or lighting focusing on  
40 pedestrian safety, allow for longer pedestrian crossing times, repaint faded crosswalks and treat the  
41 NC 12 corridor as a major pedestrian and vehicular corridor with special, and additional steps that  
42 could be taken to enhance pedestrian safety and still keep vehicular traffic moving in a safe,  
43 though slightly slower mode.  
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46 This the 18th day of May 2021.

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Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

Attest:

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Sheila Kane, Town Clerk