

Ordinance 250927: Prohibiting Right Turns on Red Signals in School Zones

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Goal of Ordinance 250927

- Strengthen traffic safety for children traveling to and from school
- Tailor the policy to high-risk times allowing for targeted enforcement

Key Components

- Prohibits any right turn on red signals within designated school zones during hours when school zone speed limits are in effect
- Director of Public Works to place signage at all affected intersections through tiered approach within one year
- Allows for schools to apply for waiver if hinders school pick-up or drop-off

Implementation of Signage

- Notification to schools at least 30 days prior to signage
- Tiered Priority System
 1. Elementary Schools: High-injury, 3+ signals, documented safety concerns
 2. All remaining elementary; Middle Schools: High-injury, 3+ signals
 3. All remaining middle; High Schools: High-injury, 3+ signals, any other remaining school zones

Implementation Timeline and Reporting

- Tier 1: 180 days
- Tier 2: 270 days
- Tier 3: One year

Reporting deadlines coincide with implementation deadlines listed

Waiver Process

- Director of Public Works can grant a waiver if a school can demonstrate that:
 - The prohibition materially hinders the school's pick-up or drop-off operations; and
 - Alternative traffic management measures have been considered and are insufficient to address operational concerns; and
 - The waiver would not compromise student pedestrian safety.



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Thank you,

Questions?