

**REQUEST FOR HOME RULE REQUEST PERTAINING TO REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT IN
DOWNTOWN NIAGARA FALLS**

BY:

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WHEREAS, §1634 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law concerning speed limits on highways in cities and villages provides that no such speed limit applicable throughout such city or village or within designated areas of such City or Village shall be established at less than 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls believes that a lower speed limit in the downtown Niagara Falls area would make the area more pedestrian and bicycle friendly and would assist visitors to the City of Niagara Falls in finding their way around from one attraction to another; and

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls is respectfully requesting that the State of New York Senate and Assembly introduce companion bills that would authorize and empower the City of Niagara Falls to lower the speed limit to not less than 25 miles per hour in its downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the downtown area is described as follows:

COMMENCING in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York;

The TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING is the point of intersection of the westerly right of way of John B. Daly Boulevard and the southerly right of way of Buffalo Avenue;

THENCE, leaving westerly along the southerly right of way of Buffalo Avenue, proceeding until its intersection with the easterly edge of Riverside Drive;

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THENCE, leaving southerly and westerly along the Boundary of Riverside Drive until its intersection with the westerly boundary of Holly Place;

THENCE, leaving westerly along the line of land appropriated by and for the People of the State of New York in 1885, now known as Niagara Falls State Park, then following said property boundary westerly and northerly, proceeding until its intersection with the northerly right of way of Niagara Street;

THENCE, leaving easterly along the right of way of Niagara Street, proceeding until its intersection with the westerly right of way of Rainbow Boulevard;

THENCE, leaving northerly along the westerly right of way of Rainbow Boulevard, proceeding until its intersection with the northerly right of way of Main Street;

THENCE, leaving northeasterly along the northerly right of way of Main Street, proceeding until its intersection with the westerly right of way of Whirlpool Street;

THENCE, leaving northerly along the westerly right of way of Whirlpool Street, also abutting along the line of land appropriated by and for the People of the State of New York, proceeding until its intersection with the easterly right of way of Third Street;

THENCE, leaving southerly along the easterly right of way of Third Street, proceeding until its intersection with the northerly right of way of Pine Avenue;

THENCE, leaving easterly along the northerly right of way of Pine Avenue, proceeding until its intersection with the easterly right of way of Main Street;

THENCE, leaving southwesterly along the easterly right of way of Main Street, proceeding until its intersection with the easterly right of way of Fourth Street;

THENCE, leaving southerly along the easterly right of way of Fourth Street, proceeding until its intersection with the northerly right of way of Niagara Street;

THENCE, leaving easterly along the northerly right of way of Niagara Street, proceeding until its intersection with the westerly right of way of John B. Daly Boulevard;

THENCE, leaving southerly along the westerly right of way of John B. Daly Boulevard, proceeding until its intersection with the southerly right of way of Buffalo Avenue, being also the POINT OF BEGINNING.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York does hereby respectfully request that the New York State Senate and Assembly submit companion bills authorizing the City of Niagara Falls, New York to reduce the speed limit to a speed limit not less than 25 miles per hour in the downtown area of Niagara Falls, New York as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly.

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