

RESOLUTION NO. 2934

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND ADOPTING VISION ZERO AS THE CITY'S TRAFFIC AND ENGINEERING POLICY AND ESTABLISHING A VISION ZERO TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Charter (SC11-2) gives the City charge of all public ways of the City, excepting those under State or County jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury desires to pursue an end to traffic fatalities and serious injuries within the City's limits; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that all people have a fundamental right to safe and equitable transportation networks via foot, bicycle, transit or automobile; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that there are no traffic "accidents" and that every traffic-derived collision, injury or fatality is preventable; and

WHEREAS, it is the express goal of the City to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by January 1, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the most effective way to prevent traffic fatalities is to work at the systemic level of the transportation system by improving corridors and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is an internationally recognized and proven way to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt Vision Zero as the City's Traffic and Engineering Policy for all public ways in the City for which the City has jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that a Task Force could be helpful in advising the City and overseeing all Vision Zero efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Task Force shall collect, analyze and act on crash and street data in order to prepare the Vision Zero Action Plan and recommend policy related to Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Task Force may consist of members from the following organizations:

- City of Salisbury Mayor and Administration
- City of Salisbury Department of Infrastructure and Development
- City of Salisbury Department of Field Operations
- City of Salisbury Police Department
- City of Salisbury Fire Department
- City of Salisbury Department of Information Services
- City of Salisbury Housing and Community Development Department
- City of Salisbury Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee
- City of Salisbury Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Maryland Department of Transportation – State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation – Maryland Highway Safety Office
Maryland State Police
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office
Salisbury University
Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

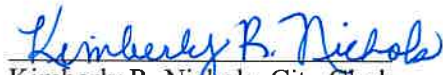
WHEREAS, the Council requires that the City of Salisbury Vision Zero Action Plan be presented to Council by the Director of the Infrastructure and Development Department and adopted no later than July 1, 2020 with the Plan subsequently updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Infrastructure and Development Department shall make a yearly progress report to Council in an open forum prior to July 31st every year, beginning in July 2020.

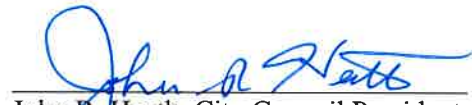
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND that for the purposes and reasons hereinabove set forth, the City of Salisbury adopts Vision Zero as the City's traffic and engineering policy and establishes a Vision Zero Task Force.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on this 8th day of April 2019 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

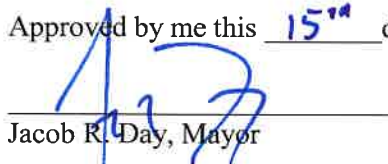


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk



John R. Heath, City Council President

Approved by me this 15th day of APRIL 2019.



Jacob R. Day, Mayor



To: Julia Glanz, City Administrator
From: Amanda Pollack, P.E., Director of Infrastructure and Development **AP**
Date: March 20, 2019
Re: Resolutions to adopt Vision Zero and establish a Task Force

As discussed at the March 18, 2019 City Council work session, the Department of Infrastructure and Development supports the adoption of Vision Zero as the City's Traffic and Engineering Policy. The City has received support from both MDOT-SHA District 1 and MDOT-MVA. Vision Zero prioritizes system-wide safety over speed and throughput. Vision Zero principals are based on National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) guides for engineering best practices.

Attached is a resolution to adopt Vision Zero as the City's Traffic and Engineering Policy and to establish a Task Force. The resolution establishes the goals of ending traffic fatalities and serious injuries by January 1, 2030 and to have a Vision Zero Action Plan adopted by July 1, 2020. Additionally, annual progress reports will be due to Council in July of each year.

The Department of Infrastructure and Development supports the creation of a Vision Zero Task Force to direct the City's Vision Zero efforts and coordinate actions with the City's jurisdictional partners. Vision Zero is a complex policy that crosses between various City departments and will necessitate working with our partner agencies, such as Maryland Department of Transportation-State Highway Administration, Maryland State Police, Salisbury University and others. Due to the level of coordination, it is imperative that a Task Force be formed to oversee the effort. We recommend that the Task Force be have flexibility in its organization so that it can work with as many partner agencies as are willing to participate. The Task Force will be asked to review and assist with the Vision Zero Action Plan and the annual progress reports. Additionally, the Task Force will be asked to provide a recommendation on any future legislation such as speed limit reduction or eliminating free right turns.

Unless you or the Mayor has further questions, please forward a copy of this memo and the resolution to the City Council.