

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Ordinance Amending City Code to Define School Zones for all Schools and Reflect their Current Names (2nd reading)
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Issue

Ordinance to update and amend City Code related to the definition of City school zones to ensure all City school zones are defined consistently with state law, including updating names of recently renamed City schools.

Background / Rule

A review of the City Code Section associated with the definition of City school zones found that several City school zones were not included in the City Code as required by state law, which could cause issues with the legality of enforcement and safety. The first step of updating this City Code Section requires that Charlottesville City Schools identify and request which City school zones should be protected under the City Code. The Charlottesville City School Board passed a Resolution on October 9, 2025, requesting this City Code amendment.

Analysis

Some City schools have changed names since the last time this section of the City Code was updated. The current City Code only mentions Clark Elementary, Venable Elementary, Jackson-Via Elementary, and Greenbrier Elementary Schools as places where there are school zones. This City Code Section needs to be updated to include all City schools in the City, adding Tall Oaks Elementary, Charlottesville Middle, and Charlottesville High Schools. Recently renamed City schools, including Summit Elementary (formally Clark), Trailblazer (formally Venable), and Sunrise (formally Burnley-Moran), would have their names updated in City Code to reflect their new names.

Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact from adopting the attached Ordinance that would update the City Code definitions of school zones. Doing so does provide the Safe Routes to School Program the ability to add improved City school zone signage in enforceable City school zone locations.

Recommendation

City NDS Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Ordinance supporting the amending of the current City Code to include existing City school zones and the creation of all possible new City school zones.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move adoption of the attached Ordinance amending the City code to include existing City school zones and the creation of all possible new City school zones."

Attachments

1. ORD_2025 School Zones Amendment

2. Resolution To Amend The City Code Regarding School Zones_Resolution Document-Approved at the October 9, 2025 SB Meeting