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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: G. Chris Brown, City Attorney
DATE: August 1, 2016
RE: Enacting Section 6-1-27 Crossing Intersections diagonally

Summary: Enact new Section 6-1-27 which permits crossing intersections diagonally under certain circumstances.

Background: The City has several intersections, mostly around the JMU area, such as Grace Street and South Main, at which pedestrians are permitted to cross the intersection diagonally. Under Virginia Code Section 46.2-923, in order to permit such diagonal crossings, the governing body of the locality must specifically provide for such crossings. The new Section 6-1-27 follows the language contained in state law and permits pedestrians to cross an intersection diagonally when all traffic entering the intersection has been halted by lights, other traffic control devices, or by a law enforcement officer.

Key Issues: Permit pedestrians to cross intersections diagonally under certain circumstances.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Actions: N/A

Alternatives: (a) approve Section 6-1-27
(b); or
(c) Do not approve the Section

Community Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends passing the attached Section 6-1-27 in order to legally permit diagonal crossings at certain intersections.

Attachments: New section 6-1-27

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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