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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Geoffrey F. Green
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-----Original Message-----

From: Geoffrey F. Green [mailto:geoff@stuebegreen.com]
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:37 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: In support of right-turn-on-red ordinance

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Council members:

I'm writing in support of the right-turn-on-red item that is on Council agenda this Wednesday. It's quite a tribute that we're even at this point where so many people walk that the Town is considering giving people priority at 16 intersections. All of downtown Chapel Hill is walkable, and even the parts outside of downtown are much more walkable than most North Carolina communities. And we've made great progress on building a network of facilities that support people on foot and bicycling. It's something we do and should take pride in.

We all know there is so much more to do, and it's tough because so much of the state government's transportation spending goes towards roads. Fortunately, the Town has stepped up. There are some great projects in the works like the Estes Drive Connectivity Project which this Council has consistently supported.

There are also lots of little things that the Town can do as well. Enacting this right-turn-on-red ordinance is one such opportunity. The proposal eliminates right-turn-on-red at selected intersections with high levels of pedestrian activity and/or serious safety challenges. For me in particular, It will free up the Hamilton Road intersection which I pass when I bike home from work where I often have to stop in the middle of the road because a car is blocking the sidepath entrance. By making it so distracted drivers aren't trying to shoot through gaps in traffic, while paying little heed to people walking, Town Council will be making it safer for people who want to go downtown to eat or shop or work, and everyone who wants to get around our Town on foot, by bike, or using transit without making traffic worse.

Town staff has demonstrated this will have only a small impact on vehicular traffic, and the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board has twice in three years provided their unanimous support for the proposal. It's a good idea whose time has come.

Thank you in advance for your support of this measure.

Geoff Green
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From: Martin Johnson [mailto:martinlouisjohnson@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:41 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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Hi—

I am a Chapel Hill resident, and wish to add my name to the list of people in support of the proposed ordinance that will forbid right turn on red in select intersections in Chapel Hill.

I moved to Chapel Hill from Brookline, Mass., where almost all intersections with stoplights prohibit right turn on red and, furthermore, allow for pedestrian traffic to cross in all directions when the walk sign is on. (This is similar to the intersection of Cameron and Columbia). This small change made me, as a pedestrian with young children, feel considerably safer in the street. When walking, we could enjoy our environment—collecting sticks, spotting cats and dogs, and greeting neighbors—instead of having to constantly worry, as I do in places that allow cars to enter intersections when the walk sign is on, that a car might hit us when we are in a crosswalk.

As a college town, with many pedestrians and cyclists, Chapel Hill should be a place that places priority on the people who live, work, and attend school here, not the cars and trucks who are only passing through town in route to elsewhere. My understanding is that this ordinance is years in the making, and focuses on eliminating right on red turns in just a few key intersections throughout town. While I would support banning right on red at all intersections with stoplights downtown (for example, the intersection of Ransom and Cameron is particularly dangerous), I think this is an important first step.

All the best,

Martin Johnson

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From: Alison Stuebe [mailto:alison.stuebe@gmail.com]
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Subject: Supporting the right-turn-on-red ordinance

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Council members:

I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed right-on-red ordinance. I've lived in Chapel Hill for 11 years. I commute from Meadowmont to UNC by bus and bicycle, and I frequently bike up to Franklin Street on weekends. As a cyclist and a pedestrian, I have extensive first-hand experience with cars veering into intersections in an effort to turn right on red. At the end of my work day, I bike down Raleigh Road, and I've often had to dismount from my bike to get around a car that's pulled out across the access to the bike path at the Hamilton Road intersection. The proposed ordinance would mitigate these risks at the busiest interactions for walkers and cyclists.

This proposal aligns directly with the town's strategic goals and objectives, including Environmental Stewardship: Reduce carbon footprint, Connected Community: Increase connectivity between walking, bicycling, and multi-modal networks to reduce amount of driving needed to get around Chapel Hill, and Safe Community: Invest in facilities and infrastructure that support public safety.

The proposed changes are simple, low cost changes that will improve the health and wellbeing of walkers and cyclists in our town. I urge you to enact this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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From: Jeanette Coffin
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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: right on red ordinance

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Town Council,

I strongly support the proposed ordinance prohibiting right on red at several intersections near downtown Chapel Hill and the University.

However, the map published on chapelboro.com shows that the intersection of Pittsboro St. and Cameron Ave. is not among those to be regulated. I believe that is a serious oversight.

Pittsboro and South Columbia streets function as a pair near their Cameron Road intersections, each conducting one-way traffic in the opposite direction. The Cameron & South Columbia intersection is marked to be regulated, but the Cameron & Pittsboro intersection is not. This is both illogical and dangerous.

I work at UNC Chapel Hill and commute daily by bicycle along South Columbia and Pittsboro streets. When I turn left from Cameron onto Pittsboro on my commute home in the evening, I turn left into the bicycle lane on a green arrow that gives me the right of way. Nonetheless, I must frequently must dodge vehicles turning right on red across my path, because they somehow don't notice bicycles even headed right at them.

This intersection endangers me every day, but on Sept. 19, 2018 I had such a close call that I contacted the Chapel Hill police about it. I got back an email from Lieutenant Scott Taylor saying:

"Thank you for your concern over the well-being of the pedestrians and cyclists. We regularly work this area. We conduct crosswalk and cyclist initiatives under the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program called Watch for Me NC. We will continue to spend larger amounts of time in that area because we know there is a higher volume of interactions there. We will continue to watch for aggressive and inattentive drivers in those areas, so we can stop them and take appropriate actions. I hope this helps ease your mind."

In the year since that email, I have not seen a single police car or police officer monitoring that intersection, and I continue to have dangerous close calls. Needless to say, my mind has not been eased.

Please pass the ordinance, and please expand it to cover the Cameron Ave & Pittsboro St intersection.

Thank you,
Sheila Kannappan

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From: Jeanette Coffin
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Subject: In support of restricting right turns on red

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Greetings! In advance of tomorrow's council meeting, I'm writing to express my support for the ordinance that would restrict right turns on red for motorists at specific intersections in Chapel Hill. This is a simple, low-cost

improvement for people walking (and bicycling) that should have minimal impact on motorized traffic. A slight delay at one intersection is likely made up later in the driver's trip. Plus, our town should value pedestrian safety above general concerns about "traffic."

Concern about motorist non-compliance is not a good reason to not try this strategy. Motorists already roll through crosswalks during their red signal phase while only looking left before completing their right turn without ever coming to a complete stop. Let's give this strategy a shot!

Sincerely,
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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to support the the proposal to prohibit right-turn-on-red at 16 intersections throughout Chapel Hill. I believe this is a concrete and relatively simple measure that can improve safety for everyone.

I live in the Glen Lennox neighborhood and am so fortunate to live in such a walkable community -- with one car, our family of four is able to more than adequately meet our transportation needs because of the wonderful public transit, pedestrian, and bike infrastructure that exists in the area.

However, this means that we witness the hazards at the intersection at Hamilton Rd and Raleigh Rd several times a day. Although Glenwood does not have a required walk zone, my children and dozens of others choose to walk through that intersection to and from school because it is a wonderful way to spend time with family, get exercise, be outside, and have time to prepare for the school day. I also commute to and from UNC by bus and bike. When walking home from the bus stop, I frequently am crossing the street with the pedestrian walk signal while cars move into the intersection to make a right turn -- they have only looked left toward oncoming traffic, and not right toward the pedestrians. Last week I was so close I could touch the moving car and the driver never even looked in my direction. This isn't done maliciously -- often drivers will roll down their windows to apologize for inadvertently driving into the pedestrian crossing during the walk signal. Prohibiting right turns at the red light creates a mechanism to prevent these events from happening.

Likewise, it is just as hazardous for cyclists. I frequently bike down the hill and make a left turn into Glen Lennox, but on the occasions I have continued straight through the intersection to enter the bike path, I was appalled at how difficult it was to get to the path because of the cars blocking the intersection preparing to make a right turn.

I thank you all for all you do to make our community such a fantastic place to live and work. I love that you and the Town of Chapel Hill are such strong supporters of bus, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure to help reduce traffic and the need for parking, and to build healthier and happier communities.

Again, I urge you to support the right-turn-on-red ordinance, a low-cost intervention that will significantly improve safety.

Sincerely,
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