

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered by Comm. _____ and seconded by Comm.

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- WHEREAS The City of Plymouth is home to two CSX Railroad lines, a North - South Line and A East – West Line, and
- WHEREAS The City is also home to a major CSX Railroad switch yard which allows trains to “park” as well as switch travel directions, and
- WHEREAS Under federal railroad rules the trains must blow their horns in advance of approaching A railroad grade crossing or vehicle crossing, and
- WHEREAS Citizens approached the City Commission requesting that the City implement Railroad Quiet Zones in the City and these Quiet Zones under federal rules would not eliminate train horn noise, and
- WHEREAS The City Commission did establish a City Commission Goal in 2014 and 2015 to Determine the necessary framework including cost commitments, insurance Requirements, financial plans and ongoing long term responsibilities of the City that Would be required to determine if the City can safely and responsibly implement Federal Railroad Administration approved Quiet Zone designations for all crossings In the City, and
- WHEREAS The City has conducted significant research into the cost commitments, insurance Requirements, financial plans and ongoing long term responsibilities of the City as It relates to the possibility of safely and responsibly implementing Railroad Quiet Zones, and
- WHEREAS There have been reports posted on the City’s web site and there has been public Discussion at City Commission meetings related to the City’s efforts on this topic, And,
- WHEREAS On June 17, 2015 the City Commission reported in a public meeting the results of the City’s efforts on Railroad Quiet Zones.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby determine the following Findings:

- Railroad Quiet Zones will not eliminate train horn noise in the Plymouth Community
- Wayside Horns will introduce another noise in the community
- The facts confirm that liability may attach to the City at all train intersections ONLY IF the City implements Quiet Zones
- The Cap on Damages for train accidents is \$200,000,000.00 (two hundred million dollars) and the cost to insure Quiet Zones will likely exceed \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars) per year
- The Cost to implement Quiet Zones will likely exceed \$4,000,000.00 (four million dollars), plus costs for utility relocations, right of way acquisitions, and other undetermined costs.
- It will take several years to fully design, implement and construct Quiet Zones in the City.
- It is estimated that the cost to maintain new Quiet Zones will add new annual costs to the City that are anticipated to be at least \$50,000 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT based on the findings of the City Commission as well as the City reports issued in the Public Meeting of June 17, 2015 the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby determine that Railroad Quiet Zones shall NOT be implemented in the City at this time.