A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF [CITY NAME] ESTABLISHING A CRASH ANALYSIS STUDIO PROCESS FOR LEARNING FROM SERIOUS TRAFFIC CRASHES

WHEREAS, the safety of every person who travels on our streets — whether walking, bicycling, or driving — is a fundamental responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, fatal and serious traffic crashes cause immeasurable harm to individuals, families, and communities, and represent one of the most significant preventable causes of death and injury in [the United States of America/Canada]; and

WHEREAS, most communities, including our own, have processes for responding to serious crashes through emergency services, law enforcement investigation, and claims management, but lack a structured process for learning from them; and

WHEREAS, other fields — including medicine, aviation, and public health — have demonstrated that structured review of serious adverse events leads to meaningful improvements in safety over time; and

WHEREAS, a Crash Analysis Studio is a structured, multidisciplinary process for examining the factors that contribute to serious crashes, identifying opportunities to improve safety, and documenting lessons that can inform future decisions; and

WHEREAS, a Crash Analysis Studio is not an investigation, does not assign fault or determine legal liability, and is intended to complement rather than replace existing investigative and legal processes; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that every serious crash has something to teach us, and that communities which commit to learning from tragedy make better decisions, build safer streets, and develop a stronger culture of safety over time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of [City Name] that:

1. The City hereby establishes a Crash Analysis Studio process as a standard practice for reviewing fatal and serious traffic crashes occurring within the City.
2. The purpose of the Crash Analysis Studio process is to identify contributing factors related to street design, operations, maintenance, policy, and other conditions, and to inform actions that may improve safety and prevent future tragedies.
3. The [City Manager/Administrator] or designee is directed to establish procedures for implementing the Crash Analysis Studio process, including criteria for selecting crashes for review, assembling a Crash Response Team, convening Studio sessions, and documenting and sharing findings.

4. Findings and recommendations produced through the Crash Analysis Studio process shall be shared with the City Council and made available to the public.
5. The City Council shall periodically receive updates on the findings of completed Studios and the status of recommended actions.
6. The City is committed to conducting Crash Analysis Studios consistently and to using what is learned to inform future decisions about street design, operations, maintenance, and policy.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, [year].

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Mayor

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City Clerk