

RESOLUTION NO. 20-XXXX

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF OLATHE, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, “Complete Streets” are defined as public rights-of-way that are safe, comfortable and convenient for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and persons of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olathe, Kansas (the “City”) has long pursued provisions for pedestrians, bicyclists, persons of all ages and abilities, in addition to vehicular traffic, within its public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets promote public health and welfare through increased opportunities for walking, bicycling, and use of public transit by encouraging more physical activity and providing for a comprehensive, integrated and connected transportation network within the City; and

WHEREAS, the livability of neighborhoods and the economic development of the City and surrounding areas are greatly enhanced by implementing certain Complete Street principles that address a variety of social and community issues such as traffic congestion, quality of life, public health; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the City establish a policy with respect to Complete Streets, so that those principles can be incorporated into the public street project design, development and construction process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OLATHE, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: The following policies and procedures regarding Complete Streets (this “Policy”) are hereby adopted:

(A) That to the extent reasonable and practical, all public streets that are newly constructed or reconstructed within the City, whether privately or publicly financed, will be constructed as Complete Streets.

(B) That any facilities proposed to meet the intent of this Policy will be designed in context with the land uses and physical characteristics of the surrounding area.

(C) That aesthetic treatments will be considered as a part of all projects in consultation with the Chief Planning and Development Officer and the Parks and Recreation Director, or their designees.

SECTION TWO: Complete Street construction shall include to the extent reasonable and practical:

(A) Ensuring provisions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons of all ages and abilities, as follows:

(1) Along public streets, including provisions for crossing public streets and private drives or streets, where appropriate;

(2) Across interchanges with freeways and other highways;

(3) Across bridges over highways, waterways and railroad facilities; and

(4) To interconnect with activity centers and residential areas with parks, trails and open space.

(B) Working with Johnson County Transit to identify existing and potential locations for transit stops and working to ensure that pedestrians and bicyclists can conveniently and safely access transit vehicles at those locations.

SECTION THREE: The following will be excluded from this Policy:

(A) Normal maintenance activities, including mowing, cleaning, sweeping, pothole repair, chip-seal and slurry-seal operations, and other regular maintenance.

(B) Projects involving a public street where bicyclists and pedestrians are expressly prohibited by law. In such cases, the City shall consider alternate provisions, where appropriate and feasible.

(C) Areas where extreme topographic or natural resource constraints prevent the installation of some facilities. In such cases, the City shall consider alternate provisions, where appropriate and feasible.

(D) In cases where the project is a public or private street under the control of another entity.

(E) When the cost of the provision is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use.

SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body this _____ day of _____, 2020.

SIGNED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney