

**CITY OF LESLIE
ORDINANCE NO. 202**

To add Chapter 75, "Complete Streets Ordinance" to the Code of Ordinances, City of Leslie, Ingham County, Michigan

PREAMBLE

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 75 ("COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE") WHICH IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIVING, REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND DEPENDENCE ON FOSSIL FUELS, AND IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LESLIE BY PROVIDING SAFE, CONVENIENT AND COMFORTABLE ROUTES FOR MULTIPLE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WALKING, BICYCLING, PERSONAL VEHICLES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF LESLIE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the City of Leslie Complete Streets Ordinance.

SECTION 2. ADDITION OF CHAPTER 75. Chapter 75 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Leslie, Michigan is amended by adding a New Chapter 75 entitled "Complete Streets Ordinance".

SECTION 3. ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE 1 under Chapter 75 entitled "In General" to include a new Section 75-1 entitled "Purpose" to read as follows:

Sec. 75-1 **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to regulate and control the subdivision of land within the corporate limits of the city, in order to promote the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare for walking, bicycling, and public transportation and encourage increased use of these modes of transportation, enable convenient travel as part of daily activities, improve the public welfare by addressing a wide array of health and environmental problems,

and meet the needs of all inhabitants of the city of the streets, including children, older adults, and people with disabilities; to provide a means for carrying out the city's responsibilities relative to the division of land under the laws of this state; to provide for the orderly growth and harmonious development of the city consistent with the comprehensive development plan and the zoning ordinance; to secure adequate traffic circulation to the streets and highways; to insure adequate provisions for water, drainage, sanitary sewer facilities, and other health requirements; to achieve the maximum utility and livability on individual lots; and to provide logical procedures for the achievement of these purposes.

SECTION 4. ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 75-2 under Article 1 of Chapter 75 entitled "Definitions". For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein, and are based out of the language in P.A. 134 of 2010 and P.A. 135 of 2010:

Complete Streets Infrastructure means design features that contribute to a safe, convenient, or comfortable travel experience for users, including but not limited to features such as: sidewalks; shared use paths; bicycle lanes; automobile lanes; paved shoulders; street trees and landscaping; planting strips; curbs; accessible curb ramps; bulb outs; crosswalks; refuge islands; pedestrian and traffic signals, signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities; public transportation stops and facilities; transit priority signalization; traffic calming devices.

Street Project means the construction, reconstruction, retrofit, or alteration, and includes the planning, design, approval, and implementation processes, except that "Street Project" does not include maintenance such as cleaning, sweeping, mowing, spot repair, or interim measures on detour routes

Users mean individuals that use streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

SECTION 5. ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 75-3 UNDER CHAPTER 75 entitled "Infrastructure design to ensure safe travel" to read as follows:

75-3 Sec. INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN TO ENSURE SAFE TRAVEL

- (a) The Director of Public Works shall make complete streets practices a part of everyday operations, shall approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public and private streets and the transportation network for all users, and shall work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve complete streets.
- (b) Every street project on public or private streets shall be designed to incorporate complete streets infrastructure sufficient to enable reasonably safe travel along and across the right of way for all categories of users; provided, however, that such infrastructure may be excluded, upon written approval by the Director of Public Works, where documentation and data indicate that:
 - (1) Use by non-motorized users is prohibited by law;
 - (2) The cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use over the long term;
 - (3) There is an absence of current or future need; or
 - (4) Inclusion of such infrastructure would be unreasonable or inappropriate in light of the scope of the project.
- (c) As feasible, the City of Leslie shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets to improve the safety and convenience of users, construct and enhance the transportation network for each category of users, and do so through engaging non-traditional partners such as Leslie Township, Leslie Public Schools, other educational institutions, other community groups, public safety departments, Ingham County, and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.
- (d) If the safety and convenience of users can be improved within the scope of pavement resurfacing, re-striping, or signalization operations on public or private streets, such projects shall implement complete streets infrastructure where feasible to increase safety for users.
- (e) The Director of Public Works shall review all proposed revisions to all appropriate land use plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates, and design manuals, including the comprehensive plan of the City of Leslie, Safe Routes to School Programs, etc.,

and recommend measures to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all street projects on public and private streets.

- (f) In design guidelines, the engineer shall develop and review standards to incorporate complete streets infrastructure, such as bicycle lanes, sidewalks, street crossings, and planting strips.

SECTION 6. ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 75-4 UNDER CHAPTER 75
entitled "Data collection, standards, and public input" to read as follows:

75-4 Sec. DATA COLLECTION, STANDARDS, AND PUBLIC INPUT

- (a) The Director of Public Works shall collect data measuring how well the streets of the City of Leslie are serving each category of users.
- (b) The Director of Public Works shall put into place performance standards with measurable benchmarks reflecting the ability of users to travel in safety and comfort, i.e. a lighting study.
- (c) The Director of Public Works shall establish procedures to allow public participation in policy decisions and transparency in individual determinations concerning the design and use of streets.
- (d) The Director of Public Works may make additional regulations pertaining to complete streets and is hereby authorized to issue, subject to approval of the City Council, all rules and regulations consistent with this chapter.
- (e) All initial planning and design studies, health impact assessments, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for projects requiring funding or approval by the City of Leslie shall: (1) evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and (2) identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified.
- (f) An assessment will be presented by the Director of Public Works to the City Council within a year of the date of passage of this Ordinance regarding: the steps taken to implement this Ordinance; additional steps planned; and any recommended actions which may be taken by the City Council or other agencies or departments to implement the steps taken or planned.

(g) The engineer is charged with the drafting and review of policies to implement the complete streets practices by: (i) addressing short-term and long-term steps and planning necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users; (ii) assessing potential obstacles to implementing complete streets practices in City of Leslie; (iii) if useful, recommending adoption of policies containing additional steps; and (iv) proposing revisions to the comprehensive plan, zoning and subdivision codes, and other applicable law to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all street projects. The Commission shall report on the matters within its purview to the City Council.

SECTION 7 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 75-5 UNDER CHAPTER 75
entitled "Limitation of Liability" to read as follows:

75-5 Sec. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Nothing in this ordinance authorizes any City agency to impose any duties or conflict with limitations on municipal authority established by federal or state law at the time such agency action is taken.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption and publication as required by law.

Certified to be a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council for the City of Leslie at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of July, 2012.


Denae L. Davenport
Leslie City Clerk