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**ORDINANCE NO. 6591**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ABERDEEN AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 12.02 TO THE ABERDEEN MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, designing streets that provide safe mobility for all travelers, not just motor vehicles, is at the heart of a new approach to envisioning and building surface transportation facilities known as "complete streets";

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Complete Streets Coalition, established in 2005, complete streets are those designed and operated to enable safe access and travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, and travelers of all ages and abilities;

**WHEREAS**, adoption of a "complete streets policy" will provide city planners and engineers with clear direction to develop on-the-ground solutions that promote multi-modal transportation;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the federal Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities (a joint endeavor involving the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) support the development of "complete streets";

**WHEREAS**, the Aberdeen Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended adoption of a "Complete Streets Policy" that promotes active living, good health, and tourism;  
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN:**

**SECTION 1. NEW CODE CHAPTER ADOPTED.** The following chapter 12.02 "Complete Streets Policy" is hereby added to the Aberdeen Municipal Code:

**12.02.010 Purpose.**

The city of Aberdeen shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction, retrofit or reconstruction projects. Cost-effective

opportunities to include complete streets practices shall be identified by the city as part of the standard operations and maintenance of city streets.

**12.02.020 Exceptions.**

Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and people of all abilities are not required to be provided when:

- A. A documented absence of current or future need exists;
- B. Nonmotorized uses are prohibited by law;
- C. Routine maintenance of the transportation network is performed that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping and spot repair;
- D. The cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses;
- E. In instances where a documented exception is granted by the mayor.

**12.02.030 Complete streets infrastructure.**

The city shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets, as feasible, to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Aberdeen that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities, ensuring a fully connected, integrated network that provides transportation options. "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, including countdown and accessible signals; signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities; public transportation stops and facilities; transit priority signalization; traffic calming devices such as rotary circles, traffic bumps, and surface treatments such as paving blocks, textured asphalt, and concrete; narrow vehicle lanes; raised medians; and dedicated transit lanes.

**12.02.040 Goals to foster partnerships.**

It is a goal of the city of Aberdeen to foster partnerships with all Washington State transportation funding agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Federal Highway Administration, Grays Harbor County, Aberdeen School District, citizens, businesses, interest groups, neighborhoods, and any funding agency to implement the complete streets ordinance.

**12.02.050 Best practice criteria.**

The mayor or the mayor's designee shall modify, develop and adopt policies, design criteria, standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction, and operations including but not limited to the latest editions of American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Institute of

Transportation Engineers (ITE) and National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) while reflecting the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments and enhance the appearance of such.

**12.02.060 Performance standards.**

The city of Aberdeen shall adopt performance standards with measurable benchmarks to continuously evaluate the complete streets ordinance for success and opportunities for improvement. Performance standards may include transportation and mode shift, miles of bicycle facilities or sidewalks, public participation, number of ADA accommodations built, and number of exemptions from this policy approved.

**SECTION 2. PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY.** The Finance Director is authorized and directed to publish the attached summary in lieu of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, signing, and publication.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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Erik Larson, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
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Kathryn Skolrood, Finance Director