

ORDINANCE 1792

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL
CODE CHAPTER 12.26 ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS
PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON.**

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan was updated by the adoption of Resolution 17-2012 to set the framework in place for ensuring that transportation projects accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance adopting Complete Streets legislation compliments the update of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan in moving the City forward towards implementation of a non-motorized Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Burlington Community Task Force has taken the first steps towards identifying the Street Design Standards that will vary depending on location, and making sure that the goals are integrated into the program, and

WHEREAS, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, 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, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has found measurable improvements to pedestrian safety from Complete Streets that combined sidewalks, raised medians, better bus stop placement, traffic-calming measures, and accommodations for people with disabilities, and bicycle safety studies show that the addition of well-designed, on-road bicycle lanes reduces the incidence of crashes by approximately 50%, and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and public transportation use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted by the City Council and it is concluded that adoption of the Complete Streets ordinance is necessary and good for the health, safety and public welfare of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Burlington Municipal Code Chapter 12.26 is hereby adopted to read as follows:

**Chapter 12.26
Complete Streets**

Sections:

Section 12.26.010 Complete Streets

Section 12.26.020 Exceptions

12.26.010 Complete Streets

The purpose of the Complete Streets Program is to plan for, design and construct all City transportation project to provide appropriate accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and persons all abilities in comprehensive and connected networks.

12.26.020 Exceptions

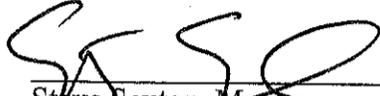
Facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided:

- A. Where their establishment would be contrary to public safety;
- B. Where there is no identified long-term need; or
- C. Where the Public Works Director grants a documented exception which may only be authorized in specific situations where conditions warrant. Such site-specific exceptions shall not constitute general changes to the standards set in BMC 12.26.010.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

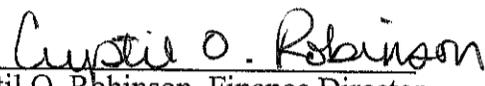
INTRODUCED AND PASSED and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council this 26th day of November, 2013.

THE CITY OF BURLINGTON



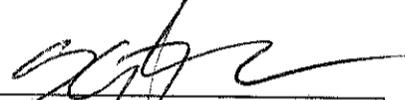
Steve Sexton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Crystil O. Robinson, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott G. Thomas, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk:	11/20/2013
Passed by the City Council:	11/26/2013
Signed by the Mayor:	11/27/2013
Published:	12/02/2013
Effective Date:	12/07/2013