

**CITY OF CLE ELUM**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1455**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLE ELUM,  
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING CLE ELUM MUNICIPAL  
CODE 10.36 RELATING TO COMPLETE STREETS  
POLICY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND  
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” mean roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers improved health benefits for the population and makes Cle Elum a more livable community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington legislature has passed “Complete Streets” legislation that encourages the Washington State Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all users in transportation-related projects; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the national Safe Routes to Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cle Elum recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage, and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLE ELUM, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. CEMC 10.36 (Complete Streets Policy), Established. Cle Elum Municipal Code Section 10.36 (Complete Streets Policy) is hereby established to read as follows:

**10.36 Complete Streets Policy**

**10.36.010 Purpose.**

**10.36.020 Exceptions.**

**10.36.030 Complete Streets Infrastructure.**

**10.36.040 Goals to Foster Partnerships.**

**10.36.050 Best Practice Criteria.**

**10.36.060 Performance Standards.**

**10.36.010 Purpose.**

The City of Cle Elum 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. Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the city of Cle Elum shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include complete streets practices.

**10.36.020 Exceptions.**

Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and/or 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.

**10.36.030 Complete Streets Infrastructure.**

As feasible, Cle Elum shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Cle Elum 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.

**10.36.040 Goals to Foster Partnerships.**

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

**10.36.050 Best Practice Criteria.**

The mayor or 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.

**10.36.060 Performance Standards.**

The city of Cle Elum shall put into place 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. Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

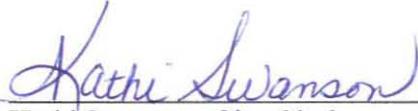
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON  
THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2016.

CITY OF CLE ELUM



Jay McGowan, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Kathi Swanson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

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