

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ORDINANCE NO. 5691

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND
ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 13.20 TO THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City has been an advocate for healthy living through planning and constructing complete street elements, to provide safe and convenient access to all users of its right-of-way, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed complete street legislation that encourages local governments to formally establish complete streets policy by ordinance, and to consider all users in transportation-related projects; and

WHEREAS, adopting a complete streets ordinance reinforces the City of Kennewick's commitment to promoting complete streets elements of walking, bicycling, access to transit, and streetscape aesthetics; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new chapter 13.20 is hereby added to the Kennewick Municipal Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 13.20

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

SECTION:

- 13.20.010: Title
- 13.20.020: Guiding Principle
- 13.20.030: Implementation
- 13.20.040: Exceptions
- 13.20.050: Intergovernmental Cooperation
- 13.20.060: Design Criteria and Application
- 13.20.070: Performance Measures

13.20.010: Title: This chapter shall be known as the City of Kennewick complete streets policy. (Ord. 5691 Sec. 1 (part) 2017)

13.20.020: Guiding Principle: The City of Kennewick promotes and embraces healthy living for its residents and visitors, and desires to construct and enhance complete street facilities for the safe and balanced accommodation of travelers of all ages, abilities and financial resources,

including pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users, public transportation users, motorists, freight haulers and emergency responders. (Ord. 5691 Sec. 1 (part) 2017)

13.20.030: Implementation:

(1) All transportation projects contemplated in the City, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and new development will incorporate complete streets elements wherever practical and appropriate, including sidewalk and pedestrian safety projects, street lighting, bicycle facilities, public transportation accommodations, signage and pavement markings, and streetscapes. All transportation projects are opportunities to create safer, more accessible streets for all users.

(2) Special emphasis will be placed on complete streets elements that provide access and a connected transportation network in areas of schools, parks and recreation, public transportation, employment centers, shopping/commercial areas, and existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle networks.

(3) The City will incorporate complete streets principles into all planning efforts, such as the City's Comprehensive Plan, and plans involving parks and recreation, bicycle routes, sidewalks, pathways and public transportation. (Ord. 5691 Sec. 1 (part) 2017)

13.20.040: Exceptions: Exceptions to this ordinance may be determined by the City Council, City Manager, or Public Works Director under the following circumstances:

- (1) Where not enough space exists to accommodate improvements.
 - (2) Where no known current or future need exists.
 - (3) Where the cost would be disproportionate to the need or probable use, compared with the total project cost.
 - (4) Where equivalent alternative accommodations exist within close proximity.
 - (5) Where contrary to public safety, or prohibited by law.
 - (6) Where accommodations would have adverse environmental impacts to streams, wetlands, floodplains, historical structures or sites, steep slopes or other sensitive or critical areas.
 - (7) Where the project length is short, creating transition or continuity issues, or not of overall benefit to network connectivity.
 - (8) Where routine maintenance and repair projects do not change the street geometry or operations.
 - (9) At the discretion of the City Council, City Manager, or Public Works Director.
- (Ord. 5691 Sec. 1 (part) 2017)

13.20.050: Intergovernmental Cooperation: The City will coordinate the implementation of complete street elements with neighboring cities, Benton County, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Benton-Franklin Council of Governments and Ben Franklin Transit, ensuring a seamless and continuous transportation network for all users between jurisdictions. (Ord. 5691 Sec. 1 (part) 2017)

13.20.060: Design Criteria and Application: The City will develop, maintain and update design criteria, standards and guidelines based on recognized best practices for the implementation of complete street elements, and apply a context sensitive approach to each individual project, complementing the character of the surrounding environment and community.

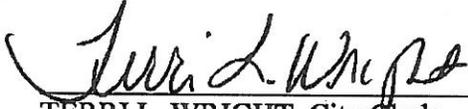
13.20.070: Performance Measures: On an annual basis, the Public Works Director will report on the transportation projects completed in the prior year, and those planned for the coming year, and the complete street elements that are contained in the projects. Such elements may include amounts of sidewalks, paths, bicycle lanes, public transportation facilities and streetscape added to the City's transportation system. (Ord. 5691 Sec. 1 (part) 2017)

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, this 18th day of April, 2017, and signed in authentication of its passage this 18th day of April, 2017.



DON BRITAIN, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



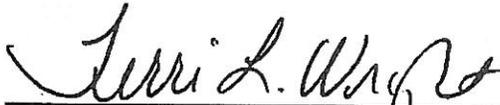
TERRI L. WRIGHT, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 5691 filed and recorded in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Kennewick, Washington this 19th day of April, 2017

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TERRI L. WRIGHT, City Clerk

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