

ORDINANCE NO. 1139

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 12.40 TO THE LAKE FOREST PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park is committed to public safety, improved mobility, accountable governance, healthy creeks and community vitality as stated in the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plan goal for Mobility calls for providing, maintaining and enhancing a safe, accessible and integrated mobility system, emphasizing bicycle, walking, safe streets and transit connectivity, consistent with the character of Lake Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Complete Streets Coalition, "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; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan sets transportation goals for expanding intermodal transportation connections (including walking, bicycling, driving/park & rides, and transit), improving safety for non-motorized transportation and expanding non-motorized transportation access, and creating a sustainable funding plan for constructing and maintaining an adaptive multi-modal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Policy LU-6.3 states "Recognize that the character of public rights-of-way play a role in determining community character. Wherever feasible, promote complete streets and incorporate streetscape improvements, such as wayfinding signs, lighting, public art, enhanced landscaping, and street furniture to enhance community character;" Policy T-2.7 states "Aim for complete streets designs for the safety of all modes. Install separators for bikes/pedestrians/cars in appropriate locations;" and Policy T-4.3 states "Fund 'complete streets' and pathways, while also maintaining existing infrastructure"; and

WHEREAS, the City has incorporated into or annexed a substantially built-out street system that was largely built without uniform street standards; and

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NEW CODE CHAPTER ADOPTED. The following chapter 12.40 “Complete Streets Policy” is hereby added to the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code:

**Chapter 12.40
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

Sections:

- 12.40.010 Purpose.
- 12.40.020 Exceptions.
- 12.40.030 Complete streets infrastructure.
- 12.40.040 Goals to foster partnerships.
- 12.40.050 Best practice criteria.
- 12.40.060 Performance standards.
- 12.40.070 Lead departments.

12.40.010 Purpose.

The city shall, to the extent practical and within its determination, 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.

12.40.020 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 users are prohibited by law;
- C. The activity is routine maintenance that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot repair;
- D. The costs would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses;

- E. Drastically increase project costs and equivalent alternatives exist within close proximity; or,
- F. The cost is determined by the city to be of lower strategic priority and thus infeasible.

12.40.030 Complete streets infrastructure.

The city shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets, as feasible and within its sole determination, to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Lake Forest Park 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.

12.40.040 Goals to foster partnerships.

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

12.40.050 Best practice criteria.

The mayor or the mayor's designee shall modify, develop, and adopt 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.

12.40.060 Performance standards.

The city shall adopt performance standards as part of its Strategic Plan implementation 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.

12.40.070 Lead departments.

The Departments of Public Works and the Planning & Building Department shall be the lead departments in implementing Complete Street principles in future projects and will report at least annually to the Mayor and City Council on their progress.

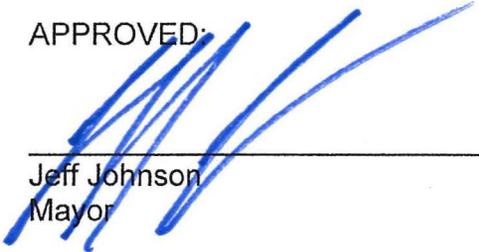
Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. 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 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

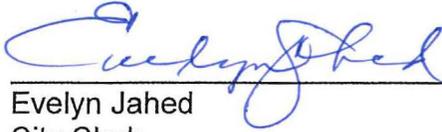
APPROVED BY A MAJORITY of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 8th day of September, 2016.

APPROVED:



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Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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