

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 965

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 14.46.280 TO THE LAKE STEVENS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “COMPLETE STREETS”; ADOPTING A “COMPLETE STREETS” POLICY AND PRACTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAKE STEVENS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADOPTING SAID POLICY AND PRACTICE AS A ROUTINE CONSIDERATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS; IDENTIFYING SAID POLICY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMMODATE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO ALL USERS, INCLUDING BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS, MOTORISTS, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION USERS, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that promotes safe and convenient travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation users and drivers, people of all ages and abilities including, but not limited to, children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

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, improving and providing additional walking and bicycling facilities offers improved health benefits for the population and makes Lake Stevens a more livable community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Stevens is committed to promoting reduced energy consumption and “Complete Streets” practices promote multimodal transportation which reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Lake Stevens to enhance the quality of life of residents, encourage active living, and reduce traffic congestion and fossil fuel consumption by providing safe accessible, convenient, and comfortable routes for walking, bicycling, and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Element of the Lake Stevens Comprehensive Plan states that arterial and collector streets should include the elements of “Complete Streets” including but

not limited to, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, motorized and other non-motorized uses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Stevens intends to cooperate and partner with other transportation agencies including the Washington Department of Transportation, Snohomish County and neighboring local jurisdictions to ensure that the transportation network transitions seamlessly between jurisdictions in accordance with local and regional road, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian plans.

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

Section 1. LSMC Chapter 14.56 entitled “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” is hereby amended to add a new section 14.56.280 which shall read as follows:

14.56.280 – Complete Streets.

1. The City of Lake Stevens should, to the best of its ability, and subject to the limits of its financial resources, plan for, design and construct new transportation projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation users and drivers, people of all ages and abilities including, but not limited to, children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.
2. Exceptions. Exceptions to this policy may be determined by the Public Works Director, City Engineer, Mayor, City Council, City Administrator or designee. Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided:
 - a. Where their establishment would promote or accommodate uses of the street that are prohibited by law;
 - b. Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety;
 - c. Where there is no City identified need;
 - d. Where ordinary maintenance activities, designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g., striping, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and pavement preservation), would be wholly or partially impeded;
 - e. Where the costs associated with planning and implementing “Complete Streets” is, or would be, disproportionate to the current need or future benefit;
 - f. Where a documented exception or deviation has been granted by the Public Works Director, City Engineer or designee;
 - g. Where implementing “Complete Streets” practices on a small project would create a short section of improvements that create problematic transitions on

either end or that are unlikely to be followed by similar improvements at either end which result in little to no progress toward implementing “Complete Streets”;

- h. Where implementing “Complete Streets” practices would have an adverse impact on environmental resources including, but not limited to, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, floodplains or historic structures/sites beyond the impacts of existing infrastructure.
- i. Where implementing a “Complete Streets” practice would be contrary to or conflict with the City’s adopted street design standards and/or the City’s adopted Transportation Improvement Plan.

Section 2. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective five (5) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

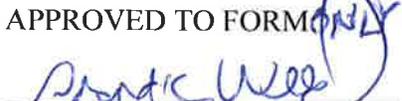
PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Lake Stevens on this 12th day of July, 2016.



John Spencer, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:


Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM 
Grant Weed, City Attorney

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