

Ordinance 958

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALOUSE, WASHINGTON, adopting a Complete Streets policy for the City of Palouse

WHEREAS, A Complete Streets policy is designed to promote safe travel for all modes of transportation to the greatest extent possible in concert with the City's current standards for street design; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policy fosters economic growth and community interaction by providing multi-modal transportation access between home, school, work, recreation, and retail by improving and designing safe, appropriate and aesthetically appealing infrastructure throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse will consult with the national Safe Routes to School Partnership on projects focusing on safe travel for children who walk, bike or travel by other means to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse will incorporate the Complete Streets principles into the City's Comprehensive Plan as well as other plans, regulations and programs as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the City of Palouse is to foster partnerships with all Washington State transportation funding agencies, including the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration as well as the Washington State Department of Health, Whitman County, Palouse School District, Palouse residents and businesses, and interest groups; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of complete streets principles may not be required in new construction or reconstructing of street projects when:

1. The application of complete streets principles, by vote of City Council, is deemed unsafe or not appropriate.
2. Non-motorized modes of transportation are prohibited by law; and therefore

The City Council of the City of Palouse do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Palouse Municipal Code §12.14 is hereby added to read as follows:

12.14.010 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to help achieve the goals and objectives of the transportation, land use and parks and recreation elements in the City of Palouse Comprehensive Plan. This chapter provides for the implementation of the complete streets guiding principles. The City of Palouse shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, emergency responders, freight, and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction or reconstruction of public streets. Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the City of Palouse shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include Complete Streets practices.

12.14.020 Definitions

A "Complete Street" is a road designed to be safe for all user groups and abilities including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

"Complete Streets Infrastructure" refers to design and construction features that promote a safe and convenient travel experience for users, including but not limited to: sidewalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, street trees and landscaping, accessible curb ramps, bulb-outs, crosswalks, pedestrian and traffic signals, signage and bicycle parking facilities.

"User Groups" refer to any individual or group of individuals that use streets, including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

12.14.030 Complete Streets Infrastructure

The City of Palouse shall incorporate Complete Streets infrastructure into existing public streets where feasible to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network that balances access, mobility, health, economy, and safety needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, emergency responders, freight and user groups of all ages and abilities.

12.14.040 Implementation of Complete Streets Principles

The City of Palouse will incorporate complete streets principles into the City's Comprehensive Plan, public works standards and other plans, rules and regulations as appropriate.

12.14.050 Exceptions

Implementation of complete streets principles may not be required in new construction or reconstructing of street projects when:

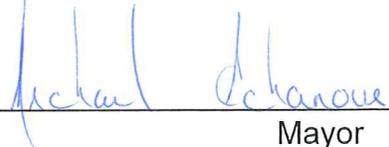
1. The application of complete streets principles, by vote of City Council, is deemed unsafe or not appropriate.
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Section 2. Statutory construction and severability:

- a) This ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with applicable federal or state laws, rules, or regulations. Nothing in this ordinance authorizes a City agency to impose any duties or obligations in conflict with limitations on municipal authority established by federal or state law at the time such agency action is taken.
- b) In the event that a court or agency or competent jurisdiction holds that a federal or state law, rule, or regulation invalidates any clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances, it is the intent of the ordinance that the court or agency sever such clause, sentence or paragraph so that the remainder of this ordinance remains in effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it or a summary thereof is published in the official newspaper of the City of Palouse as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Palouse this 25th day of July, 2017



Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

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