

ORDINANCE NO. 683

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WINTHROP, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE WINTHROP MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PUBLIC PLACES BY ADDING CHAPTER 12.06, COMPLETE STREETS.

WHEREAS, the Winthrop Comprehensive Plan, adopted December 16, 2015, calls for the Town to develop and implement a complete streets policy;

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to incorporate pedestrian and non-motorized facilities into the transportation system in a manner that enhances public safety and provides for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires coordination between the Public Works Superintendent and Town Planner in assessing transportation projects to meet the objectives set forth in the Transportation Element of the Winthrop Comprehensive Plan, including implementation of a complete streets program;

NOW THEREFORE; THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINTHROP, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Title 12 of the Winthrop Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of Chapter 12.06, Complete Streets, to read as follows:

Chapter 12.06
COMPLETE STREETS

Sections:

- 12.06.010 Purpose
- 12.06.020 Definition
- 12.06.030 Complete Streets Infrastructure
- 12.06.040 Exceptions

12.06.010 Purpose

The Town of Winthrop shall, to the maximum extent practical, 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.

12.06.020 Definition

“Complete streets infrastructure” means design features specific to individual transportation projects and the transportation system as a whole which contribute to a safe, convenient, and comfortable travel experience for all system users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight, and users of all ages and abilities. Complete streets infrastructure may include, but is not limited to features such as sidewalks; shared use paths; bicycle lanes; automobile lanes; paved shoulders; landscaping; curbs; curb extensions; accessible curb ramps; crosswalks; pedestrian and traffic signage/signals; bicycle and motor vehicle parking options; transit stops; traffic calming; and pavement striping.

12.06.030 Complete Streets Infrastructure

- A. Applicability. This Chapter applies to planning, design and construction of new, retrofit, or reconstructed roadways within the public right-of-way, and to the extent allowed by law, to new private roadways within the Town.
- B. Policy. Winthrop shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into new, retrofit or reconstructed roadways to create a comprehensive, integrated and connected transportation network. To the extent feasible, the Town of Winthrop should identify cost-effective opportunities to support complete street objectives through ongoing operations and maintenance.
- C. Design Criteria. The Town shall adopt and maintain complete streets design criteria, standards and guidelines based on 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) guidebooks; Washington State Department of Transportation Design Manual, and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Design guidelines should emphasize context sensitive design, reflective of the character of the surrounding built and natural environments.

12.06.040 Exceptions

- A. This policy shall not apply to routine maintenance of the transportation network that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, as determined by the Public Works Superintendent.
- B. Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or transit users may be excluded from a transportation project when:
 - 1. There is a documented absence of current or future need;
 - 2. Non-motorized facilities are prevented by law;
 - 3. The cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses;
 - 4. The improvements require more space than is physically available; or
 - 5. The addition of facilities results in adverse impacts on environmental resources such as streams, wetlands, or floodplains, or on historic or cultural resources above and beyond the impacts of currently existing facilities.
- C. Decisions to grant an exception on the basis of the criteria listed in 12.06.040.B shall be made by the Town Council following a recommendation by the Mayor. The Mayor’s recommendation should follow consultation with the Public Works Superintendent and Town Planner.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this, or any other, ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its passage by the Town Council, approval by the Mayor, and publication of this ordinance or a summary thereof.

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINTHROP, WASHINGTON, this 3rd day of August, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Sue Langdalen, Mayor



Michelle Gaines, Clerk/Treasurer