

**ORDINANCE NUMBER __ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 231,
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,
BY ADDING ARTICLE XII, COMPLETE STREETS**

WHEREAS, development in the downtown, neighborhood centers, and commercial corridors of the City of Stamford has led to a consistent increase in transit, pedestrian, and bicyclist trips as a form of transportation in areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, a rise in conflicts between bikes, pedestrians, and cars has led to an increase in accidents, injuries, and fatalities in the City; and

WHEREAS, complete streets is a nationally recognized road design strategy to minimize conflicts between users, improve safety within the public right of way, and provide adequate infrastructure to all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Stamford to adopt a complete streets ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 29TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, that Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XII, Complete Streets is hereby adopted:

ARTICLE XII, COMPLETE STREETS

Sec. 231-78. Title.

This Article shall be entitled the Complete Streets Ordinance.

Sec. 231-79. Definitions

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Complete Streets. Roadways that are designed and operated to provide safe and convenient access to all Users.

Users. Are all people that use roadways, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, and motorists and includes people of all ages and abilities, including children, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Transportation Improvement Project. Any public or private investment within the public right of way, regardless of funding source, including, but not limited to, new construction, reconstruction, alteration and maintenance inclusive of road resurfacing, except that a Transportation Improvement Project shall not include routine upkeep such as cleaning, sweeping, plowing or spot repair. .

Section 231-80. Implementation

This Article shall require the implementation of Complete Streets in appropriate locations within the City of Stamford by the Office of Operations, as follows:

- (a) The Office of Operations shall review all Transportation Improvement Projects being designed for implementation within the City limits and explore opportunities to meet the needs of all Users, including but not limited to motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit vehicles.
- (b) All Transportation Improvement Projects located within 1,000 feet of a school, commercial center, or bus stop shall include infrastructure designed to accommodate pedestrians.
- (c) The requirements of this Article shall not apply to Transportation Improvement Projects:
 - (1) where specific users are prohibited by law (e.g. interstate highways or pedestrian-only paths); or
 - (2) where the cost of the accommodations necessary to implement Complete Streets is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use; provided, however, that the Director of Operations must document the rationale for exemption from the Complete Streets Ordinance in such cases.

Sec. 231-81. Complete Streets Manual

A Complete Streets Manual, detailing the steps to be taken to implement this Ordinance, shall be adopted by the Office of Operations and approved by the Board of Representatives.