

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 231-15 REGARDING
PEDESTRIAN REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Code of Ordinances Section 231-15 provides for pedestrian rights-of-way in crosswalks; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that motor vehicle operators grant the right-of-way to pedestrians in crosswalks so as to avoid personal injuries and loss of lives; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the safety and general welfare of the citizens of Stamford for the City to regulate the conduct of motor vehicle operators at crosswalks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 231-15 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 231-15. – **[NEW TITLE] Violation of Pedestrian Right-of-Way**

A. The traffic authority shall have power to designate, by appropriate devices or markers or by lines upon the surface of the street, such crosswalks and intersections as, in its opinion, constitute a special danger to pedestrians crossing the street; and may maintain suitable signs located at intervals along streets, particularly where there are no sidewalks, directing pedestrians to walk facing vehicular traffic.

B. At any intersection where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or by police officers, pedestrians shall not cross the street against a red or "Stop" signal or a "Don't Walk" signal, when provided, and shall not cross at any place not a marked or unmarked crosswalk. A pedestrian started or starting across any such crosswalk on a

green or "Go" signal or "Walk" signal, when provided, shall have the right-of-way over all vehicles, including those making turns, until such pedestrian shall have reached the opposite curb or safety zone.

C. Pedestrians walking along sidewalks shall keep to the right when stopping and shall not obstruct a crossing nor an entrance to a building.

D. It shall be unlawful for any motorist to fail to yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian in a crosswalk in accordance with the requirements of state law.

E. [NEW] At any marked or unmarked crosswalk, each motor vehicle operator shall grant the right-of-way to any pedestrian within such crosswalk, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so grant the right-of-way.

F. [NEW] No motor vehicle operator approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass any vehicle stopped at any crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway.

G. [NEW] Each operator of a motor vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or person riding a bicycle and shall give reasonable warning by sounding a horn to avoid a collision.

H. [NEW] Any person violating of any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined for each such violation a sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by civil citation process. Said fine shall be in addition to any fines imposed by State law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be take effect immediately on approval.

Randall M. Skigen, President, and Annie M. Summerville, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was _____ by a machine vote of _____ by the 29th Board of Representatives at the Meeting held on _____, _____.

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk

David R. Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

- C: Mayor David R. Martin
- Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs
- Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations
- Donna R. Loglisci, City and Town Clerk
- Jonathan Fontneau, Chief of Police
- Burt Rosenberg, Asst. Corporation Counsel