ORDINANCE NO. 1247 SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDING CHAPTER 231, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, SECTION 231-15, VIOLATION OF PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT: Section 231-15 of the Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Sec. 231-15. - 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-ofway 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. 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. A "marked crosswalk" is defined as that portion of the road at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by painted markings or a difference of texture of concrete or pavers. An "unmarked crosswalk" is defined as that portion of a road at an intersection or elsewhere used for pedestrian crossing which is not so identified.
- F. 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. 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. Any person violating paragraphs B or C of this Section shall be fined for each such violation a sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Any person violating paragraphs D, E, F or G of this Section shall be fined for each such violation a sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- I. Paragraphs B and C may be enforced by the civil citation process.

Matthew Quinones, President, and Susan Nabel, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved by a machine vote of 33-1-1 by the 30th Board of Representatives at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 3, 2018.

Matthew Quinones, President

Dated this ____ day of December, 2018

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Susan Nabel, Clerk

Dated this __// day of December, 2018

David R. Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford Dated this _____ day of December, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2018

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