

ORDINANCE NO. 675

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE WASHINGTON ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, "Complete streets" refers to the concept that roadways should be designed with all users in mind, not just motorists; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the State legislature passed the Complete Streets Act, encouraging local governments to adopt their own complete streets ordinances intended to "provide safe access to all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users;" and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the City of University Place adopted transportation polices and regulations that required streets to be designed with all users in mind consistent with what is now considered complete streets principles; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place has employed these principles in all major transportation capital projects constructed since 1997; and

WHEREAS, the goals and policies of the Transportation Element of the City of University Place Comprehensive Plan are consistent with complete streets principles; and

WHEREAS, Title 13 of the City of University Place Municipal Code establishes design criteria for the development and retrofit of a multi-modal transportation system consistent with complete streets principles; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place has not formally designated a complete streets policy; and

WHEREAS, State law includes a grant program to help cities, towns, and counties pay for complete streets projects. To be eligible for a grant, State law requires local governments to adopt a jurisdiction-wide complete streets policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The recitals and findings set forth above are hereby adopted as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. Amendment to Title 13 of the University Place Municipal Code. UPMC Section 13.20.205 is hereby amended to add a second paragraph as follows:

As feasible, University Place shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for the City that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities, ensuring a fully connected, integrated network that provides transportation options. "Complete streets infrastructure" means design features that contribute to a safe, convenient, or comfortable travel experience for users, including but not limited to features such as: sidewalks; shared use paths; bicycle lanes; automobile lanes; paved shoulders; street trees and landscaping; planting strips; curbs; accessible curb ramps; bulb outs; crosswalks; refuge islands; pedestrian and traffic signals, including countdown and accessible signals; signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities; public transportation stops and facilities; transit priority signalization; traffic calming devices such as rotary circles, traffic bumps, and surface treatments such as paving blocks, textured asphalt, and concrete; narrow vehicle lanes; raised medians; and dedicated transit lanes.

Section 3. Complete Streets Policy. The goals and policies of the Transportation Element of the University Place Comprehensive Plan and Title 13 of the University Place Municipal Code (as amended herein) are hereby designated as the City of University Place Complete Streets Policy.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 3, 2016.


Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emelita Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steve Victor, City Attorney

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