

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-104

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 373.11 AND REPEALING SECTION 373.13 OF CHAPTER 373 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio, Two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That Section 373.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Findlay, Ohio which reads as follows:

RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.

- (a) It shall be permissible for any person to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in the City.
 - (1) When riding on sidewalks within a residential district, bicycle riders shall use the right side of the sidewalk insofar as practical.
 - (2) When riding on sidewalks within a business district, bicycle riders shall use the right side of the sidewalk insofar as adjacent to the street, and shall turn corners slowly and in such a manner as will prevent collision with pedestrians legally using the intercepting sidewalk.
 - (3) On all heavily traveled thoroughfares and sidewalks, it shall be the duty of all persons operating bicycles to ride in single file. (1979 Code 75.08).
- (b) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.

- (a) It shall be permissible for any person to ride a vehicle on the sidewalks in the City except as otherwise prohibited or restricted herein.
 - (1) When riding on sidewalks, bicycle riders shall use the right side of the sidewalk insofar as practical.
 - (2) While riding on sidewalks, bicycle riders shall obey all street signs and/or sidewalk markings as set forth therein.
- (b) No person shall ride a bicycle or operate any other vehicle in a designated Dismount Zones within the Downtown District.
 - (1) Persons shall dismount and shall walk their bicycles or other vehicles, in the designated Dismount Zones within the Downtown District.
 - (2) For purposes of this section, the
 - a. "Downtown District" is generally defined as being bordered on the north by the south side of the Blanchard River; on the south by Lincoln Street; on the east by East Street; and, on the west by Cory Street.
 - b. "Dismount Zones" within the Downtown District is further and specifically set forth in the Downtown District map attached hereto and incorporated herein and as updated from time to time with adequate notice to the public. Dismount Zones may include sidewalks, alleys and public places.

- c. "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.
- d. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person may be transported or moved. For purposes of this section, roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, hoverboards, electric (or motorized) scooters, electric (or motorized) skateboards, toy vehicles and any other such wheeled vehicles or devices intended to transport persons are vehicles. "Vehicles" does not include any powered or unpowered personal assistive mobility device or strollers intended to convey children.

(c) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

SECTION 2: That Section 373.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Findlay titled Bicycle Licenses be and the same as repealed.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.

Jim C Russell
 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *Pro Tem*

R. Donald Monday
 Acting MAYOR

PASSED November 6, 2018

ATTEST Denise DeVoro
 CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 6, 2018

