

ORDINANCE NO. C - _____

An ordinance relating to pedestrian safety; adopting new chapter 16A.84 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council has adopted a Pedestrian Master Plan (Ordinance No. C-35315 (Nov. 2, 2015)); and

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Master Plan guides City decision-making on pedestrian facility improvements which are implemented through the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program; and

WHEREAS, The Pedestrian Master Plan, as with every other master plan and comprehensive plan concerning the built environment in Spokane, is implemented through the adoption of policies and new or amended development regulations; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Transportation Policy 1.1 provides that the City will “[d]esign transportation systems that protect and serve the pedestrian first”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane adopted a Complete Streets Program (Ordinance No. C-34821 (Dec.19, 2011)) which “encourages healthy, active living, reduction of traffic congestion and fossil fuel use, and improvement in the safety and quality of life of residents”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane’s Sustainability Action Plan (approved by the Mayor on March 13, 2009 and implemented via SMC 15.05.030 (codified by Ordinance No. C- 35519 (July 17, 2017))) calls for the City to “review and revise standards and practices to remove barriers restricting expansion, safety, and use of pedestrian and bike ways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane supports existing pedestrian safety groups such as the Spokane County Target Zero Committee and the Pedestrian Transportation and Traffic Subcommittee of the Community Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane supports standard pedestrian safety practices and innovative solutions to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That there is adopted a new chapter 16A.84 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 16A.84 Transportation Priority - Pedestrian Safety

Section 16A.84.010 Definitions

- A. “Accessible Pedestrian Signals” (“APS”) means integrated devices that communicate information about the “WALK” and “DON’T WALK” intervals at signalized intersections in non-visual formats to pedestrians who are blind or have low vision.
- B. “Leading pedestrian interval” means a period of time during which an advance pedestrian green (i.e., “WALK” indication) for a crosswalk is displayed for a minimum of three seconds while red indications continue to be displayed to parallel, through, and/or turning vehicular traffic.
- C. “Pedestrian recall” means a “WALK” mode programmed into signal controllers in which the start of the pedestrian green (“WALK”) indication coincides with the start of the green indication for the through movement parallel to the pedestrian movement and is called once per cycle.

Section 16A.84.020 Pedestrian Safety Top Transportation Priority; Purpose and Intent

- A. The City of Spokane recognizes that pedestrian safety and service is the City’s highest transportation priority.
- B. The City of Spokane desires an active, connected, equitable, sustainable, and complete transportation network for all users, maximizing innovation, access, choice, and options for all users in all four seasons.
- C. The City of Spokane intends to enhance walking routes to schools, parks, retail locations, employment centers and desirable destinations for seniors.
- D. The City of Spokane intends to remove barriers restricting expansion, safety, and the use of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- E. The City of Spokane supports Washington State’s Target Zero goal of reducing all traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero by the year 2030.
- F. The City of Spokane supports regional efforts to identify and coordinate on pedestrian safety projects.

Section 16A.84.030 Pedestrian Master Plan

- A. The City shall utilize the City of Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan as the guiding document to support a more walkable, equitable, and complete city transportation network that supports increased levels of physical activity, important connections to transit, and more transportation choices for all.

- B. On or before December 31, 2020 and every five years thereafter, the City of Spokane should review and, as needed, update the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Section 16A.84.040 Pedestrian Recall

- A. Pedestrian recall should be implemented at all signalized intersections in all downtown zones between the hours of six a.m. and midnight.
- B. City traffic engineers may expand pedestrian recall throughout the city without approval of the City Council.

Section 16A.84.050 Leading Pedestrian Interval

- A. Leading pedestrian interval is encouraged at all signalized intersections in all downtown zones as well as near schools, childcare centers, hospitals, senior living facilities, and any area with a higher than average level of permanent or temporary pedestrian traffic.
- B. Leading pedestrian interval shall only be used at signalized intersections that are also equipped with accessible pedestrian signals.

Section 16A.84.060 Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

- A. It is the goal of the City of Spokane to deploy accessible pedestrian signals at all signalized intersections by the year 2025.
- B. Accessible pedestrian signals shall be provided when new pedestrian signals are installed.
- C. The deployment of accessible pedestrian signals shall be incorporated into the City of Spokane's Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program.

Section 16A.84.070 Pedestrian Safety Project Review

Each pedestrian safety project shall be reviewed at appropriate intervals for effectiveness and compliance with traffic safety enforcement standards, the Pedestrian Master Plan, and this chapter.

Section 16A.84.080 Active Transportation Priority Signalization

Nothing in this chapter shall restrict the planning or execution of transit, bicycle, or any other active transportation signal prioritization projects.

PASSED by the City Council on _____

Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney

Mayor

Date

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