

ORDINANCE NO. 996

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 98.20 THROUGH 98.24, COLLECTIVELY ENTITLED "COMPLETE STREETS," TO THE MT. PLEASANT CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF MT. PLEASANT:

Section 1. Amendment. Sections 98.20 through 98.24, collectively entitled "Complete Streets," are added to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to read as follows:

§ 98.20. Purpose.

- (a) Sections 98.20 through 98.24 of this Code shall serve as the City's complete streets policy for purposes of Public Act 51 of 1951, as amended, MCL 247.651 *et seq.* ("PA 51").
- (b) The purpose of these sections is to provide for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of a transportation system within the City that satisfies the access and mobility needs of all users, regardless of age, ability, mode of transportation, or trip purpose. The road network should function as an integral part of the overall transportation system and provide for safe, accessible, comfortable, and efficient transportation options for people and goods in order to support the City's quality of life, economic vitality, and environmental sustainability.

§ 98.21. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases when used in this complete streets policy shall have the following meanings:

- (a) *Complete streets* means roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe, efficient, and convenient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, bicycle, or other means.
- (b) *Transportation project* means the construction, reconstruction, retrofit, alteration, or repair of any element of the transportation system, and includes the planning, design, approval, and implementation processes. The term "transportation project" does not include minor routine maintenance such as cleaning, sweeping, mowing, spot repair, interim measures on detour routes, or emergency repair work and does not include projects that are not included in the City's capital improvement plan.

§ 98.22. Implementation and Applicability.

(A) The City shall develop and implement standards for complete streets with the goal of creating a complete streets network throughout the City. As it endeavors to implement those standards, the City shall routinely approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to further implement complete streets, especially in the planning, design and construction of public streets. All proposed transportation projects shall be subject to the review procedures described in Section 98.23.

(B) The City shall endeavor to implement standards for complete streets into projects involving only preservation or minor routine maintenance of a roadway, bridge, public parking facility, or other transportation right-of-way, but such projects are not subject to the review procedures in 98.23.

(C) The City shall meet or exceed the requirements for the funding of non-motorized transportation enhancements provided in PA 51.

(D) The City shall work in partnership with the Charter Township of Union, Isabella County, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Central Michigan University to facilitate the implementation of complete streets, to the extent feasible, on projects under the jurisdiction of those entities.

§ 98.23. Review of Transportation Projects.

(A) During the annual capital improvement plan process, the Division of Public Works shall submit to the Planning Commission a list of proposed transportation projects for the next fiscal year that showcase, prioritize, and incorporate complete street infrastructure. The list shall include street projects that improve existing public streets to be complete streets.

(B) The Division of Public Works shall also submit to the Planning Commission a list of transportation projects to be excluded from incorporating complete streets infrastructure, and shall provide information explaining the exclusion. Transportation projects may be excluded from incorporating complete streets infrastructure for the following reasons:

- (1) Use by non-motorized users is prohibited by law;
- (2) The cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use over the long term, generally adding 25% or more to the budgeted project cost; or
- (3) Planning, design, and construction as complete streets would be unreasonable or inappropriate in light of the scope of the project.

(C) The Planning Commission shall review the lists of transportation projects submitted by the Division of Public Works, and may provide comments and recommendations regarding those lists to the City Commission prior to its consideration of the capital improvement plan.

(D) Upon the completion of the annual Street Financial Report, as required by PA 51, the Division of Public Works shall provide the City Commission and Planning Commission with a summary of transportation projects performed during the past year, including funding sources for each, and a calculation of the share of the City's PA 51 funding spent on non-motorized transportation facilities.

Section 2. Publication and Effective Date. The City Clerk shall cause to be published a notice of adoption of this ordinance within 10 days of the date of its adoption. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

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