

NOTICE TO CITY OF HANCOCK RESIDENTS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Hancock**

**Houghton County, Michigan**

This Ordinance for Complete Streets is intended to encourage the development and implementation of a non-motorized network plan to provide streets that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation passengers, and users of all ages and abilities.

The Council of Hancock finds and declares the following:

The term “Complete Streets” describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with design and infrastructure that allows for safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, truck and freight drivers, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, families, older adults, and persons with disabilities; and

The City of Hancock wishes to encourage walking, bicycling and public transportation use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people; and

The City of Hancock recognizes that careful planning and coordinated development of Complete Streets infrastructure offers long-term cost savings for local and state government, benefits public health, and provides financial benefits to property owners and businesses , while resulting in a safe, convenient and integrated transportation network for all users; and

The City of Hancock wishes to encourage public participation in community decisions concerning street design and use to ensure that such decisions result in streets that meet the needs of all users, and are responsive to the needs of individuals and groups that traditionally are not incorporated in public infrastructure design; and

The City of Hancock therefore wishes to initiate Complete Streets and desires that its streets form a comprehensive and integrated transportation network promoting safe, equitable and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards; and

It is the intent of the Council of the City of Hancock in enacting this Ordinance to encourage healthy, active living, reduce traffic congestion and fossil fuel use, and improve the safety and quality of life of residents of, and visitors to, Hancock by ensuring its routes are safe, convenient and comfortable for walking, bicycling and public transportation;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HANCOCK ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Complete Streets Section,

(a) For the purpose of this Ordinance, “Complete Streets” are streets that safely accommodate all users of the right-of-way, including pedestrians, people requiring mobility aids, bicyclists, drivers and riders of transit vehicles, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and emergency vehicles.

(b) In order to improve the safety and efficiency of the City’s transportation system and to promote health and economic opportunities of residents and visitors, it is the policy of the City to encourage Complete Streets, and in furtherance of the policy:

1) A Non-motorized Transportation Network Plan shall be developed by the Hancock Bike and Pedestrian Committee in consultation with the Hancock Department of Public Works, Recreation Commission, and Downtown Development Authority, and approved by the Planning Commission prior to City Council action. The City Council shall then adopt a Non-motorized Transportation Network Plan within 18 months of enacting the Complete Streets Ordinance.

2) After initial adoption, the Non-motorized Transportation Network Plan shall be updated regularly as part of the City master plan process.

3) Until the City Council adopts the initial Non-motorized Transportation Network Plan, the Planning Commission shall review all street plans, and all new public street projects or public street reconstruction or renovation projects in the City shall be designed to safely accommodate all users of the right-of-way, including pedestrians, people requiring mobility aids, bicyclists, drivers and riders of transit vehicles, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and emergency vehicles, with the following exceptions:

- o Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are not required where they are prohibited by law.
- o Public transit facilities are not required on streets not serving as regular transit routes.
- o If the addition of bike lanes, cross walks or other Complete Streets facilities are judged to detract from public safety, the City Council may choose not to require bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit infrastructure in said project.
- o If the cost of Complete Streets accommodations or facilities is excessively disproportionate to the need, context or probable use, or excessive in relation to the overall project cost, the City Council may choose not to require bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit infrastructure in said project.

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(5) After initial adoption of the Non-motorized Transportation Network Plan, all new public street projects or public street reconstruction or renovation projects in the City shall be in conformity with the non-motorized transportation plan, with the following exceptions:

- o Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are not required where they are prohibited by law.
- o Public transit facilities are not required on streets not serving as regular transit routes.
- o If the addition of bike lanes, cross walks or other complete streets facilities are judged to detract from public safety, the City Council may choose not to require bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit infrastructure in said project.
- o If the cost of Complete Streets accommodations or facilities is excessively disproportionate to the need, context or probable use, or excessive in relation to the overall project cost, the City Council may choose not to require bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit infrastructure in said project.

The foregoing proposed ordinance was introduced in writing at the regular meeting of the Hancock City Council held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting to hear public comments on this ordinance. Copies are available at the Clerk Office (M-F) 8am-5pm.

This Ordinance will be presented to the Hancock City Council for adoption or rejection at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Haischer, CMC

City Clerk

Pub on April 9<sup>th</sup>

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