

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE #2010-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, STREETS, SIDEWALK AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF ARTICLE IV., COMPLETE STREETS, TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A DESIGN PRINCIPLE TO PROMOTE A SAFE NETWORK OF ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND MOTORISTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.**

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling are non-motorized transportation options that enhance health through physical activity and help reduce air pollution;

WHEREAS, the “Complete Streets” guiding principle is to promote a safe network of access for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists and users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions and agencies nationwide have adopted Complete Streets legislation including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Michigan (Bills HV 6151 and 6152), and numerous Michigan communities such as Lansing, Flint, Jackson, Midland and Saline; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of capital improvements that are planned, designed and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transportation options increases the general safety and welfare for all of the Village of Dexter’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of policy, Village officials should integrate and implement the “Complete Streets” guiding principle.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 46. Streets, Sidewalks and Certain Other Public Places, of the Village of Dexter General Code is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof Article IV, Complete Streets, to read as follows:

Sec. 46-150. Definitions.

“Complete streets” is defined as a design principle to promote a safe network of access for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists of all ages and abilities.

Sec. 46-151. Complete Streets Improvements.

The Village of Dexter will plan for, design, and construct all transportation improvement projects, both new and retrofit activities, to provide appropriate accommodations for bicyclists, pedestrian, transit users, and persons of all ages and abilities in accordance with the Village of Dexter Master Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan.

In furtherance of that policy:

- (a) The Village of Dexter Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan shall be referenced and its implementation considered prior to construction or re-construction within the Village rights-of-way.
- (b) The Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan will include, at a minimum, accommodations for accessibility, sidewalks, curb ramps and cuts, trails, pathways, signage, bike lanes, and shall incorporate principles of complete streets and maximize walkable and bikeable streets within the Village of Dexter.
- (c) The accommodations shall also be designed and built using guidance from the most recent additions of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*, the Michigan manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) (MDOT), and the *American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines* (ADAAG). Methods of providing flexibility within safe design parameters, such as context sensitive design solutions and design, will be considered.
- (d) The Village of Dexter Master Plan will be updated every five (5) years from the date of its initial adoption and the Capital Improvements Plan will be updated annually.
- (e) It will be the goal of the Village to fund the implementation of the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, which shall include expending State Act 51 funds received by the Village annually in accordance with Public Act 135 of 2010, as amended.

Sec. 46-152. Exceptions.

Facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and people of all ages and abilities are not required to provide in instances where a documented exception is recommended by the Village Manager and granted by the Village Council based on findings of one or more of the following conditions:

- (a) Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety,
- (b) When the cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use,

- (c) When the cost would result in unacceptable diminishing of other village services,
- (d) Where there is no identified long-term need,
- (e) Where the length of the project does not permit a meaningful addition to the non-motorized network, or
- (f) Where reconstruction of the right-of-way is due to an emergency.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

SECTION 4. Savings.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they commenced.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be published in a manner required by law and shall become effective 10 days after the date of its publication.

Moved by Trustee Semifero supported by Trustee Carson that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2010-05 be adopted.

AYES: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Carson, Tell, Keough  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 2010-05 declared adopted at the regular meeting of the Dexter Village Council held on November 22, 2010.

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Shawn Keough, President

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Carol Jones, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted by the Dexter Village Council at a regular meeting held on November 22, 2010, and was published in the Dexter Leader on December 2, 2010 and effective on December 12, 2010.

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Carol Jones, Village Clerk