ORDINANCE NO. 2359

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO ADOPT "COMPLETE STREET" LEGISLATION IN REDMOND'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENSURE THAT ALL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS INCLUDE SAFE AND APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, TRANSIT USERS, AND PERSONS OF ALL ABILITIES; ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 12.06 TO THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, walking and biking are non-motorized travel modes that enhance health through physical activity and help to reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Goals include providing safe and environmentally friendly transportation, as well as emphasizing transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Framework Policy FW-32 directs the City to promote mobility choices by developing a range of practical transportation alternatives through increased investment in alternative modes and projects that emphasize safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element places the highest priority for allocating transportation resources on addressing public health and safety concerns and provides policy guidance for the implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans contained in the Transportation Master Plan in order to create a system of pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond's Transportation Master Plan places

particular emphasis on creating streets throughout Redmond that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users and allow for seamless interconnections between all modes; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Redmond Community Indicators Report states that in a survey of Redmond residents, "nearly half of the 417 respondents believe that the City should emphasize pedestrian safety and walk ability citywide more than it already does", NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new chapter 12.06 is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 12.06
Complete the Streets

Sections:

Section 12.06.10 Complete the Streets
Section 12.06.20 Exceptions

12.06.10 Complete the Streets

The City of Redmond will plan for, design and construct all new transportation projects to provide appropriate accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and persons of all abilities in comprehensive and connected networks.

Section 12.06.20 Exceptions

Facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided:

(a) Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety;
(b) Where there is no identified long-term need; or
(c) Where the Public Works Director grants a documented exception which may only be authorized in specific situations

where conditions warrant. Such site-specific exceptions shall not constitute general changes to the standards set in RMC 12.06.10.

Section 2. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, MALISA FILES

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____

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