

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town of Normal is a home rule unit of local government with authority to legislate in matters concerning its local government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, transportation, quality of life, and economic development are all connected through integrated, well-planned, well-designed, and context-sensitive transportation solutions; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for all users of the road, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, students, commuters, transit vehicles, and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, a strong multimodal transportation system has many benefits including reducing roadway congestion, providing connectivity to all destinations, reducing household transportation costs, reducing pollution and energy consumption, and providing travel options for those who do not drive; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Normal has adopted a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2009); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Normal is in the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan, in which a key objective is to "Establish Normal as a safe and desirable place to walk and ride bicycles for recreation and transportation purposes"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Normal strives to take advantage of opportunities to implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements during other projects and development; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of jurisdictions in the United States have adopted Complete Streets policies, including the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are beneficial in providing safe, connected, and affordable routes for people to travel throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, designing Complete Streets is not additional work for planners, architects and engineers; it is different work. The practitioners of these disciplines have in the past been asked to solve a particular problem—namely to safely and efficiently move the maximum

number of cars past a given point in the shortest time. The Complete Streets Policy simply redefines the problem. Under this Policy, these professionals are required to use their knowledge and skills to design roads and a road network that safely and efficiently move all users, motorized and non-motorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF NORMAL, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That this ordinance refers to the Town of Normal *Complete Streets Policy*, dated August 1, 2016.

SECTION TWO: That the Complete Streets Policy is adopted.

SECTION THREE: That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to retain a copy of the Complete Streets Policy in her office for public inspection.

SECTION FOUR: That the Town Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION FIVE: That this ordinance shall take effect 10 days after passage.

SECTION SIX: That this ordinance is adopted under the Home Rule Authority granted the Town of Normal by Article 7, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970.

APPROVED:

President of the Board of Trustees of
The Town of Normal, Illinois

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

(seal)