

ORDINANCE NO. 73-73

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 15.54-BICYCLE PATHS

WHEREAS, the use of bicycles as a mode of personal transportation by the citizens of Bloomington has increased in popularity to the extent that the health and safety of bicyclists and motorists must be protected;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Indiana has through I.C. 18-1-1.5-8(e) empowered cities to "regulate, license, and prohibit the use of public ways by any vehicle, device or machine that transports persons, animals or property";

WHEREAS, bicycles are vehicles that transport persons, and thus fall within the purview of the city's regulatory power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, TO-WIT:

Section 1. Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of Chapter 15.54 - Bicycle Paths, and such Chapter shall state:

15.54.010 Bicycle Paths Established. Bicycle paths are hereby established for the purpose of providing a separate traffic lane on designated city streets for the sole use of persons riding bicycles. Bicycle paths shall be located on the far right side of a traffic lane of two lane streets in a strip four (4) feet wide, and shall be separated from the automobile traffic lane by solid lane marking stripes. The location of bicycle paths shall be designated by signs and/or appropriate markings on the surface of the street. The following streets of the City of Bloomington shall contain bicycle paths:

1. North Jordan Street between Third Street and Seventeenth Street;
2. North Walnut Grove between Tenth Street and Seventeenth Street.

Section 2. The Traffic Commission of the City of Bloomington shall study the feasibility of establishing bicycle paths in all parts of the city, shall receive comments from the residents of the city in public hearing, shall formulate proposed rules and regulations governing the use of bicycle paths, and shall make its recommendations to the Common Council for legislative action.

Section 3. Any bicycle rider legally within a bicycle lane shall have the right-of-way.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, promulgation, approval by the Mayor, and publication in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, on the first day of November, 1973.

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow,
Council President

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, upon the 5 day of November, 1973, at the hour of 9 o'clock A.m.

Grace E. Johnson
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 5 day of November, 1973, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.m.

Francis X. McCloskey
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

REFERRED TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:
