

ORDINANCE 20-17

**TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

**Re: Amending Chapter 15.26 Entitled "Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program"
By Replacing the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program with
the Traffic Calming and Greenways Program**

- WHEREAS, on June 2, 1999, the Bloomington Common Council adopted Ordinance 99-16, which established the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program; and
- WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Bloomington Common Council passed Resolution 18-01, adopting the City's *Comprehensive Plan*; and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* is the City's long-range vision for the community, one upon which future land use and other policy decisions are predicated; and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* outlines broad goals, policies, and programs to strengthen the environmental, social, and economic well-being of the community and its residents; and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* Goal 6.1 states, "Increase Sustainability: Improve the sustainability of the transportation system." (*Comprehensive Plan*, pg. 74); and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* Goal 6.3 states, "Improve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network: Maintain, improve, and expand an accessible, safe, and efficient network for pedestrians, and attain platinum status as a Bicycle Friendly Community, as rated by the League of American Bicyclists" (*Comprehensive Plan*, pg.74); and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* Goal 6.4 states, "Prioritize Non-Automotive Modes: Continue to integrate all modes into the transportation network and to prioritize bicycle, pedestrian, public transit, and other non-automotive modes to make our network equally accessible, safe, and efficient for all users." (*Comprehensive Plan*, pg.75); and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* Goal 6.5 states, "Protect Neighborhood Streets: Protect neighborhood streets that support residential character and provide a range of local transportation options" (*Comprehensive Plan*, pg.75); and
- WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* Policy 6.5.1 states, "Implement traffic calming measures where safety concerns exist to manage motor vehicle traffic on residential streets" (*Comprehensive Plan*, pg. 75); and
- WHEREAS, the *Transportation Plan*, which is part of the *Comprehensive Plan*, recommends to "Update the existing traffic calming policy;" and
- WHEREAS, the *Transportation Plan*, recommends the City design and install Neighborhood Greenways throughout the community to serve a transportation function for people walking and bicycling, and Neighborhood Greenways utilize traffic calming; and
- WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, and City staff from the Planning and Transportation Department and the Legal Department recommend certain changes be made in Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic,"

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


SECTION 1. Chapter 15.26 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled, "Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program," including Section 15.26.020, "Neighborhood traffic safety program," and Section 15.26.030, "Utilization of neighborhood traffic safety program locations," shall be revised by replacing all references to "Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program" to "Traffic Calming and Greenways Program."

SECTION 2. Section 15.26.040 entitled "Traffic calming locations" shall be removed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor, any required publication, and, as necessary, other promulgation in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 21st day of October, 2020.


STEPHEN VOLAN, President
Bloomington Common Council

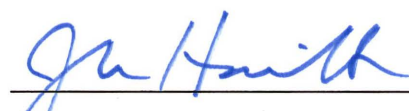
ATTEST:


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk *Sofia McDowell, Chief Deputy Clerk*
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 26 day of October, 2020.


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk *Sofia McDowell, Chief Deputy Clerk*
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this ~~21st~~ ^{28th} day of October, 2020.


JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance replaces the City's existing traffic calming policy (the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program) with the Traffic Calming and Greenways Program developed by the Planning and Transportation Department. The Traffic Calming and Greenways Program sets the standard for the prioritization and placement of neighborhood traffic calming and related traffic control devices and requires a consistent procedure for resident-led and staff-led processes.

Distributed to Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, Mayor, and Planning and Transportation.