

ORDINANCE NO 2014-08

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 3-FEET SAFE PASSING DISTANCE  
BETWEEN MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation helps reduce parking demand and motor vehicle emissions while promoting improved health through exercise, and;

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Indiana and the City of Lafayette require that bicycles be operated on roadways in observance of ordinary traffic regulations, and;

WHEREAS, twenty-two states and the Indiana cities of Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, South Bend and West Lafayette have enacted or adopted provisions establishing a passing distance of three feet or larger in order to ensure the safety of bicyclists during the sharing of public roadways,

THEREFORE BE THE FOLLOWING ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, INDIANA:

Section I. Chapter 7.04—Operation of Vehicles of the Lafayette City Code, is here by amended to include new Section 7.04.170, entitled "Overtaking or passing a bicyclist."

Section II. Section 7.04.170 shall read:

"The operator of any motor vehicle driving on the roadways of Lafayette may only overtake or pass a bicyclist when there is a safe distance of not less than three (3) feet between the motor vehicle and the bicycle."

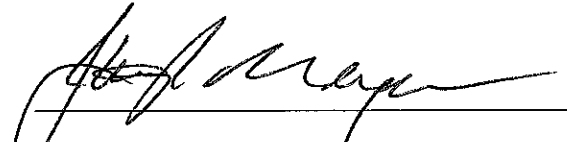
Section III. The section created herein shall be enforced through the Ordinance Violations Bureau. The table of violations set forth in Section 1.02.040 is hereby amended to include the following:

Code Section	Description of Violation	Fine
Section 7.04.170	Overtaking or passing a bicyclist	\$50.00

Section IV. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, approval by the Mayor and legal publication.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, INDIANA,** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

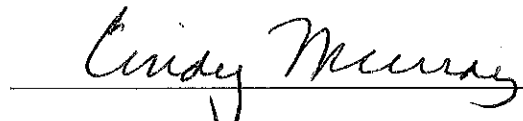
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CITY OF LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

  
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Steve Meyer, President

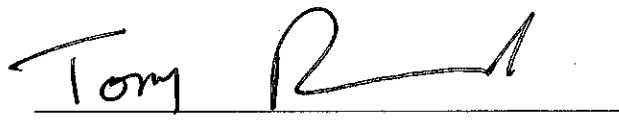
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Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Lafayette, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
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Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of June, 2014.

  
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Tony Roswarski, Mayor

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Sponsored by Ron Campbell, Council Member