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Offered by: COUNCILMAN FREEMAN

ORDINANCE NO. 368 -2023 amending and/or supplementing Title 7, "Traffic Code," Chapter 72, "Traffic Rules," Section 72.38, and Chapter 76 "Parking Regulations," Section 76.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Akron; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Title 7, "Traffic Code," Chapter 72, "Traffic Rules," Section 72.38, "Driving on sidewalk area or paths exclusively for bicycles," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Akron be and is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

72.38 - Driving on sidewalk OR SIDEWALK area or paths AND LANES DESIGNATED exclusively for bicycles.

A. No person shall drive any vehicle, other than a bicycle, upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

B. No person shall **PARK OR** operate a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path **OR LANE DESIGNATED** ~~set aside~~ for the exclusive use of bicycles, when an **OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE** ~~appropriate sign~~ giving notice of such use is posted on **OR ADJACENT TO** the path **OR LANE**.

Section 2. That Title 7, "Traffic Code," Chapter 76 "Parking Regulations," Section 76.15, "Parking prohibitions" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Akron be and is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

76.15 - Parking prohibitions.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this title, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

A. On a sidewalk, except a bicycle;

B. In front of or within five feet of either curb of any public or private driveway;

C. Within an intersection **AND THE AREA WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF AN INTERSECTION**;

D. Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;

E. On a crosswalk **AND THE AREA WITHIN TWENTY FEET OF A CROSSWALK**;

F. ~~Within twenty feet of any crosswalk;~~

~~G. Within thirty feet of, and on the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control device;~~

FH. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by a traffic-control device;

GI. Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;

HJ. Within twenty feet of a driveway entrance to any fire station and, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within seventy-five feet of the entrance when it is properly posted with signs;

~~IK. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic;~~

JL. Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

KM. Upon any bridge or elevated structure on a street or highway, or within a street or highway tunnel;

LN. At any place where signs prohibit stopping, standing, or parking ~~or where the curbing is painted yellow~~, or at any place in excess of the maximum time limited by signs;

MO. Within one foot of another parked vehicle;

NP. On the roadway portion of a freeway, expressway, or throughway;

~~Q. In front of the entrance of any theater, hotel, or church when requested in writing by the official board of such church;~~

~~R. In front of or adjacent to any schoolhouse or school property between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on days when the school is in session;~~

~~S. In front of any undertaker's establishment;~~

~~T. In front of any public garage or repair shop;~~

OU. On any street when the purpose of such parking is demonstrating such vehicle or an article in it for sale or for the purpose of advertising;

PV. On any street or alley between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for a period longer than one hour, unless signs are in place indicating a different time limit;

QW. In such temporary nonparking areas as may be occasioned by public improvements, traffic conditions, or other emergencies, when so designated and posted by the Traffic Engineer. However, such temporary nonparking area shall not be allowed to exist for a period longer than ninety days;

~~RX.~~ On any hill without first cutting the front wheels into the curb, placing the gears in reverse, and applying the emergency brakes; **OR**

~~Y. In any bus or taxicab zone; or~~

SZ. In any fire lane, HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE, BICYCLE LANE, BUS-ONLY LANE, TAXI-ONLY LANE, HIGH-RAIL-TRANSIT ONLY LANE, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF PREFERENTIAL LANE PER OHIO MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES CHAPTER 3.

Section 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that the amendments will promote safety in the neighborhoods of the City of Akron by reducing the risk of accidents resulting from vehicles parking in bike lanes and other specified locations, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed November 27, 2023

Wanda R. Biviano
Clerk of Council

Cheryl Summelle
President of Council

Approved 11/27, 2023

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MAYOR