

**Ordinance No. 12-13**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 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 West 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, and South Bend 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 WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA:

Section I. Chapter 43 of the West Lafayette City Code is hereby amended to include Section 43.31, entitled "Overtaking or passing a bicyclist."

Section II. Section 43.31 shall read:

"The operator of any motor vehicle driving on the roadways of West 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 pursuant to Chapter 20 of the West Lafayette City Code.

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.