

Ordinance No. 12-13 (Second Amended)

**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,

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, which in no case shall be less than three (3) feet clearance 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.