

BILL NO. 2311

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH, OF CHAPTER 62, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION RELATING TO OBSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES AND AMENDING ARTICLE XV, PEDESTRIANS, OF CHAPTER 98, TRAFFIC, TO AMEND SECTION 98-576 RELATED TO WALKING ALONG ROADWAYS.

WHEREAS, Article V of Chapter 62 regulates various conduct to ensure the public health and safety of residents and businesses are protected; and

WHEREAS, the obstruction of the free flow of pedestrians, traffic, or vehicles can be a major safety issue and the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City to enact a law against such obstruction to protect the health and safety of those on the City's sidewalks, roads, and public places; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a safety need in the City to address any person walking, standing, or sitting in a roadway at any time where an adjacent sidewalk is provided; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to amend the existing Section 98-576 for the health, safety, and welfare of the City, its residents, and all who travel on or along the public rights-of-way and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, this bill has been made available for public inspection prior to its consideration by the City Council and read by title two times in open meeting prior to passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Ladue Code of Ordinance, Chapter 62, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V, Offenses against Public Health and Safety, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 62-156 to read as follows:

Sec. 62-156. Obstructing Vehicles, Traffic, or Pedestrians.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand or remain idle either alone or in consort with others in a public place in such manner so as to knowingly and actually:

1. Obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk, or any other public place or building by hindering or impeding the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic, or pedestrians;
2. Commit in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk, or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk, or any other public place or building all of which prevent the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress, and regress therein, thereon, and thereto.

B. When any person causes or commits any of the conditions in this Section, any Law Enforcement Officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing such conditions and to move on or disperse. Any person who fails or refuses to obey such orders shall be guilty of a violation of this Section.

Section 2. The City of Ladue Code of Ordinance, Chapter 98, Traffic, Article XV, Pedestrians, is hereby amended by repealing Section 98-576 and enacting a new Section to read as follows:

Sec. 98-576. People Along Roadways.

Except as may otherwise be provided in this Chapter 98 and subject to Section 62-156 (prohibiting obstructing any sidewalk or street), people along roadways shall abide by the following safety rules:

- A. Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to walk upon, operate a wheelchair/electric wheelchair, stand upon, or sit in an adjacent roadway at any time.
- B. Where sidewalks are not provided, any person walking or operating a wheelchair/electric wheelchair upon a roadway shall, when practicable, do so only along the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, RSMo 300.405.


Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED THIS 19th DAY OF September 2022.

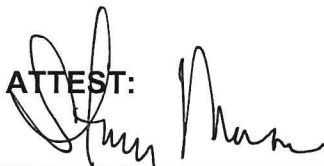


President, City Council

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF September 2022.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Stacey Mahn, City Clerk