

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A SECTION MAKING HARASSMENT OF CYCLISTS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock (“the City”) has worked diligently to become a Bicycle Friendly Community as evidenced by its bicycle and pedestrian trail system and through adoption of the League of American Bicyclists’ action plan (Resolution No. 6991) and establishment of a Bicycle Friendly City Task Force (Resolution No. 7133); and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to taking steps to improve conditions for bicycling, including institution of safety regulations for the protection of cyclists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the North Little Rock Municipal Code is hereby amended to *add* the following section:

**Sec. 66-136. Harassment of cyclists.**

It is unlawful to taunt, threaten or otherwise harass a cyclist. Such actions include:

- (a) Knowingly throw an object at or in the direction of a cyclist.
- (b) Threaten a cyclist for the purpose of frightening or disturbing the cyclist.
- (c) Sound a horn, shout or otherwise direct sound toward a cyclist for the purpose of frightening or disturbing the cyclist.
- (d) Knowingly place a cyclist in apprehension of immediate physical injury or engage in conduct that creates a risk of death or serious physical injury to a cyclist.

A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, and upon conviction, must be fined not less than \$250.00 or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that the adoption of this Ordinance is immediately necessary to insure the proper and orderly growth of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas and is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

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APPROVED:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

ATTEST:

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b