

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: August 19, 2013**  
**Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386**

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2	7:27 PM		City Council Members, Steve Powers	Sabra Briere			
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**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 7:27 PM  
**To:** \*City Council Members (All)  
**Cc:** Powers, Steve  
**Subject:** Fwd: pedestrians in crosswalks

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Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** pedestrians in crosswalks

## Pedestrians in crosswalks

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Last night a former Council member came to Caucus to discuss pedestrian safety and crosswalk laws. She had taken the time to look up state laws on crosswalks and pedestrian rights- of-way. She asked that I speak to the issue.

And thanks to the help of another person who had already acquired the data on pedestrian/car accidents between 2004 and 2012, I want to share some information with the public and the Council.

First, the law. Michigan adopted the Uniform Traffic Code in 2003; the City adopted preliminarily in 2010, and it in its entirety, effective January, 2011. The pedestrian's rights and duties section contain three important rules - and violation of these rules is a civil infraction.

First, pedestrians who are in a crosswalk that doesn't have any traffic control signal have the right-of-way. Drivers shall yield to these pedestrians.

Second, pedestrians who use a crosswalk that DOES have a signal must use those signals. But if they are in the crosswalk, drivers shall yield to these pedestrians.

Third, when any vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk - marked or unmarked, with or without a signal - in order to let a pedestrian cross the roadway, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear may not pass the stopped vehicle.

And how many accidents have involved the lighted crosswalks with flashing yellow lights on Plymouth? Two - counting the most recent. How many on Stadium? One since the City installed new crosswalks.

Out of 438 accidents between cars and pedestrians, only 7 occurred on Plymouth, and 5 of those were either before the new traffic code took effect or were at crosswalks with red light signals. While 11 pedestrians were hit on Stadium, 10 of these occurred between 2004 and 2010. Although the number of accidents has increased in the past couple of years, that increase is reflected in a set of startling facts - most accidents occur in the autumn, as visibility decreases and new people move into our community. But don't assume that this increase is due to unfamiliar traffic laws - it's been the pattern since 2004. Most accidents between pedestrians and cars are downtown, and at a stop light or stop sign. Most of the time, the driver simply didn't see the pedestrian who was legally in the crosswalk, and following the law.

If you are a pedestrian, dangerous intersections include most of those on Huron - at State, Division, Fifth, Fourth and Main.

Crossing the street on Liberty can also be an issue; multiple accidents have occurred at each intersection. And crossing State at S. University is really a problem. All of these intersections have lights, and clearly marked crosswalks.

Driver inattention is a great risk if you are walking or riding your bike. Please pay attention out there. And if you are driving - please be careful.

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**Subject:** 2010 budget item on dam funding

RESOLVED, That City Council direct the City Administrator to remove funding for repairs, maintenance and insurance for Argo and Geddes dams from the City's Water Supply System Fund in the FY2012 budget and thereafter.

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council directs the Park Advisory Commission and Environmental Commission to evaluate the 30 consensus recommendations, and to present options for implementation to City Council for those that can be acted upon at little or no cost; and

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission and the Environmental Commission complete their recommendations and report back to Council within one year.

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