



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 08-0327, **Version:** 1

---

An Ordinance to Amend Section 10:148 of Chapter 126 (Traffic Code) of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD No. ORD-08-15) - Pedestrian Right of Way in Marked Crosswalks  
The attached amendment to Chapter 126 will clarify the rights of pedestrians in un-signalized crosswalks and allow for the usage of the "Yield here to pedestrian" signs in the City of Ann Arbor. The change is recommended in the City of Ann Arbor Non-motorized Transportation Plan and was positively reviewed by the City's Alternative Transportation Committee.

Current Ann Arbor City Code does not provide a local ordinance that specifically requires a driver to yield to a pedestrian at un-signalized crosswalks. The language in the attached amendment has been approved by the City Attorney's Office and will allow the City to install "Yield here to pedestrian" signs compliant with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Prepared by: Eli Cooper, Transportation Program Manager

Reviewed by: Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator

Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-08-15

First Reading : April 21, 2008

Public Hearing : May 5, 2008

Approved: May 5, 2008

Published: May 11, 2008

Effective: May 21, 2008

### TRAFFIC (PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY IN MARKED CROSSWALKS)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10:148 OF CHAPTER 126 (TRAFFIC) OF TITLE X OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR.

The City of Ann Arbor Ordains:

Section 1. That Section 10:148 of Chapter 126 of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended to read as follows:

#### **10:148. Pedestrians crossing streets.**

(a) No pedestrian shall cross a street at a location other than at a crosswalk into which vehicle traffic is then restricted by a traffic control device unless such crossing may be done safely and without interfering with motor vehicle and bicycle traffic on that street.

(b) No operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle shall interfere with pedestrian or bicycle traffic in a crosswalk into which vehicle traffic is then restricted by a traffic control device.

(c) When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but a pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into a path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the tenth day following legal publication.