



Legislation Text

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An Ordinance to Amend Section 10:148 of Chapter 126 (Pedestrian Safety in Crosswalks), of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-10-28)

The proposed amendment to the traffic ordinance clarifies the obligation of motorists to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in, as well as approaching, crosswalks where there is no traffic signal or the signals are not working. The proposed amendment is sponsored by Mayor Hieftje and Council Member Hohnke.

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CROSSWALKS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10:148 OF CHAPTER 126 (TRAFFIC), 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) When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to every pedestrian approaching or within a crosswalk.

(b) 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.

(b) 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.

(a)(c) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect ten days after passage and publication.

As Amended by Ann Arbor City Council on July 19, 2010