

ORDINANCE #62964
Board Bill No. 53
Committee Substitute

An ordinance protecting the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicle occupants; containing definitions; prohibited activities; and a penalty clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: Definitions.

A. "Bicyclist" means any device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having two tandem wheels except scooters and similar devices.

B. "Pedestrian" means

(a) A person who is on foot; or

(b) A person who is using any means of conveyance propelled by human power other than a bicycle; or

(c) A person who is using an electric personal assistive mobility device; or

(d) A person who is operating a self-propelled wheelchair, motorized tricycle, or motorized quadricycle to act as a pedestrian and, by reason of physical disability, is otherwise restricted in movement as or unable to move about on foot.

C. "Motor Vehicle" means every device, in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a roadway, excepting motorized bicycles and devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon rails.

D. "Motor Vehicle Occupant" means all persons within a motor vehicle, whether the driver who is driving the motor vehicle, the person in actual physical control of the motor vehicle, or a passenger not driving or in actual physical control of the motor vehicle.

SECTION TWO: Prohibiting the endangerment of pedestrians and bicyclists.

A person commits the offense of endangerment of a pedestrian, bicyclist or motor vehicle occupant if the person:

(1) Throws an object, directs a projectile, or operates a vehicle (whether motorized or not) at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle, walking, running or operating a wheelchair for the purpose of frightening, disturbing or injuring the person; or

(2) Threatens any person riding a bicycle, walking, running or operating a wheelchair or occupying a motor vehicle for the purpose of frightening or disturbing that person; or

(3) Knowingly places a person riding a bicycle, walking, running or operating a wheelchair or occupying a motor vehicle in apprehension of immediate physical injury; or

(4) Knowingly engages in conduct that creates a risk of death or serious physical injury to a person riding a bicycle, walking, running or operating a wheelchair, or occupying a motor vehicle.

SECTION THREE. Penalty Clause.

Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to of a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or a term of imprisonment not more than ninety (90) days or both a fine and term of imprisonment.

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