

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2017 06-2017

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN'S INTENT TO SUPPORT MORE LIVABLE STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, and accessible transportation for all users is a priority of the City of Eldon;

WHEREAS, the term "Livable Streets" describes building transportation systems for all types of users that ensure accessibility, comfort, safety and efficiency for all users. This includes bicyclists, pedestrians, people with disabilities, transit riders and car drivers;

WHEREAS, common elements of livable streets include: sidewalks and crosswalks, wheelchair ramps and curb cuts, bicycle lanes and mixed-use paths, bus tops and parking facilities, driving lanes for cars and buses, and paved shoulders in rural areas;

WHEREAS, the lack of Livable Streets is dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders, particularly children, older adults and persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, Livable Streets improve public health and safety by reducing the risk of injuries and fatalities from traffic collisions for users of all modes of transportation;

WHEREAS, streets that are designed with the safety and convenience of pedestrians and bicyclists in mind increase the number of people walking and bicycling;

WHEREAS, a balanced transportation system that includes Livable Streets is conducive to streets that are lively with people walking and bicycling to everyday destinations, such as schools, shops, restaurants, businesses, parks, transit, and jobs, which in turn enhances neighborhood economic vitality and livability;

WHEREAS, encouraging people to walk, bicycle and use public transit saves energy resources, reduces air pollution, and reduces emissions of global warming gases;

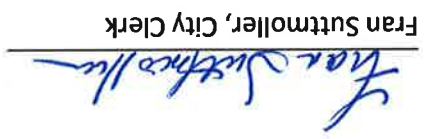
WHEREAS, Livable Streets encourages an active lifestyle by creating opportunities to integrate exercise into daily activities, thereby helping to reduce the risk of obesity and its associated health problems, which include diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, as well as certain cancers, stroke, asthma, and depression;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Eldon, Missouri; that in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, the City of Eldon wishes to improve its commitment to Livable Streets and desires to pursue forming a comprehensive and integrated transportation network that promotes safe, equitable and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context and laws, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards.

PASSED by the Board of Aldermen and APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 11th day of April, 2017.


Larry Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Fran Suttmoller, City Clerk