



NORWOOD, OHIO

Ordinance No. 37 2020

**ORDINANCE AMENDING NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE 373.01(d) TO ADOPT THE "IDAHO LAW" AS IT PERTAINS TO THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to promote the use of bicycles as a mode of commuter transportation as well as for the health benefits of operating a bicycle and in recognition that the City of Norwood is a bicycle-friendly community; and

**WHEREAS**, other jurisdictions in the United States have safely and successfully allowed the operators of bicycles to no longer have to come to a "halt" at every stop sign. As long as the operator of a bicycle has the clear right of way, that bicycle operator may simply slow down, then proceed through the intersection, marked with a stop sign. The operator of a bicycle without the right of way must still yield to traffic; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio:

**373.01 CODE APPLICATION TO BICYCLES**, subsection (d) is hereby amended to read, in full:

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this section do not apply to violations of Section 333.01 of this Traffic Code.

(1) A person operating a Bicycle who is approaching an intersection where traffic is controlled by a stop sign may, without violating the Traffic Code, do any of the following without stopping if the person slows the Bicycle to a safe speed:

- A. Proceed through the intersection;
- B. Make a right or left turn onto a two-way street;
- C. Make a right or left turn into a one-way street in the direction of traffic upon the one-way street.

(2) A person operating a Bicycle commits the offense of improper entry into an intersection where traffic is controlled by a stop sign if the person does any of the following while proceeding as described in subsection (1) of this section:

- A. Fails to yield the right of way to traffic lawfully within the intersection or approaching so close as to constitute an immediate hazard;
- B. Disobeys the direction of a police officer;
- C. Fails to exercise care to avoid an accident; or
- D. Fails to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in an intersection or crosswalk.

(3) Whoever violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Section 373.01(d)(2) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

PASSED 5-26-2020  
Date

Ken Miracle  
Ken Miracle  
President of Council

**ATTEST:**

Maria Williams, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Maria Williams  
Maria Williams  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 03 JUN 20  
Date

Victor Schneider  
Victor Schneider  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:**

Maria Williams, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this Ordinance was published in the Enquirer on 6/10/20 and 6/17/20.  
(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

Maria Williams  
Maria Williams  
Clerk of Council

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

1st Reading 4-28-2020  
Date

2nd Reading 5-12-2020  
Date

3rd Reading 5-26-2020  
Date

All 3 Readings \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date