

**The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Inc.**

A Michigan not for profit corporation incorporated in 1972

WHEREAS the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club organizes bicycle rides that utilize public roads in Kalamazoo County, Van Buren County, Barry County, and St. Joseph County;

WHEREAS the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club advocates on behalf of the bicycling community to promote bicycling and to secure a better understanding and recognition of the need for safer riding conditions;

WHEREAS bicycling provides an estimated \$668 million in economic benefits to the economy of Michigan per Michigan Department of Transportation data;

WHEREAS the activities of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club draw individuals and families from across Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Ontario to the Kalamazoo area to the benefit of the local economy;

WHEREAS Michigan's Motor Vehicle Code currently provides additional protections to certain vulnerable groups of road way users including public safety members at emergency scenes, school children in school zones, construction workers in work zones, farm workers driving farm equipment, stopped solid waste collection vehicles, and stopped utility vehicles;

WHEREAS bicyclists, pedestrians, and those riding animals or driving animal-drawn vehicles on road ways are also at increased vulnerability to motor vehicles;

WHEREAS the Motor Vehicle Code, specifically MCL 257.638, contains ambiguity with regard to motor vehicles passing bicyclists, pedestrians, or those riding animals or driving animal-drawn vehicles on the left;

WHEREAS many local jurisdictions throughout Michigan, including the City of Kalamazoo, the City of Portage, Kalamazoo Township, and Oshtemo Township, have passed safe passing ordinances providing that vehicles must provide a minimum of five feet when passing vulnerable road way users;

WHEREAS the Legislature has recognized the need for state-wide regulation of road ways in Michigan;

RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club SUPPORTS the passage of legislation codifying that motor vehicles overtaking and passing bicycles, pedestrians, and those riding or driving animal-drawn vehicles must give a minimum of 5 feet of space from the side of the vehicle to the vulnerable groups listed.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and qualified Secretary and the custodian of the books and records and seal of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club,

Inc., a corporation duly formed pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan and that the foregoing is a true record of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Inc. and that said meeting was held in accordance with state law and the Bylaws of the above-named corporation on October 11, 2016, and that said resolution is now in full force and effect without modification or rescission.

I have executed my name as Secretary of the above named Corporation this

11<sup>th</sup>, of August.



Valerie Litznerski