

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 61, ARTICLE III, OF THE MOBILE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO LEAVE A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE AND A BICYCLE WHEN SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE IS PASSING THE BICYCLE

Sponsored by: Mr. Carroll

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 61, Article III, of the Mobile City Code is hereby amended to add the following as a new section:

Passing Bicyclists.

(a). The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking and passing a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction shall pass the bicycle at a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three (3) feet and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle.

(b). The driver of a motor vehicle that passes a bicycle proceeding in the same direction may not make a right turn at any intersection or into any roadway or driveway unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety.

Section 2: Violations of this section shall be enforced by the use of uniform traffic ticket and complaint forms. Any person found guilty of violating this section shall be punished as provided in City Code Chapter 1, Article II. If any such person elects to plead guilty to a violation of this section, the fine established in City Code section 61-3 shall apply.

Section 3: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration shall not affect the part or parts that remain.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from
and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED: October 25, 2011



CITY CLERK