

PASSED: December 12, 2016  
BY: Wolf

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-48

RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY AND  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village was built primarily in the 1940s and 50s as a "bedroom" community primarily without sidewalks and with minimal road shoulder for pedestrians, cyclists, and persons with disabilities and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village's Health, Education and Welfare Committee of Council began discussing pedestrian safety with its June 11, 2013 meeting and has focused its attention on pedestrian safety and;

**WHEREAS**, the Health, Education and Welfare Committee has encouraged staff to implement the 3 E's to traffic safety: education, engineering and enforcement and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village has increased its education of residents on pedestrian and bicycle safety via the Village Newsletter, enabling residents to receive a reflective safety belt, heavier traffic police presence in complaint areas and use of speed monitoring devices, distributed bicycle helmets and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village has implemented engineering to improve traffic safety by installing speed limit signs at the entrance to the Village, repainting of crosswalks, upgraded crosswalks in school zones and zones of high pedestrian traffic, mounting early warning signs and pavement markings, installing pedestrian walking against traffic signs, installed radar enforced signs and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village Police have continued to make traffic stops and issue citations for traffic related offenses and the Maintenance Department started to install temporary speed humps on strategically identified streets in 2015;

**WHEREAS**, walkability and safe streets has become an increasingly important topic in the last decade, homebuyers, in particular younger family homebuyers, seek out neighborhoods that enable children to safely walk to school, safely connect with their neighbors, and enable physical activity, and walk scores have become a tool that many homebuyers look to when researching neighborhoods in which to raise their families and;

**WHEREAS**, our nation suffers from a lack of exercise and in particular obesity has become a nationwide epidemic and Amberley Village recognizes the need for residents and non-residents alike to integrate exercise into daily activities such as being able to walk and bicycle safely and;

**WHEREAS**, increasing active transportation (e.g., walking, bicycling, using public transportation, etc.) offers the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, social equity, and more livable communities and;

**WHEREAS**, whenever street and road improvements are being planned, the Village will discuss and try to implement improvements in pedestrian, cycling, and traffic safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That Amberley Village hereby declares its support for pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and traffic safety in the Village.

SECTION 2: In order to support pedestrian safety, it is imperative that motorists observe and obey traffic speed limits, school crossings, and pedestrian crosswalks.

SECTION 3: That pedestrians and cyclists need to observe traffic laws and best practices, including to make themselves visible to motorists at all times, during the daylight and nighttime hours.

SECTION 4: That Amberley Village will continue to be diligent in enforcing traffic laws and educational activities to further support pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety.

SECTION 5: That whenever street and road improvements are planned, attention will be given to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle safety needs, and in keeping with current practice any unused road and street repair funds will be allocated as needed to implement pedestrian and bicycle safety.

SECTION 6: In order that we determine the appropriate level of expenditure on this important issue, the level of expenditure on pedestrian safety during the years 2015 and 2016 will be reviewed by the Health, Education and Welfare Committee and this will be specifically tracked in 2017. In 2018, this will be a specific budget item.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

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Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Wolf Second: Hattenbach

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of January 2016, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designated by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council