

Appendix 20 Model Municipal and County Pedestrian Ordinances

Several model pedestrian ordinances have been developed by the NHTSA that have the potential to reduce certain types of pedestrian crashes. These include:

Model ice cream truck ordinance: This regulation is needed by many jurisdictions to deal with the problem of children who walk or run into the street to or from ice cream or other vending trucks. This ordinance has several components, such as: (1) requiring drivers to stop before overtaking a vending truck, (2) requiring “stop then go if safe” swing arms and alternately flashing lights on vendor trucks, and (3) restricting the types of locations where vending trucks are allowed.

Model bus stop ordinance: This ordinance requires that bus stops be relocated from the near side of an intersection to the far side. It also prohibits pedestrians from crossing in front of a stopped bus, unless allowed to do so by a police officer or traffic control device. This ordinance will increase the visibility between an approaching motorist and crossing pedestrians, and thus can decrease bus-related pedestrian crashes.

Multiple vehicle overtaking ordinance: One common type of pedestrian crash on multi-lane roadways is what is termed a “multiple threat” crash. This crash type involves a pedestrian who steps into a traffic lane (often in a crosswalk) in front of a stopped vehicle and then into the adjacent lane without looking for oncoming vehicles and is struck by an oncoming vehicle. This ordinance requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk and to also stop before passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. Advance stop bars should also be painted about 30 feet in advance of the crosswalks to increase the drivers’ and pedestrians’ field of view.

Parking near intersections or crosswalks ordinance: This ordinance provides that vehicles must not park within 15m (50ft) of a marked crosswalk or within 18m (60ft) of an intersection unless a marked crosswalk exists on that approach. Access ramps and other provisions for persons with disabilities must also be provided. This ordinance can help drivers approaching an intersection to see pedestrians more easily, and it will also give pedestrians a better view of approaching motorists.

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