RESOLUTION NO. 2456

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO PROMOTE “COMPLETE STREETS” WITHIN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and streets that are designed, built and operated to enable safe access for all users, so that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across the street right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Ridge wishes to encourage active transportation as a safe, convenient, environmentally friendly and economical way to promote health and independence for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Ridge acknowledges that the increased use of alternate modes of transportation provide environmental benefits by reducing vehicle emissions, decreasing polluted runoff from roadways, reducing impervious areas, and moderating dependence on non-renewable fuels; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” creates monetary savings by incorporating more transportation users into the existing rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, integrating sidewalks, bike facilities and safe crossings into the initial design of streets projects avoids the subsequent expense of retrofits; and

WHEREAS, streets are a critical component of public space and play a major role in establishing the image and identity of a city, providing a key framework for current and future development; and

WHEREAS, streets are a vital component of the success and vitality of adjoining private users and neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, that the City of East Ridge hereby recognizes the value of creating “Complete Streets” that enable safe travel by all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers and people of all ages and abilities, including children, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of East Ridge affirms that “Complete Streets” infrastructure, addressing the needs of all users, should be incorporated into all planning, design, approval, and implementation for any construction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration or repair of streets, bridges and other portions of the transportation network including pavement resurfacing, restriping and signalization operations if the safety, and
convenience of users can be improved within such scope of work; provided however, that such infrastructure may be excluded upon written approval by the City Council where documentation and date indicate that:

1. Use by non-motorized users is prohibited by law;

2. The cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use over the long term;

3. There is absence of current or future need; or

4. Inclusion of such infrastructure would be unreasonable or inappropriate in light of the scope of the project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of East Ridge should make “Complete Streets” practices a routine part of everyday operations, should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve the public streets and transportation network for all users, and should work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve “Complete Streets.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all departments within the City of East Ridge should review, revise and/or develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates and design manuals to integrate, accommodate and balance the needs of all users in all projects.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution take effect immediately after its passage, the public welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed this the _____ day of __________ 2015.

Attest:

Brent Lambert, Mayor

Andrew E. Hyatt, City Manager

Approved as to Form:

Harold L. North, Jr., City Attorney