

ORDINANCE 2015-8

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 24 (Traffic and Vehicles), ARTICLE IV (Operation of Vehicles) and TO AMEND and SUPPLEMENT and ADD TO SHARED ROADS, SEC. 24-148, SHARED ROADS a/k/a SHARROWS TO HEIGHTEN MOTORIST AWARENESS OF BICYCLE TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN ROADS OR STREETS IN THE CITY OF BAKER BY DESIGNATING THE SAME BY SHARED LANE MARKINGS, a/k/a SHARROWS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Baker, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, in regular session assembled, a proper quorum being there and then present, on the 10th day of March, 2015, that:

SECTION 1:

Chapter 24 (Traffic and Vehicles), Article IV (Operations of Vehicles) is amended and re-enacted so as to add Section 24-148, Shared Roads a/k/a Sharrows, to read as follows:

"Sec. 24-148. Shared Roads a/k/a Sharrows.

In order to create improved conditions for bicycling, by clarifying where cyclists are expected to ride and to remind motorists to expect cyclists on the roads and streets of the city in the absence of bicycle lanes due to inability to eliminate a travel lane or narrow the existing travel lanes and the prohibitive expense to widen roadways, the following streets, or portions thereof are hereby designated as shared lanes or sharrows:

- 1) Brantley Drive
- 2) Alba Drive
- 3) Ector Drive
- 4) Melban Drive
- 5) Morvant Road
- 6) Oak Bend Drive
- 7) Woodward Street
- 8) Longvue Drive
- 9) Harrison Street
- 10) Sinbad drive
- 11) Wimbish Drive
- 12) Greenwood Drive
- 13) Debra Street
- 14) Teakwood
- 15) Wedgewood
- 16) Middlewood
- 17) Driftwood
- 18) Morvant
- 19) Blairstown
- 20) Felicity
- 21) Sandra
- 22) Harding
- 23) Jefferson
- 24) Baker Boulevard

The City shall mark the shared roads with appropriate markings which shall include a bicycle symbol with arrows at the top every few hundred feet on the pavement and appropriate signage in yellow and black indicating that the designated streets are sharing lanes with bicycles."

SECTION 2: REPEAL

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

All ordinances not in conflict herewith and not affected by the amendment hereinabove set forth are hereby maintained in full force and effect as if re-enacted herein.

The repeal of an ordinance shall not effect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, or any suit, prosecution or proceedings pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the ordinance repealed.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrases, clauses, sentence, paragraph or section. If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, fact, situation or circumstance are held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to the other persons, facts, situations or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4: INVALIDATION

If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and, to that end, any and all provisions of this ordinance and applications thereof are declared to be severable.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was recorded as follows:
YEAS: Burges, Givens, Vincent, Young
NAYS: Heine
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

And the Ordinance was presented February 24, 2015, at the regular meeting of the Baker City Council held at the City Hall Building in Baker, Louisiana.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of March, 2015, at the regular meeting of the Baker City Council held at the City Hall Building in Baker, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

/s/Angela Canady, Clerk of Council

/s/Harold M. Rideau, Mayor