

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF ROSWELL

February 14, 2011

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 180, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER
AUTOMOBILE, PEDESTRIAN, AND BICYCLE SAFETY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell, Georgia is a Georgia municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are the governing authority of the City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council are charged with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Roswell; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell is the first and currently only city in the State of Georgia officially recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community; and

WHEREAS, the City has invested in its infrastructure and seen a dramatic rise in the number of bicyclists in all areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the increase in bicyclists and motorists using the same corridors could potentially pose a public safety concern; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that **House Bill 180**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Roswell:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of same, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell hereby support **House Bill 180** currently before the State of Georgia General Assembly which provides for an amendment to Title 40, Chapter 6, Article 3 of the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated*, relating to driving on the right side of the roadways, overtaking and passing and following too closely, so as to require the operator of a motor vehicle to leave a safe distance between such motor vehicle and a bicycle when such vehicle is passing the bicycle; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all state legislators serving the City of Roswell.

The above resolution was read and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell, Georgia on the 14th of February, 2011.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Jerd Wood
Jerd Wood, Mayor

Attest:

Marlee Press

Marlee Press, City Clerk

(Seal)

Jerry Orleans

Councilmember Jerry Orleans

Betty Price

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Kent Igleheart

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Rebecca Wynn

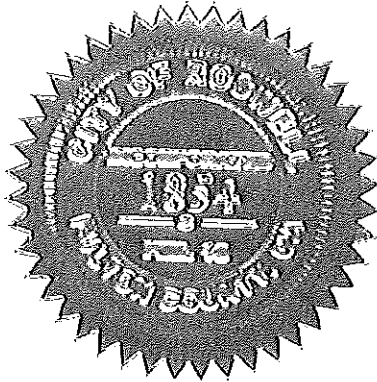
Councilmember Rebecca Wynn

Richard Dippolito

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Nancy Diamond

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House Bill 180

By: Representatives Willard of the 49th, Powell of the 29th, Holt of the 112th, Riley of the 50th, Taylor of the 79th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to driving on the right side of the roadway, overtaking and passing, and following
3 too closely, so as to require the operator of a motor vehicle to leave a safe distance between
4 such motor vehicle and a bicycle when such vehicle is passing the bicycle; to provide for a
5 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 driving on the right side of the roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely,
10 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 *40-6-55.

- 12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'safe distance' means not less than three feet.
- 13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, when feasible, the
- 14 operator of a motor vehicle, when overtaking and passing a bicycle that is proceeding in
- 15 the same direction on the roadway, shall leave a safe distance between such vehicle and the
- 16 bicycle and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle."

17 SECTION 2.

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.