

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

EXCLUSIVE OR NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF BICYCLES.

B. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE OR ESTABLISH SIDEWALKS OR TRAILS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR THE EXCLUSIVE OR COMBINED USE OF BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, OR PEDESTRIANS PROVIDED THAT SUCH DESIGNATION OR ESTABLISHMENT WOULD NOT BE CONTRARY TO PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT THE COST WOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVELY DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE PROJECTED NEED OR USE THEREOF, OR THAT THERE IS NOT A DEMONSTRATED ABSENCE OF THE PROJECTED NEED DUE TO SPARSITY OF POPULATION OR THE EXISTANCE OF OTHER AVAILABLE FACILITIES OR OTHER FACTORS WHICH DEMONSTRATE AN ABSENCE OF ANY NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES. ALL NEW COUNTY FINANCED ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SHALL INCLUDE FACILITIES FOR THE COMBINED OR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS EXCEPT WHEN COST SHALL BE DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE PROJECTED NEED, OR WHEN SUCH FACILITIES WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE PROJECT OR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE LOCATION OF SUCH FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY, NOR SHALL THEY BE LIMITED TO LOCATIONS PARALLEL TO ROADS.

C. IF PROJECTED BICYCLE TRAFFIC OR THE SAFETY OF THE CYCLISTS OR PEDESTRIANS SHOULD JUSTIFY A SEPARATE FACILITY, BICYCLE TRAILS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF BICYCLES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED.

D. NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES SHALL BE PERMITTED ON ANY SUCH SIDEWALK OR TRAIL.

E. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION SHALL PLACE SIGNS OR OTHER SUITABLE IDENTIFICATION AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

F. ANY SIDEWALK OR TRAIL DESIGNATED OR ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR USE BY BICYCLES SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A PUBLIC BICYCLE AREA AND EVERY PERSON OPERATING A BICYCLE THEREON SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect forty-five calendar days from the date it becomes law.

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