

WHEREAS, the City of Rushford currently has a Subdivision Regulations Ordinance regulating the subdivision and platting of land within the corporate limits of the City of Rushford, MN, providing for the installation or guarantee of installation of utilities, street pavements and other essential development by the subdivider; and

WHEREAS, this Subdivision Ordinance also establishes minimum requirements to protect the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to include pedestrian safety into transportation infrastructure planning to encourage and ensure the safety of the growing pedestrian and cyclist population; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to take advantage of any federal or state grant funding which may become available for infrastructure improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following amendment to the Subdivision Regulations Ordinance will further clarify definitions and establish standards for the City to be eligible to participate in Safe Routes to School Programs and funding opportunities:

THE CITY OF RUSHFORD ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The following sections of that certain ordinance dated August 11, 1997, and amended in November 1997, February 2000, May 2000, June 2001, July 2006, August 2010, and September 2015 entitled City of Rushford Zoning Ordinance, **Subdivision Regulations Ordinance** is hereby amended:

CITY OF RUSHFORD, MINNESOTA SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 3. DEFINITIONS

A. The following definitions shall pertain to works used in this ordinance.

31. Safe Routes to School Program: A federal program under Title 1, Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005, Public Law 109-59

32. Safe Routes to School Program Funding: The State of Minnesota has established an account consisting of state bond proceeds and other funds as appropriated to the Commissioner to be expended on eligible costs of a project receiving financial assistance. Assistance may be offered for acquisition of land or permanent easements, predesign, design, preliminary and final engineering, environmental analysis, construction and reconstruction of publicly owned infrastructure with a useful life of at least ten years that provides for nonmotorized transportation to and from a school; preparation of land for which a route to school is established, including demolition of structures and remediation of any hazardous conditions on the land; and the unpaid principal on debt issued by a political subdivision for a safe route to school project.

33. Safe Routes to School Program Administration: The Commissioner has established program requirements and a competitive process for financial assistance following MN Statutes 174.40; establishing criteria to evaluate capital improvements of transportation infrastructure that improves safety and encourages nonmotorized transportation to and from a school.

34. Safe Routes to School Infrastructure: A safe and appealing nonmotorized means of transportation to and from a school.

CHAPTER 7. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

7.60 STREETS:

H. In order to insure eligibility for Safe Routes to School Program Funding, it is required that any subdivision development authorized in the City of Rushford on or after June 1, 2016, will incorporate safe routes to school infrastructure in the subdivision development plans.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

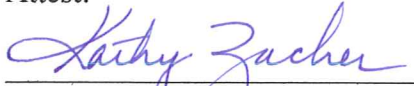
This ordinance amendment becomes effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Rushford this 13th day of Oct., 2015.



Chris Hallum, Mayor

Attest:


Kathy Zacher, City Clerk/Treas.

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