

ORDINANCE NO. 23-99

CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER Dee-Ann Elmer ON THE 26th DAY
OF Dec., 1999

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 474.02 OF THE
CENTERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE PERSONS UNDER
THE AGE OF 18 YEARS RIDING BICYCLES TO WEAR PROTECTIVE
HELMETS.

WHEREAS, the Council has been informed that many serious and disabling injuries to children can be avoided if children wear protective helmets while riding bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that disability and death of children resulting from injuries sustained in bicycling accidents are a serious threat to the public health, welfare and safety of the people of this City, and prevention of such disability and death is a goal of such people; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the risk of head injury from bicycling accidents is significantly reduced for bicyclists that wear proper protective bicycle helmets; yet helmets are worn by fewer than 15% of child bicyclists nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Council is desirous of adopting new regulations to protect persons under the age of 18 years from such injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTERVILLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 474.02 of the Centerville Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by adopting Section 474.02 (g) as follows:

SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR OPERATORS OF BICYCLES

1. No person under the age of 18 years shall operate a bicycle, or ride as a passenger on a bicycle equipped with a passenger seat, within the City unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his/her head, with the chin strap fastened under the

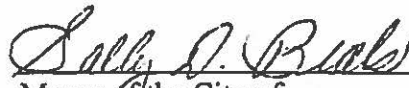
chin. Such helmet shall be fitted to the size of the operator and shall meet or exceed the standards set by ANSI (American National Standards Institute) or SNELL (Snell Memorial Foundation) for helmets manufactured before March, 1999 and shall meet or exceed the standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Institute after said date.

2. Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 408.01.

Section 2. That former Section 474.02 paragraphs (a) through and including (f) are hereby re-adopted.

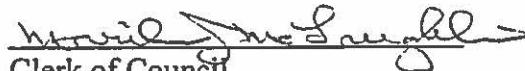
Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED THIS 20th day of December, 1999.



Mayor of the City of
Centerville, Ohio

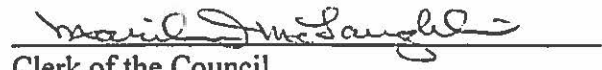
ATTEST:



Clerk of Council
City of Centerville, Ohio

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, hereby certifies the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 23-99, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio on the 20th day of December, 1999



Clerk of the Council

Approved as to form, consistency with the Charter
and Constitutional Provisions.

Department of Law
Robert N. Farquhar
Municipal Attorney