

CITY OF WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_-15

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**An Ordinance Creating Subsection (9) of Section 7.03 of the Municipal Code,  
Regarding the Use of Flashing Warning Lights by School Buses**

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**Whereas** Wisconsin Statutes §346.48(2)(b) prohibits the use of flashing warning lights by school buses in residential or business districts where there are curbs and sidewalks on both sides of the road; and

**Whereas** §346.48(2)(b) allows municipalities the option to provide otherwise by an ordinance enacted pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §349.21(1); and

**Whereas** the Common Council finds that the safety of school bus passengers will be improved if the City does enact such an ordinance;

**Now, therefore,** the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Waukesha do ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Subsection (9) of Section 7.03 of the Municipal Code is created, to read in its entirety as follows:

- (9) Use of Flashing Warning Lights by School Bus Operators.** Pursuant to the authority of Wis. Stats. §349.21(1), the following rules for use of flashing warning lights by school bus operators shall apply in residential and business districts in the City of Waukesha, where there are no traffic signals and passengers must cross the street before or after loading:
- (a)** The operator of a school bus equipped with only flashing red warning lights as specified in Wis. Stats. §347.25(2) shall actuate the lights at least 100 feet before stopping to load or unload passengers, and shall not extinguish the lights until loading or unloading is completed and persons who must cross the street are safely across.
  - (b)** The operator of a school bus equipped with flashing red and amber warning lights as specified in Wis. Stats. §347.25(2) shall do all of the following when stopping to load or unload passengers:
    - (i)** Actuate the flashing amber warning lights at least 300 feet before stopping in a 45 miles per hour or greater speed zone or at least 100 feet before stopping in a less than 45 mile per hour speed zone.

- (ii) At the point of loading or unloading, bring the bus to a stop, extinguish the flashing amber warning lights, and actuate the flashing red warning lights.
- (iii) After loading or unloading is completed and persons who must cross the highway are safely across, extinguish the flashing red warning lights.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its publication.

Passed the 17th day of November, 2015.

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor

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Gina L. Kozlik, City Clerk