ORD/Bikes on sidewalks 10/30/2013

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ORDINANCE NO. 19896

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller concerning riding bicycles on sidewalks, amending City of Topeka Code § 10.35.010 and specifically repealing said original section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 10.35.010, Riding on sidewalks regulated, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Riding on sidewalks regulated.

(a) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within the central business district.

(b) The traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place, it shall be unlawful for any person to disobey such sign.

(c) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(d) No person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk shall exceed a speed of five miles per hour, travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions.

(e) This section shall not apply to a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his official duties.

Section 2. That original § 10.35.010 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.
Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on April 8, 2014.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk