

ORDINANCE NO.: 2017-033

*Adopting the Walkable 29203 Plan as an addendum to The Columbia Plan 2018,
Transportation Element Subsection 8.2.3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: Walk Bike Columbia:
Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan*

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and community at large recognize the value of planning for future development and growth; and,

WHEREAS, City Council approved Ordinance No.: 2008-085 on October 1, 2008 adopting the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 in accordance with the South Carolina Comprehensive Planning Act of 1994 (Title 6, Chapter 29 of the SC Code); and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the 29203 zip code suffer disproportionately from health issues, poverty, and lack of access to a personal vehicle when compared to the Midlands and South Carolina as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the Walkable 29203 Plan was sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) as part of the SC PHASE Pedestrian Planning Project in order to facilitate walkability, pedestrian safety, equity-based planning, community engagement, and safe pedestrian access to healthy foods within the 29203 zip code; and,

WHEREAS, the Walkable 29203 Plan builds upon prior planning efforts, including the Villages of North Columbia Master Plan (City of Columbia), the Crane Creek Master Plan (Richland County), and the Walk Bike Columbia Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (City of Columbia); and,

WHEREAS, the Walkable 29203 Plan was developed in partnership with community members, the City of Columbia, and Richland County; and,

WHEREAS, DHEC, in partnership with the City and County, undertook an extensive public participation process in order to develop the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Walkable 29203 Plan is meant to serve as guidance for elected and appointed officials and City staff when making decisions about infrastructure improvements, amendments to local ordinances, and development reviews where applicable;

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia Planning Commission has reviewed the Walkable 29203 Plan, has received input from members of the public, and has recommended that City Council adopt said plan; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia this 18th day of July, 2017, that the Walkable 29203 Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted as an addendum to *The Columbia Plan 2018*, Transportation Element Subsection 8.2.3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: Walk Bike Columbia: Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan and is effective as of final reading of this ordinance; and

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that copies of the Walkable 29203 Plan, as an addendum to *The Columbia Plan 2018*, Transportation Element Subsection 8.2.3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: Walk Bike Columbia: Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan, be made available for public inspection and copying in the offices of the City Clerk and the Planning and Development Services Department; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia direct the City Manager and City Departments to begin implementation of the Walkable 29203 Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City of Columbia should periodically review the Walkable 29203 Plan.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Gentry



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 6/20/2017

Final Reading: 7/18/2017