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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AO No. 2024-130**

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE**  
2 **MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 9 TO PROHIBIT PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE**  
3 **ROADWAY OUTSIDE OF MARKED OR UNMARKED CROSSWALKS.**  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly passed and approved AO 2023-  
7 65(S-1) on August 8, 2023 which, among other things, effectively permitted  
8 pedestrians to cross the roadway outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in a marked or unmarked  
11 crosswalk by Anchorage Municipal Code 9.20.020(A); and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, to date in 2024, 14 pedestrians have been struck and killed by a driver  
14 while crossing the roadway in the Municipality of Anchorage,<sup>1</sup> surpassing the total  
15 number of pedestrian deaths statewide in 2023;<sup>2</sup> and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, a preliminary review suggests 11 of these collisions occurred on a  
18 major roadway and outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, with the other 3  
19 occurring within an unmarked crosswalk; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, pedestrian safety is connected to individual and societal expectations  
22 and behaviors, deterrents, infrastructure improvements, and public education; and  
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage is committed to achieving Vision Zero  
25 (i.e., zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries) following Safe System Approach  
26 principles, including involving a whole community approach to solving complex  
27 matters impacting public safety; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, in a September 24, 2024, Resolution, the Anchorage Assembly called  
30 upon the Municipality of Anchorage to act in response to pedestrian deaths in the  
31 Municipality; and  
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33 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality has committed to a citywide, cross-departmental  
34 strategy focused on reducing and, ultimately, eliminating traffic fatalities and severe  
35 injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable transportation for everyone;  
36 and  
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality acknowledges that enforcement of pedestrian behavior

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2024/12/03/man-struck-by-pickup-in-midtown-was-anchorage-15th-pedestrian-fatality-this-year/>  
An additional fatality occurred in a parking lot.

<sup>2</sup> <https://dot.alaska.gov/comm/pressbox/arch2023/PR23-0030.shtml>

1 laws can result in a disproportionate impact on people of color and unhoused  
2 individuals,<sup>3</sup> and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Police Department has been a strong partner in  
5 promoting pedestrian safety by creating positive interactions with pedestrians to  
6 educate them about the prohibition and improve pedestrian safety and culture; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, pedestrian safety is a complex issue, and with many different tactics to  
9 increase safety being simultaneously implemented through Vision Zero, using data  
10 to determine the efficacy of a single tactic can be difficult; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, to the extent that data can be used to make an informed view, the  
13 Anchorage Police Department will track encounters and citations related to  
14 pedestrian contacts, pedestrian injuries and deaths, and other relevant data to  
15 provide its perception on the efficacy of the prohibition of crossing the roadway  
16 outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the prohibition of pedestrians crossing the roadway outside of a marked  
19 or unmarked crosswalk sets a community and legal expectation that everyone,  
20 drivers and pedestrians alike, must take personal responsibility for their safety on  
21 the roads while the Municipality and its partners work to improve the built  
22 environment (including doing more to make crosswalks the safest and most  
23 appealing roadway crossing option for pedestrians), enact laws, and employ  
24 enforcement strategies to promote roadway safety for all users, particularly  
25 vulnerable users like pedestrians and bike riders; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, by December 31, 2026, the Assembly will be able to review data about  
28 the effect of the Municipality's multi-pronged strategy to address pedestrian safety  
29 and either allow the prohibition to sunset on December 31, 2026, or reauthorize it;  
30 now, therefore,

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32 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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34 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.20.030 is hereby reinstated and  
35 amended to read as follows:

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37 **9.20.030 Crossing at right angle. [(REPEALED)]**

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39 No pedestrian may cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at  
40 right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb.

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42 (CAC 9.20.030; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2023-65(S-1), § 5, 10-9-23)

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44 **Section 2.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.20.040 is hereby amended to  
45 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*  
46 *out*):

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<sup>3</sup> <https://transportationchoices.org/statewide-data-on-jaywalking-stops-confirms-disproportionate-impact-on-black-and-unhoused-individuals/>

**9.20.040 Crossing at point other than crosswalk.**

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B. No pedestrian shall cross a street or thoroughfare at or within 150 feet of access to a pedestrian tunnel, [OR] overhead walkway, marked crosswalk, or signalized intersection except in [UNLESS] a marked crosswalk[IS ALSO PROVIDED].

(CAC 9.20.040; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 89-52; AO No. 2011-113(S), § 42, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11; AO No. 2023-65(S-1), § 6, 10-9-23)

**Section 3.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.48.130 is hereby amended to read as follows *(the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out)*:

**9.48.130 Traffic offenses fine schedule.**

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Title	Section	Fine Amount
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<b>PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES</b>		
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Driver not to pass vehicle stopped for pedestrian	9.20.020D.	100.00
<u>Pedestrians crossing at other than right angles</u>	<u>9.20.030</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Pedestrian crossing not in crosswalk to yield	9.20.040A.	40.00
<u>Pedestrian Crossing other than in crosswalk</u>	<u>9.20.040B.</u>	<u>40.00</u>
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(CAC 9.48.060; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 88-12; AO No. 88-167; AO No. 88-180; AO No. 89-134; AO No. 90-24; AO No. 94-68(S), § 38, 8-11-94; AO No. 95-67(S), § 5, 7-1-95; AO No. 95-102, § 1, 4-26-95; AO No. 95-117, § 3, 6-29-95; AO No. 95-163(S), § 20, 8-8-95; AO No. 99-15, § 1, 2-9-99; AO No. 2000-130, § 2, 9-12-00; AO No. 2001-51, § 1, 2-27-01; AO No. 2001-145(S-1), § 8, 12-11-01; AO No. 2003-157, § 2, 12-17-03; AO No. 2004-63, § 2, 4-13-04; AO No. 2011-113(S), § 160, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11; AO No. 2012-16, § 6, 2-14-12, retro eff. 12-22-11; AO No. 2013-41(S-1), § 2, 4-23-13; AO No. 2014-42, § 26, 6-21-14; AO No. 2015-111(S-1), § 1, 1-1-16; AO No. 2015-126, § 1, 1-1-16; EO No. 2016-1, § 6, 7-12-16; AO No. 2016-83(S), § 8, 7-26-16; AO No. 2019-51(S), § 3, 6-20-19; AO No. 2019-76, § 4, 7-12-19; AO No. 2022-40(S), § 6, 3-22-22; AO No. 2022-109, § 1, 1-5-23; AO No. 2023-65(S-1), § 14, 10-9-23)

**Section 4.** The Anchorage Police Department shall submit a report to the Mayor

1 and the Assembly by October 1, 2026, regarding its perception of this ordinance,  
2 including data on pedestrian injuries and fatalities, citations issued for violations of  
3 provisions of this ordinance, and any other relevant findings to inform whether to  
4 reauthorize this ordinance.

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6 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2026, and be  
7 automatically repealed unless reauthorized by the Assembly.

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9 **Section 6.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and  
10 approval by the Assembly.

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14 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
15 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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20 Chair of the Assembly

21 ATTEST:

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25 Municipal Clerk  
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