

ORDINANCE NO. 028, 2017
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING THE FORT COLLINS TRAFFIC CODE
RESTRICTING PARKING IN BICYCLE LANES

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2003, by Ordinance No. 016, 2003, the City Council adopted the Fort Collins Traffic Code (the "Traffic Code"); and

WHEREAS, due to an ambiguity in the current Traffic Code, there is often confusion for citizens and City staff whether vehicles may park in bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists are often placed in difficult and unsafe positions when vehicles park in designated bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, after a robust outreach to the citizens of the City, staff recommends the Traffic Code be amended to state without ambiguity that parking in bicycle lanes is not permitted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's citizens to amend the Traffic Code to reflect that vehicles may not park in bicycle lanes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That Section 1013 of the Traffic Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1013. Driving on roadways with designated bicycle lanes.

Whenever a lane has been established on a roadway as a bicycle lane, any person operating a motor vehicle on such roadway shall not park in such bicycle lane and shall not move into or out of such bicycle lane except to enter or leave the highway, enter or leave a parking space, or to prepare for a turn. Any person operating a motor vehicle shall not enter a bicycle lane as provided by this subsection until yielding the right-of-way to all bicycles lawfully within the bicycle lane. For purposes of this subsection and subsection 1204, at least three signs or pavement stencils per mile designating a lane as a bicycle lane, together with a white line parallel to the roadway, shall constitute prima facie evidence that a bicycle lane has been established on such roadway.

Section 3. That Section 1204(3) of the Traffic Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

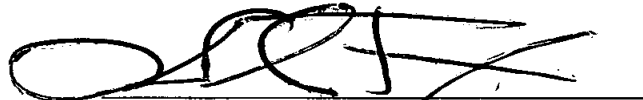
Sec. 1204. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.

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- (3) In addition to the restrictions specified in Subsections (1) and (2) of this Section, no person shall park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:
- (a) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
 - (b) At any other place where official signs prohibit parking.
 - (c) To park any vehicle other than an authorized vehicle in any area designated for such use.
 - (d) Where a lane has been established on a roadway as a bicycle lane pursuant to subsection 1013.


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Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of February, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 7th day of March, A.D. 2017.

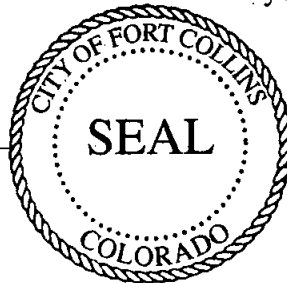


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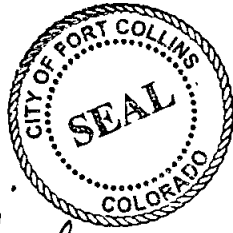
ATTEST:



City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 7th day of March, A.D. 2017.



ATTEST:

W Winkelman

City Clerk

Mayor