

ORDINANCE NO. 045, 2019  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
ENACTING A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS  
IN CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
TO ALLOW ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES ON PAVED TRAILS  
IN CITY NATURAL AREA AND RECREATION AREAS

WHEREAS, the City currently prohibits electrical assisted bicycles, as that term is defined in the Fort Collins Traffic Code, from operating on Natural Areas and Recreation trails within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to extensive staff outreach, there is public interest in allowing the use of electrical assisted bicycles on Natural Areas and Recreation trails; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to balance the use of electrical assisted bicycles on Natural Areas and Recreation trails with current use of such trails by bicycles and pedestrians, as well as maintain the City's interest in conservation and stewardship of its natural areas and recreation spaces; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance these interests, City Council desires to implement a one-year pilot period to allow Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles on paved Natural Areas and Recreation trails within the City to collect public input and data on such use; and

WHEREAS, after the one-year period, City Council will review public input, as well as any collected data to understand impacts to trail user experience and safety, changes to bicycle utilization on trails and other relevant findings to determine whether electrical assisted bicycles should continue to be allowed on paved Natural Areas and Recreation trails, or to otherwise impose additional rules and regulations to ensure safe and efficient use of the City's trail systems.

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 for the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "*electrical assisted bicycle*" shall be defined as follows:

*Electrical assisted bicycle.* A vehicle having two (2) or three (3) wheels fully operable pedals, and an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty (750) watts of power. Electrical assisted bicycles are further required to conform to one (1) of three (3) classes as follows:

"Class 1 electrical assisted bicycle" means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

"Class 2 electrical assisted bicycle" means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling but ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

"Class 3 electrical assisted bicycle" means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.


The term "electrical assisted bicycles" shall include class 1, 2 and 3, unless otherwise specified.

Section 3. That from the effective date of this Ordinance through the end of April 2020, as a temporary exception to the limitation on the use of electrical assisted bicycles in City Code Section 23-193(d)(18), Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles hereby are allowed on paved designated trails only in a natural area. Class 3 electrical assisted bicycles are not allowed on any trail in any natural area.

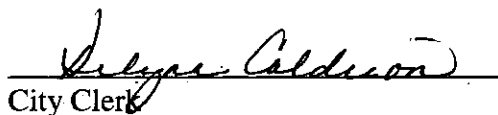
Section 4. That from the effective date of this Ordinance through the end of April 2020, as a temporary exception to the limitation on the use of electrical assisted bicycles in City Code Section 23-203(a)(1), Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles hereby are allowed on paved designated trails only in a recreation area. Class 3 electrical assisted bicycles are not allowed on any trail in any recreation area.

Section 5. This Ordinance will go into effect on May 1, 2019, and the temporary exception authorized hereunder shall end at the end of April 30, 2020.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 19th day of March, A.D. 2019, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of April, A.D. 2019.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

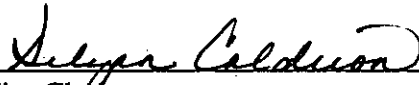
  
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Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of April, A.D. 2019.

  
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