

ORDINANCE NO. 058, 2020  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
TO ALLOW AND REGULATE THE USE OF ELECTRICAL ASSISTED  
BICYCLES ON THE CITY'S PAVED TRAILS

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2019, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 045, 2019, implementing a pilot program to allow electrical assisted bicycles, as that term is defined in the Fort Collins Traffic Code, to operate on paved trails in natural areas and recreation areas within the City for a one-year trial period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to extensive staff outreach, there is public support for allowing the ongoing use of certain electrical assisted bicycles on City trails; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to balance the use of electrical assisted bicycles on 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, City staff will continue to conduct trail user education to promote safe and legal use of the trail by electrical assisted bicycle users; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance these interests, City staff is recommending amending Chapter 23 of the City Code to expressly permit use of Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles on paved trails in City natural areas and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, City staff will continue to monitor the use and impact of electrical assisted bicycles on trails within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the City Code as described herein is in the best interests of the City and its citizens.

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 23-193(d)(18) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-193. Prohibited acts; permits.**

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(d) Except as authorized by a permit obtained for such use from the Service Area, it shall be unlawful to:

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(18) Operate or park a motor vehicle or other motorized means of conveyance anywhere in a natural area other than on established roadways and in designated parking areas, with the following exceptions:

- a. Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles, as defined in Section 2002(12) of the Fort Collins Traffic Code, are allowed within natural areas, on paved, designated trails only, unless prohibited by signs;
- b. a motorized wheelchair may be used by any person with a temporary or permanent mobility disability anywhere in a natural area that public access is allowed; and
- c. an other power-driven mobility device may be used in a natural area by any person with a temporary or permanent mobility disability, in accordance with City regulations regarding such use of other power-driven mobility devices.

Section 3. That Section 23-203(a)(1) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-203. - Prohibited acts; permits.**

(a) It shall be unlawful to:

(1) Operate or park a motor vehicle or other motorized means of conveyance anywhere in a recreation area other than on established roadways and in designated parking areas, with the following exceptions:

- a. Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles, as defined in Section 2002(12) of the Fort Collins Traffic Code, are allowed within recreation areas, on paved, designated trails only, unless prohibited by signs;
- b. a motorized wheelchair may be used by any person with a temporary or permanent mobility disability, anywhere in a recreation area that public access is allowed; and
- c. an other power-driven mobility device may be used in a recreation area by any person with a temporary or permanent mobility disability, in accordance with City regulations regarding such use of other power-driven mobility devices.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of April, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2020.

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Passed and adopted on final reading on this 21st day of April, A.D. 2020.

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