

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO: 2041  
ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO:

INTRODUCED BY:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.32 RELATED TO BICYCLES BY ADDING REFERENCES TO ELECTRIC AND MOTOR ASSISTED BICYCLES, ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES, AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

WHEREAS, over time additional modes of motorized transportation have become available personally and publicly;

WHEREAS, the amendments to this section of code are to address the additional use of motorized transportation methods and provide health and safety regulations to assist in public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:

**Section 1:** Amending Laramie Municipal Code Section 10.32 to read as follows:

Chapter 10.32 BICYCLES, ELECTRIC AND MOTOR ASSISTED BICYCLES, ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

**10.32.010 ~~Bicycle~~—Defined Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, "~~bicycle device~~" means every device propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride relates to the following:

"Bicycle". A device propelled by human power applied to pedals upon which a person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels or two (2) parallel wheels and one (1) forward wheel, all of which are more than fourteen (14) inches in diameter.

"Electrical Assisted Bicycle". A device 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:

- (a) "Class 1 Electrical Assisted Bicycle" means an electrical assisted device 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.
- (b) "Class 2 Electrical Assisted Bicycle" means an electrical assisted device 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.

(c) "Class 3 Electrical Assisted Bicycle" means an electrical assisted device 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.

"Motor Assisted Bicycle". A device having two (2) or three (3) wheels fully operable pedals, and a gas motor not exceeding fifty (50) ccs of power.

"Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device or EPAMD". A self-balancing, non-tandem two-wheeled device, designed to transport only one (1) person, that is powered solely by an electric propulsion system producing an average power output of no more than seven hundred fifty (750) watts.

"Electric Scooter". A device weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds with handlebars and an electric motor that is powered by a battery and that has a maximum speed of twenty (20) miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motion.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.020 Regulations—Generally.**

A. The regulations of this chapter shall be applicable whenever a bicycle device is operated upon any of the highways or streets of the city that are open to the public for the purpose of vehicular travel, including parking lots, or upon any lane or path set aside for the use of bicycles/devices except as is otherwise provided in this chapter.

B. It is unlawful for the parent of any child under ten years of age or guardian of any ward under ten years of age to knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.030 Traffic regulation applicability.**

Every person riding a bicycleddevice upon a street, alley, public highway or roadway that is open to the public for vehicular travel shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a ~~motor~~ vehicle under this title, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.040 Riding—Restrictions.**

A. A person propelling a bicycledevice shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto that for which the device is designed and equipped.

B. No bicycele-device shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.050 Clinging to vehicles.**

No person riding upon any bicycledevice, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.060 Riding on roadways—Restricted to right side.**

Every person operating a bicycele-device upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. The provisions of this section shall not apply when the bicyclist-rider is executing a left-hand turn.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.070 Riding on roadways—Not more than two abreast**

Persons riding bicyclesdevices upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or lanes of roadways set aside for the use of bicyclesdevices.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

#### **10.32.080 Riding on roadways—Restricted when path or land provided.**

Whenever a usable and marked path or lane for bicycles devices has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycleriders shall use such path or lane and shall not use the roadway except as necessary to turn left at an intersection or into a private road or driveway or as necessary to leave the bicycele path or lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions. No person operating a bicycele-device device shall leave the bicycele path or lane until the movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal in the event that any motor vehicle may be affected by the movement.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.090 Motor vehicles—Restricted from paths or lanes—Right-of-way determination.**

Operators of motor vehicles shall not drive within ~~bicycle~~ paths or lanes except as necessary to enter a parking space or execute a right-hand turn across such ~~bicycle~~ paths or lanes, or to yield to an authorized emergency vehicle. When executing a turning movement to the right, the operator of a motor vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any ~~bicyclist riding~~ within the ~~bicycle~~ path or lane and who is so close to the motor vehicle as to constitute an immediate hazard, but the signal when and as required by law, may make such turning movement to the right, and the ~~bicyclist rider~~ approaching the motor vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to the motor vehicle making the turning movement to the right.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.100 Carrying articles—Restriction.**

No person operating a ~~bicycle device~~ shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the ~~handle bars~~ handlebars.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.110 Riding on sidewalk—Prohibited.**

No person shall ride a ~~bicycle device~~ upon any of the sidewalks of the city except where the sidewalk is part of a designated and marked ~~bicycle~~ path.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.120 Lamp—Required.**

Every ~~bicycle device~~ when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet to three hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.130 Brake—Required.**

Every bicycle device shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.140 Entering or emerging from alley or driveway.**

The operator of a bicycle device emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**10.32.150 Speed—Limitation.**

No person shall operate a bicycled device at a speed greater than the posted speed limit or greater than that which is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(Ord. No. 1760, §§ 1, 2, 4-2-2019)

**Section 2.** That this ordinance shall become effective on upon passage and publication.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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Paul Weaver  
Mayor and President of the City Council

Attest:

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Nancy Bartholomew, CMC  
City Clerk

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