

ORDINANCE NO. 26-004

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 12.32 of the Camas Municipal Code related to the use of Class 3 electric-assisted bicycles in city parks and amending regulations related to negligent operation of vehicles in city parks.

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the recent proliferation of electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle use in the City of Camas, particularly among teenagers and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Camas Municipal Code Chapter 10.25 addresses “Motorized Foot Scooter”, with certain prohibitions and standards including their use and operation upon any sidewalk, park or public trail in the City; and

WHEREAS, Camas Municipal Code Section 12.32.110 addresses the use of ‘Motor Driven Vehicles’ within City parks including their use and operation within any City park; and

WHEREAS, a motorized foot scooter and motor driven vehicle, as defined within the respective code sections, does not encompass the use and operation of any electric-assisted bicycle or electric motorcycle and requires clarification; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature recently adopted Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6110, which further acknowledges the enforcement issues related to electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle use, adopted revisions to RCW Section 46.04.169 concerning electric-assisted bicycles, and directed the Department of Licensing to form a work group to return with an interim report related to rules of the road and other enforcement measures for electric motorcycle use in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City has received multiple statements of concern related to electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle use in Crown Park and other parks and trails in the City; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.612.710(8) prohibits class 3 electric-assisted bicycles, defined to include motor assisted bicycles which provides assistance to attain a speed of no more than 28 miles per hour and is equipped with a speedometer, from any shared-used path except where a local jurisdiction shall otherwise permit; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to clarify under Camas Municipal Code Section 12.32.110 that Class 3 electric-assisted bicycles as defined under state law are subject to the restrictions and prohibitions as set thereto and further clarify and expand the offense of negligent operation of a vehicle in any park as set forth under Camas Municipal Code Section 12.32.110G; and

WHEREAS, the Council encourages all citizens to be mindful of the dangers of such use upon the roadways and public spaces of the City, especially by our youth.

Now, wherefore, the Council of the City of Camas do ordain as follows:

Section I

Section 12.32.110G of the Camas Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

12.32.110G. Operate any vehicle, including any motor or electric driven vehicle or personal transportation device of any type, in a manner within any park which results in excessive noise, disturbs the peace of other persons using the area, or which endangers, or is likely to endanger, property or another person.

Section II

There is hereby added a new subsection 12.32.110H of the Camas Municipal Code to provide as follows:

12.32.110H. For purposes of this Section 12.32.110, “motor

driven vehicle” shall include class 3 electric-assisted bicycles as defined under RCW 46.04.169(3).

Section III

This Ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of July, 2026.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney