

ORDINANCE NO. 018, 2026
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADDING A NEW SECTION 1412.5 OF THE FORT COLLINS
TRAFFIC CODE RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONS
APPROACHING INTERSECTIONS WHO ARE NOT OPERATING
MOTOR VEHICLES

A. On February 18, 2003, by Ordinance No. 016, 2003, the City Council adopted the Fort Collins Traffic Code (the "Traffic Code").

B. When City Council adopted the Traffic Code, it was with the understanding that the Traffic Code would most likely be subject to future amendments, not only to clarify and correct errors, but also to ensure that the Traffic Code remains consistent with Colorado traffic laws.

C. In 2022, the Colorado General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed, House Bill 2022-1028, regulating when certain persons approaching controlled intersections who are not operating motor vehicles may safely proceed through the intersection.

D. To help ensure the safety of certain persons identified in the Ordinance, as well as operators of motor vehicles, and to maintain consistency between the Traffic Code and state traffic laws, Fort Collins Police Services recommends that the Traffic Code be amended to add identical authorization as the state.

E. The City Council has determined that these Traffic Code amendments are in the best interests of the City and its residents.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that a new Section 1412.5 of the Fort Collins Traffic Code is hereby added to read as follows:

1412.5. Regulation of certain persons approaching intersections who are not operating motor vehicles - definitions.

- (1)(a) (l) A pedestrian or a person who is fifteen (15) years of age or older or who is under fifteen (15) years of age and accompanied by an adult and who is operating a low-speed conveyance and approaching a controlled intersection with a stop sign shall slow down and, if required for safety, stop before entering the intersection. If a stop is not required for safety, the pedestrian or person operating a low-speed conveyance shall slow to a reasonable speed and yield the right-of-way to any traffic or pedestrian in or approaching the intersection. After the pedestrian or person operating a low-

speed conveyance has slowed to a reasonable speed and yielded the right-of-way if required, the pedestrian or person operating a low-speed conveyance may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping.

- (II) For purposes of this subsection (1)(a), a reasonable speed is ten (10) miles per hour or less.
- (b) A person who is fifteen (15) years of age or older or who is under fifteen (15) years of age and is accompanied by an adult and who is operating a low-speed conveyance and approaching a controlled intersection with an illuminated red traffic control signal shall stop before entering the intersection and shall yield to all other traffic and pedestrians. Once the person operating a low-speed conveyance has yielded, the person operating a low-speed conveyance may cautiously proceed in the same direction through the intersection or make a right-hand turn. When a red traffic control signal is illuminated, a person operating a low-speed conveyance shall not proceed through the intersection or turn right if an oncoming vehicle is turning or preparing to turn left in front of the person operating a low-speed conveyance.
- (c) A person who is fifteen (15) years of age or older or who is under fifteen (15) years of age and is accompanied by an adult and who is operating a low-speed conveyance approaching an intersection of a roadway with an illuminated red traffic control signal may make a left-hand turn only if turning onto a one-way street and only after stopping and yielding to other traffic and pedestrians. However, a person operating a low-speed conveyance shall not turn left if an oncoming vehicle is turning or preparing to turn right.
- (2) This section supersedes any conflicting ordinance, but nothing in this section affects the validity of any ordinance that regulates the conduct of persons approaching controlled intersections and does not conflict with this section.
- (3) This section does not diminish or alter the authority of the Colorado Department of Transportation or the state transportation commission, as those entities are defined in C.R.S. Section 43-1-102, regarding the department's or commission's authority to regulate motor vehicle traffic on any portion of the state highway system as defined in C.R.S. Section 43-2-101(1).
- (4) This section does not create any right for a pedestrian or the operator of a low-speed conveyance to travel on any portion of a roadway where travel is

otherwise prohibited by state law or by an ordinance or resolution adopted by the City Council.

- (5) As used in this section:
 - (a) “Controlled intersection” means an intersection of a roadway that is controlled by either a stop sign or a traffic control signal.
 - (b) “Low-speed conveyance” means:
 - (I) A vehicle, as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-1-102(112), that is not a motor vehicle, as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-1-102(58), a low-power scooter as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-1-102(48.5), or a low-speed electric vehicle, as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-1-102(48.6);
 - (II) A toy vehicle, as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-1-102(103.5), that is exclusively human-powered; or
 - (III) An electric personal assistance mobility device or EPAMD, as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-1102(28.7), or a device that would be an electric personal assistance mobility device or EPAMD but for the fact that it has fewer or more than two wheels or has tandem wheels.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on March 3, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on April 7, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: April 17, 2026
Approving Attorney: Andrew Treviño

Exhibit: None