

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY DIRECTING THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING WHEELED DEVICES IN DESIGNATED AREAS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10.64 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code (“GVMC”) regulates the use of wheeled devices, including, but not limited to, bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, skateboards, and other similar wheeled devices not necessary for mobility;

**WHEREAS**, section 10.64.030(B) of the GVMC provides that the Director of Public Works shall post or erect or cause to be posted or erected signs prohibiting the use, operation, or riding of wheeled devices, such as bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, skateboards, or other similar wheeled devices not necessary for mobility in places designated by resolution of the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, section 12.16.040 of the GVMC prohibits the riding, using, or operating of wheeled devices unnecessary for mobility within the downtown core boundaries when signs are posted giving notice of the restriction, with certain exceptions;

**WHEREAS**, section 8.20.130(B)(1)(a) of the GVMC defines the “downtown core boundaries” as West Main Street from South School Street to East Main Street to Bennett Street to Tinloy Street to Neal Street to South Church Street to West Main Street. The boundaries also include Mill Street from Neal Street to the western entrance/exit of the Safeway shopping center, including the public sidewalk on both sides of the perimeter boundary streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now finds it necessary and desirable for signs to be posted giving notice of a prohibition on wheeled devices, subject to the exceptions set forth in 12.16.040 of the GVMC, within the downtown core boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are each true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby designates the area within the downtown core boundaries as an area in which no bicycle, skateboard, scooter (with or without an electric motor), rollerblades, roller skates, or other similar wheeled device not necessary for mobility may be ridden, used, or operated upon any street, sidewalk, or public right of way therein, subject to the following exceptions:

1. Wheeled devices necessary for mobility, such as wheelchairs and knee scooters, may be ridden, used, or operated as intended on any public sidewalk, road, or street in the downtown core.
2. Wheeled devices may be used in areas designed for automobiles and bicycles if operated therein accordance with State and local law. This section shall not be construed as permitting the riding, using, or operating of any wheeled device on sidewalks or on streets or roadways closed to vehicular traffic.
3. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, and other similar wheeled devices may be carried by or propelled alongside a walking pedestrian.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council hereby directs the Public Works Director, or designee thereof, to post or erect or cause to be posted or erected signs giving notice of this prohibition within the downtown core boundaries and throughout the downtown core.

**SECTION 4.** The adoption of this Resolution is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it has no potential to result in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly. The adoption of this Resolution is also exempt from CEQA by CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that prohibiting certain use of wheeled devices in the downtown core may have a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall be effective 30 days after the adoption of Ordinance 830 adding Section 12.16.040 to Chapter 12.16 of Title 12 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code.

**SECTION 6.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall cause the same to be published or posted according to law.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Council of the City of Grass Valley at a meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAINING:**

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney