

ORDINANCE 2026-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1171 AND SECTION 8-6-1 OF THE LANDER MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS, AND CREATING NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BICYCLES, HUMAN-POWERED SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, ONE-WHEELED DEVICES, AND POWERED SCOOTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LANDER, FREMONT COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendment and Enactment

Section 8-6-1 of the Lander Municipal Code is hereby amended, and new provisions are hereby created and enacted, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8

BICYCLES, HUMAN-POWERED SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND POWERED SCOOTERS

Sec. 8.04. Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1. Bicycle.** "Bicycle" means a human-powered transportation device equipped with operable pedals or another means of human propulsion, and a seat for one or more riders.
- 2. Human-Powered Scooter, or Skateboard.** "Human-powered scooter" or "skateboard" means a human-powered transportation device with two or more wheels in contact with the ground and a deck or platform for the rider to stand on.
- 3. Electric Bicycle.** "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the rider's use, and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts.
 - a. Electric bicycles must meet the requirements of one of the following three classes:
 - i. Class 1 electric bicycle means an electric bicycle 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 miles per hour.
 - ii. Class 2 electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used to propel the bicycle without pedaling and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

iii. Class 3 electric bicycle means an electric bicycle 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 miles per hour.

b. An electric bicycle shall operate according to its class so that, when the rider stops pedaling, applies the brakes, or disengages the electric motor, the electric motor assist ceases to function or provide propulsion.

4. Powered Scooter or Powered Skateboard. “Powered scooter” or “Powered Skateboard” means a transportation device that is equipped with a motor or engine, is capable of self-propelled operation, has a deck or platform for a rider to stand on during operation, and has one or more wheels in contact with the ground.

5. One-Wheeled Devices. “One-wheel device” means a motor-powered self-balancing transportation device, with a single wheel in contact with the ground and a platform or foot pads upon which the rider stands. A one-wheel device includes, but is not limited to, devices commonly known as one-wheels, electric unicycles, or similar self-balancing personal transportation devices.

6. Mobility Device: a device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines, whether or not it was designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities, that is used by such individuals for the purpose of locomotion

7. Powered Device: For the purpose of this Ordinance, a powered device shall be defined as a self-propelled device designed primarily to transport one person and powered wholly or partially by an electric motor, including a powered scooter, motorized skateboard, self-balancing device, or one-wheeled device. The term does not include motorcycles, motor-driven cycle, moped, motor vehicle, or any wheelchair, pedestrian vehicle, or other mobility device designed and used by a person with a disability.

8. Dismount Zone. “Dismount Zone” means a designated public sidewalk area within the City of Lander where ~~no wheeled devices, powered by humans, batteries, or fuel, other than mobility devices, may be used. the operation of bicycles, human-powered scooters, skateboards, electric bicycles, and powered scooters is prohibited in order to improve pedestrian safety.~~

a. The Dismount Zone shall include any sidewalk on, or adjacent to, the following public streets:

**South North side (westbound) of Main Street from 1st to 10th streets
and the North South side (eastbound side of Main Street from
Lincoln Street to 1st Street**

b. The City may install and maintain signs, pavement markings, or other traffic-control devices identifying Dismount Zones established under this Chapter.

9. Lander Area Pathway System. “Lander Area Pathway System” means the designated walking paths on Exhibit A, as from time to time may be amended for the City of Lander.

10. Reckless Operation. “Reckless operation” means operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device in a manner that creates an

unreasonable risk of injury to persons or damage to property under the circumstances then existing.

Sec. 8.06. Requirements for Operation and Forbidden Practices.

1. The operator of any bicycle, human-powered scooter or skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall comply with all applicable traffic ordinances and applicable Wyoming statutes governing the operation of vehicles within the City limits of Lander.
 - a. Unless otherwise required by law, an operator is not required to possess a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, or motor vehicle insurance to operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device.
 - b. Nothing in this Chapter is intended to conflict with or supersede applicable Wyoming law. In the event of a conflict between this Chapter and Wyoming law, Wyoming law shall control.
 - c. Mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities, including wheelchairs and other assistive mobility devices, are distinct from recreational powered scooters and other personal transportation devices regulated under this chapter.
2. Electric bicycles and powered scooters must meet the definitions and operational requirements set forth in this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law. Electric bicycles and powered devices with performance capabilities exceeding the definitions in this Chapter may not be operated on public roadways, sidewalks, or the Lander Area Pathway System, except as otherwise allowed by law.
 - a. First responders operating an electric bicycle or powered scooter in the performance of their official duties are exempt from this subsection.
3. Any bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device operated **during the period of** 30 minutes after sunset and **until** 30 minutes before sunrise must be equipped with and use the following:
 - a. A forward-facing white light that is unobstructed, provides sufficient visibility for the operator, and makes the device visible to vehicles and motorists.
 - b. A rear-facing red light that is unobstructed and makes the device visible to vehicles and motorists.
4. Where operation on a sidewalk or on the Lander Area Pathway System is permitted under this Chapter, the operator shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall not operate in a reckless manner that endangers pedestrian safety.
5. The following additional requirements and prohibitions apply:

- a. No person shall operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device on a sidewalk within a designated Dismount Zone as outlined in Section 8.04(6) herein.
- b. No person shall operate a Class 1 electric bicycle, Class 2 electric bicycle, Class 3 electric bicycle, powered scooter or skateboard, or one-wheeled device on any sidewalk.
- c. Bicycles, human-powered scooters, and human-powered skateboards may be operated on sidewalks outside of designated Dismount Zones, subject to the requirements of this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law.
- d. Bicycles, human-powered scooters, human-powered skateboards, Class 1 electric bicycles, and powered scooters may be operated on the Lander Walking Path, subject to the requirements of this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law.
- e. No person shall operate a Class 2 electric bicycle or Class 3 electric bicycle on the Lander Area Pathway System.
- f. No person shall operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter or skateboard, in a reckless manner or engage in trick riding on public streets, sidewalks, or the Lander Walking Path.
- g. No person shall operate an electric bicycle, or powered device in a reckless manner or engage in trick riding on public streets, or the Lander Walking Path.
- h. No person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall enter or cross a public street, roadway, or other thoroughfare unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with the lawful movement of approaching traffic.
- i. No person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall attach themselves or the device to any moving vehicle.
- j. No person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall carry another person as a passenger unless the device is designed and manufactured to carry more than one person, or unless manufacturer-approved equipment has been added for that purpose.

Sec. 8.08. Helmet Use Required for Operators Under Sixteen Years of Age.

1. Any person under sixteen years of age operating an electric bicycle or powered device on a public street or the Lander Area Pathway System shall properly wear a helmet approved by the United States Department of Transportation or the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
2. The City encourages all operators and passengers of bicycles, human-powered scooters, skateboards, electric bicycles, and powered scooters to wear properly fitted safety helmets regardless of age.

Sec. 8.10. Dismount Zones.

1. ~~Except for mobility devices, n~~o person shall operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered scooter upon a sidewalk located within a designated Dismount Zone.
2. Outside of a designated Dismount Zone, bicycles, human-powered scooters and human-powered skateboards may be operated on sidewalks, subject to the requirements of this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law.
3. Any person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, or human-powered skateboard upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Sec. 8.12. Penalty for Violations.

1. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars for each offense, plus costs of prosecution.
2. In lieu of issuing a citation for a first offense, a law enforcement officer may issue a written warning when the officer determines that a warning would adequately address the violation and promote compliance with this Chapter.

Sec. 8.14. Alternative Penalty for Juveniles Under Sixteen Years of Age.

1. At the discretion of the officer who observed the violation and is issuing the citation, a juvenile under sixteen years of age who violates any provision of this Chapter may be required to appear in Lander Municipal Court with a parent or legal guardian and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each offense, plus costs of prosecution.
 - a. If a juvenile is cited under this section, the citing officer shall contact the juvenile's parent or legal guardian and notify them of the citation and corresponding court date.
 - b. If the violation is for failure to comply with Section 8.08 of this Chapter relating to helmet use, the Lander Municipal Court may allow the purchase of a helmet approved by the United States Department of Transportation or the Consumer Product Safety Commission in lieu of fines and costs of prosecution, provided that proof of purchase is submitted and the helmet is presented to the Court.

SECTION 2. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law and the ordinances of the City of Lander.

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