

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEW
CASTLE, COLORADO CREATING CHAPTER 10.28 OF TOWN CODE
CONCERNING ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES**

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle, Colorado (“Town”) is a home rule municipality duly organized and existing under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Town of New Castle Home Rule Charter of 1999, as amended (“Charter”); and

WHEREAS, electrical assisted bicycles, commonly known as “e-bikes,” are bicycles equipped with an electric motor that can assist riders in reaching speeds of up to 28 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, growing popularity and increasing access to inexpensive models of e-bikes has led to a proliferation of e-bike usage among riders of all age groups within the Town; and

WHEREAS, this proliferation of e-bikes has created safety concerns on Town parks, trails, and other open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Town Council now desires to address these safety concerns by adopting e-bike regulations and codifying them within the Town Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference herein as findings and determinations of the Town Council.

Section 2. **Adoption of Chapter 10.28.** Chapter 10.28 Electrical Assisted Bicycles as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is hereby adopted and inserted as a new chapter into the Town Code.

Section 3. **Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause, or portion of this Ordinance as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective fourteen days after final publication pursuant to Section 4.3 of the Town Charter.

INTRODUCED on first reading on April 7, 2026, at which time copies were available to the Town Council and to those persons in attendance at the meeting, read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published in full and posted in at least two public places within the Town as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, on April 21, 2026, read by title and number, passed without amendment, approved, and ordered published as required by the Charter.

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HOME-RULE MUNICIPALITY

By: _____
Art Riddile, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mindy Andis, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 10.28 – ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES

10.28.010 – Definitions

- A. “Electrical Assisted Bicycle” or “E-Bike” shall refer to any bicycle with an electric motor that assists the rider in reaching a speed of not more than 28 miles per hour.
- B. “Class 1 E-Bike” means an electrical assisted 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.
- C. “Class 2 E-Bike” means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling and may include a throttle for such assistance but ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.
- D. “Class 3 E-Bike” means an electrical assisted 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.

10.28.20 – Safety requirements

- A. All E-Bike riders 18 years and younger must wear a helmet when operating an E-Bike of any class.
- B. All E-Bikes shall utilize an operational permanently affixed headlight and taillight when used between dusk and dawn.
- C. An operator shall not use a mobile phone while operating an E-bike unless they are utilizing hands-free methods.
- D. An operator shall not allow more passengers on an electrical assisted bicycle than the electrical assisted bicycle is originally designed and built for. This shall not prevent the use of aftermarket products on or with an E-bike, such as child carriers.
- E. Riders must be at least 16 years old to operate a Class 3 E-bike.
- F. All classes of E-Bikes shall be subject to Town Code provisions generally applicable to bicycles unless contradicted by an express provision of this Chapter.
- G. The speed limit for all electrical assisted bicycles is fifteen (15) miles per hour in all areas of Town when operated on a designated trail, multi-use path, bike path, or trail. Any electrical assisted bicycle operated on the roadway or bike lane must abide by the posted

speed limit and be operated in compliance with the Model Traffic Code, as adopted by the Town from time to time.

10.28.030 – Where allowed

- A. Only Class 1 E-Bikes are permitted on Town trails. A trail is a single-track, unimproved dirt trail that is only wide enough to accommodate one pedestrian or biker.
- B. Only Class 1 E-Bikes are permitted on Town bike paths or multi-use paths. A multi-use path is an improved or unimproved path through Town parks or open space that is wide enough to accommodate two or more pedestrians or bikers side by side.
- C. Only Class 1 E-Bikes are permitted on Town sidewalks.
- D. All E-Bike riders shall be required to dismount their bikes when on downtown Main Street sidewalks between N. 2nd St and N. 7th Street.
- E. Classe 1, 2, and 3 E-Bikes are permitted on Town roads and bike lanes when operated in compliance with the Model Traffic Code, as adopted by the Town from time to time.
- F. Any electrical assisted bicycle providing assistance above twenty-eight miles per hour, and any electric dirt bike that does not have pedal assist, are not “E-Bikes” under this chapter and are not permitted on any Town trail, multi-use path, or other public property.

10.28.040 – Penalty

- A. Any violation of this Chapter 10.28 shall be punishable by the Town’s general penalty set forth in Section 1.20.010 of the Code.