

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE PEORIA CITY CODE (1992) BY AMENDING SECTIONS 14-140 PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS; BICYCLES; MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES; 14-142 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES; NON-MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, IN LINE SKATES AND MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES; APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC LAWS; OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND SIGNS; 14-143 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES, NON-MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, IN LINE SKATES, MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES, RESPONSIBILITY TO YIELD; 14-144 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES; SPEED; 14-145 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES; MANNER OF PARKING; 14-147 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES; USE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT; 14-148 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES, MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES; REQUIRED EQUIPMENT; PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT; HOURS OF OPERATION; PERMITTING VIOLATIONS BY OTHERS PROHIBITED; 14-149 PERTAINING TO BICYCLES; MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES; OPERATIONS, VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the rapid technological advancement and increased popularity of electric bicycles, electric standup scooters, and other self-propelled means of transportation have led to a significant presence of these transportation devices on City streets, sidewalks, and trails; and

WHEREAS, the City has a primary interest in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of all users of the public right-of-way, including the operators of these devices, pedestrians, traditional cyclists, and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the interest of public health and safety to establish uniform rules for the equipment, speed, and operation of such devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the Peoria City Code is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court

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of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

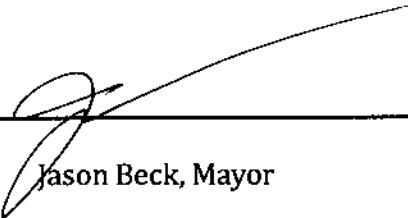
SECTION 3. Clerical Corrections. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to correct typographical, clerical, and grammatical errors, if any, related to this Ordinance, and to make formatting changes appropriate for purposes of clarity, form, or consistency with the City Code. Any such changes shall be in writing and approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective in the manner provided by law.

**EXHIBITS ON FILE AT THE PEORIA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE - 8401 W. Monroe
Ave. Peoria, Arizona**

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria,
Maricopa County, Arizona this 24th day of March, 2026.



Jason Beck, Mayor

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Date Signed

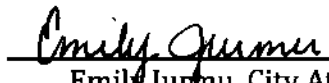
ATTEST:



Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Emily Junnu, City Attorney

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Exhibit A
Amendments to the Peoria City Code, Chapter 14

HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Applicable sections of the City Code are denoted by **highlighted bold text** for ease of readability during the drafting process.

Unless otherwise stated, provisions or regulations being deleted are shown in red strikethrough text or a line through the graphic, like this: ~~Provisions that are being deleted are shown with a red strikethrough text.~~ Graphics containing red strikethrough are intended to remove the graphic in its entirety as well as any text that is embedded in the graphic.

Provisions or regulations that are being added are shown in double-underlined blue text, like this: Provisions that are being added are shown in double-underlined blue text. Graphics containing a double blue box are intended to add the graphic in its entirety as well as any text that is embedded in the graphic.

Only those changes noted through the above methods for the specific sections and subsections of the City Code identified shall be made. When regulations, graphics or other text is omitted, or is shown unchanged in adjoining sections or subsections of the code, it shall remain unchanged.

**Section 1. Amend Chapter 14 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-140
Definitions; bicycles; motorized play vehicles, only as follows, leaving all other
sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:**

Sec. 14-140. Definitions; bicycles; ~~electric bicycles. electric standup scooters. motor driven cycles. and motorized play vehicles.~~

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ~~chapter~~Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this ~~section~~Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) Bicycle: A pedal-powered vehicle upon which a human operator sits.
- (b) Bicycle Lane: That portion of a roadway set aside by the City for the exclusive use of bicycles or other modes of travel where permitted by statute or ~~city code~~City Code, and so designated by pavement markings and, if used, signs.
- (c) Electric Bicycle or E-Bike: shall have the same meaning as set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes § 28-101 – a bicycle or tricycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts and that meets the requirements of one of the following classes, this does not include a motor-driven cycle:

(1) Class 1 electric bicycle: means a bicycle or tricycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle or tricycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour.

(2) Class 2 electric bicycle: means a bicycle or tricycle that is equipped with an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle or tricycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle or tricycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour.

(3) Class 3 electric bicycle: means a bicycle or tricycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle or tricycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour.

(d) Electric Standup Scooter: shall have the same meaning as set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes § 28-101 – a device that weighs less than seventy-five pounds; has two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard on which a person may stand while riding; is powered by an electric motor or human power, or both; and has a maximum speed that does not exceed twenty miles per hour, with or without human propulsion, on a paved level surface.

(e)(e) In Line Skates: A shoe or boot with a blade like series of wheels arranged in a straight line and commonly known and marketed as "roller blades" or "in line skates".

(f) Motor Driven Cycle: shall have the same meaning as set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes § 28-101 – a motorcycle including every motor scooter, with a motor that produces not more than five horsepower but does not include an electric bicycle, an electric miniature scooter or an electric standup scooter. A motor driven cycle is a "motor vehicle" and must adhere to the same "motor vehicle" requirements as outlined in Arizona Revised Statutes.

(d)(g) Motorized Play Vehicle: A coaster, skateboard, scooter or other motorized vehicle that is self propelled by a motor and which is not defined in ~~A.R.S.~~ Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 28, as a motor driven cycle, motorized wheelchair-~~or~~, motor vehicle, electric bicycle, or electric standup scooter.

(e)(h) Operator: A person who operates or is in actual physical control of a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle upon a public roadway, sidewalk, right-of-way, park, bicycle path or any other public property used for the operation of motor vehicles.

(f)(i) Owner: A person who holds the legal title to, is the owner of, or is the legal possessor of a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric stand up scooter, motor driven cycle, or motorized play vehicle, or if the bicycle, electric bicycle, electric stand up scooter, motor driven cycle, or motorized play vehicle is the subject of a lease or an agreement for the conditional sale thereof, with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested

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in the conditional vendee or lessee, or if a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such lessee, conditional vendee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner.

(Ord. 95-29, 6/6/95, Amended; Ord. No. 2017-28, § 40, 6-13-17)

**Section 2. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-142
Bicycles; non-motorized scooters, in line skate and motorized play vehicles;
Applicability of traffic laws; Obedience to traffic signals and signs, only as follows,
leaving all other sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:**

Sec. 14-142. Bicycles; non-motorized scooters, in line skates~~and~~, motorized play vehicles, electric bicycles, and electric standup scooters; Applicability of traffic laws; Obedience to traffic signals and signs.

(a) All traffic laws shall apply to persons riding bicycles, non-motorized scooters, in line skates~~and~~, motorized play vehicles, electric bicycles, and electric standup scooters. Every person riding a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or operating a motorized play vehicle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles, or by the traffic regulations of this ~~city~~City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this ~~chapter~~Chapter and except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

(b) It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, in line skates, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle not to obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(Code 1977, § 6-4-11(A); Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Amended; Ord. No. 01-172, 11/6/01, Amended (SUPP 2001-4))

State law reference(s) - Application of traffic laws to bicycles, A.R.S. § 28-812.

**Section 3. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-143
Bicycles, non-motorized scooters, in line skates, motorized play vehicles,
responsibility to yield, only as follows, leaving all other sections and subsections not
specifically referenced unchanged:**

Sec. 14-143. Bicycles, non-motorized scooters, in line skates, motorized play vehicles, electric bicycles, and electric standup scooters, responsibility to yield.

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(a) The operator of a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, in line skates, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across such alley, driveway, or building exit, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or side walk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching-on said roadway.

(b) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, in line skates, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle upon a sidewalk he shall yield the right-of-way to ~~an~~ pedestrian.

(Code 1977, § 6-4-11(B); Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Repealed; Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Enacted; Ord. No. 01-172, 11/6/01, Amended (SUPP 2001-4))

State law reference(s) - Pedestrians, A.R.S. § 28-791 et seq.

Section 4. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-144 Bicycles and motorized vehicles; speed, only as follows, leaving all other sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:

Sec. 14-144. Bicycles, electric bicycles, electric standup scooters, and motorized vehicles; speed.

It is unlawful to operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(Code 1977, § 6-4-12(D); Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Amended)

Section 5. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 44-145 Bicycles; manner of parking, only as follows, leaving all other sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:

Sec. 14-145. Bicycles, electric bicycles, electric standup scooters; manner of parking.

It is unlawful to park a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric standup scooter upon a street or upon a roadway against the curb in a residential area, or upon any sidewalk in a residential area or in the business district; except that a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric standup scooter may be parked in a bicycle rack or on the sidewalk in a business district next to the curb in an upright position in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

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(Code 1977, § 6-4-13; Ord. No. 2017-28, § 41, 6-13-17)

Section 6. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-147 Bicycles and motorized play vehicles; use without owner’s consent, only as follows, leaving all other sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:

Sec. 14-147. Bicycles, electric bicycles, electric standup scooters, and motorized play vehicles; use without owner’s consent.

It is unlawful to use a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle without the owner’s consent.

(Code 1977, § 6-4-15; Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Amended)

Section 7. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-148 Bicycles, motorized play vehicles; required equipment; prohibited equipment; hours of operation; permitting violations by others prohibited, only as follows, leaving all other sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:

Sec. 14-148. Bicycles, electric bicycles, electric standup scooters, and motorized play vehicles; required equipment; prohibited equipment; hours of operation; permitting violations by others prohibited.

(a) No person shall operate upon a public roadway or on any right-of-way under the jurisdiction or control of the City, a motorized play vehicle which requires the operator to physically attach to their person the fuel pack providing fuel for the motorized play vehicle.

(b) The parent, guardian or legal custodian of a minor shall not authorize or knowingly permit the minor to violate this ~~section~~Section.

(c) No person under the age of eighteen years shall operate upon a public roadway or upon any right-of-way under the jurisdiction or control of the City, ~~an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter,~~ or motorized play vehicle without wearing a helmet designed for ~~motor vehicle,~~ bicycle or in line skate use.

(d) An electric bicycle or electric standup scooter that is used at nighttime shall have a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear of a type that is approved by the Arizona Department of Transportation and that is visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when a reflector is directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. An electric bicycle or electric standup scooter may have a lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear in addition to the red reflector.

~~(d)~~(e) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle upon a public roadway or upon any right-of-way under the jurisdiction or control of the City or open to access by the general public for its benefit between the hours of Sundown and 8:00 a.m.

~~(e)~~(f) Every Motorized Play Vehicle operated upon any street or highway within the City shall be equipped with the following:

(1) Except as provided in ~~section~~Section (4) of this Subsection, a lamp emitting a white light which, while the Motorized Play Vehicle is in motion, illuminates the roadway in front of the operator and is visible from a distance of ~~Three Hundred~~three hundred (300) ~~Feet~~feet in front of and from the sides of the Motorized Play Vehicle.

(2) Except as provided in Section (5) of this ~~subsection~~Subsection, a red reflector on the rear that is visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

(3) A white or yellow reflector on each side visible from the front and rear of the motorized play vehicle from a distance of ~~Two Hundred~~two hundred (200) feet upon a public roadway, bicycle path or upon any right-of-way under the jurisdiction or control of the City. A motorized play vehicle shall not be required to be equipped with a reflector if that vehicle is visible at night from all distances from fifty (50) to three hundred (300) feet when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

(4) A lamp or lamp combination, emitting a white light attached to the operator and visible from a distance of ~~Three Hundred~~three hundred (300) ~~Feet~~feet in front and from the sides of the Motorized Play Vehicle, may be used in lieu of the lamp required by Section (1) of this ~~subsection~~Subsection.

(5) A red reflector or reflectorized material attached to the operator and visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle may be used in lieu of the reflector required by Section (2) of this ~~subsection~~Subsection.

~~(f)~~(g) It is unlawful for any person to operate ~~an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle upon any street or highway within the City while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or any drug or under the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug as defined by A.R.S. Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 28, Chapter 4. A person, by operating such electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle upon the street or highway within the City is deemed to have impliedly consented to the administration of a chemical test of the person's blood or breath for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content of that person's blood, and upon request of the arresting ~~office~~officer shall have the test performed. A violation of this ~~subsection~~Subsection shall be a class one misdemeanor.

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~~(g)(h)~~ No person shall operate a ~~Motorized Play Vehicle~~motorized play vehicle at any time upon any street or highway within the City without a muffler being installed to reduce engine noise.

~~(h)(i)~~ No person shall operate a ~~Motorized Play Vehicle~~motorized play vehicle at any time upon any street or highway within the City having installed a "high performance exhaust", filter and carburation kit, or any modification of the air inflow system for the purpose or having the result of increasing the maximum speed of the ~~Motorized Play Vehicle~~motorized play vehicle.

~~(i)(j)~~ No person shall operate a ~~Motorized Play Vehicle~~an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle at any time upon any street or roadway of the City unless it is equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make a braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

~~(j)(k)~~ No person shall operate a ~~Motorized Play Vehicle~~an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle with any passengers in addition to the operator if the electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle is not designed for multiple riders.

~~(k)(l)~~ No person shall operate a ~~Motorized Play Vehicle~~motorized play vehicle carrying any package, bundle, article or item that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times while the vehicle is being operated.

(Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Enacted; Ord. 01-172, 11/6/01, Amended (SUPP 2001-4); Ord. No. 2017-28, § 42, 6-13-17)

Section 8. Amend Chapter 14 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Section 14-149, Bicycles; Motorized Play Vehicles; operations, violation, only as follows, leaving all other sections and subsections not specifically referenced unchanged:

Sec. 14-149. Bicycles; Electric bicycles; Electric standup scooters; Motorized Play Vehicles; play vehicles; operations, violation.

(a) It is unlawful to ride a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric standup scooter upon a sidewalk within a business district that is designated in some manner indicating that bicycles are prohibited.

(b) It is unlawful to operate a motorized play vehicle upon any sidewalk within the City.

(c) An electric bicycle or electric standup scooter may be operated upon a sidewalk and upon and within a crosswalk, except where prohibited by official traffic control devices, or when it is not reasonable and prudent to do so under the circumstances, conditions and actual and potential hazards then existing, in which case the operator of an electric bicycle or electric standup scooter must dismount and walk the electric bicycle or electric standup scooter to an area where safe riding may resume.

~~(e)~~(d) No person shall operate ~~aan electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle on the property of political subdivisions of this state other than the City if the political subdivision has posted upon its property notice that such violations are prohibited.

~~(d)~~(e) No person shall operate ~~aan electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle in an unsafe manner on a public roadway, highway, sidewalk, off-street parking facility, or private property open to the public.

(f) Operating an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or motorized play vehicle in an unsafe manner includes any cityone or more of the following:

(1) Violating any City of Peoria Municipal Code, Arizona Revised Statute, or other existing law.

(2) Disobeying posted signs or signals.

(3) Riding on a sidewalk without due caution for pedestrians.

(4) Riding on a sidewalk, bicycle path, or bicycle lane against the flow of traffic.

(5) Intentionally swerving or riding around stopped or slowed traffic.

(6) Carrying passengers on electric bicycles, electric scooters or motorized play vehicles not designed for multiple riders.

(7) Intentionally lifting one or more wheels into the air while riding.

(8) Operating while hitched to or physically attached to a motor vehicle or motorized device.

(9) Operating an electric bicycle or electric standup scooter while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications device unless the wireless telephone or electron wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation, and it is used in that manner while operating the electric bicycle or electric standup scooter.

(10) Operating while carrying a package, bundle or article if the package, bundle or article prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars or control device of the electric bicycle or electric standup scooter.

(11) Operating an electric bicycle or electric standup scooter that has been tampered with or modified to increase the speed capability of the device.

~~(d)~~(g) No person shall operate ~~aan electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle in any ~~city~~City community, neighborhood, or special use park, Peoria sports complexSports Complex or Peoria municipal complex or in any parking structure owned by the City. Notwithstanding the prohibition in this Subsection (g), a Class 1 electric bicycle may be operated on multi-use trails or pathways and mountain hiking trails situated outside of City community, neighborhood, or special use parks.

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~~(e)~~**(h)** No person shall operate ~~an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle upon any public street in the City having a speed limit established greater than thirty (30) miles per hour or upon any local or collector street that the City Engineer has determined to be unsuitable for ~~electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle operation due to traffic, speed, visibility, and access concerns and has been duly posted.

~~(f)~~**(i)** No person shall operate ~~an electric bicycle, electric standup scooter, or~~ motorized play vehicle on any private property unless permission has been granted by the owner of the property.

~~(g)~~**(j)** Violations of ~~sections~~**Sections** 14-142 ~~-through~~ 14-149 of this ~~code~~**Code** shall be designated a civil traffic violation unless otherwise designated and shall be prosecuted in the same manner as provided by law for other civil traffic violations.

(Ord. No. 95-29, 6/6/95, Enacted; Ord. No. 01-172, 11/6/02, Amended (SUPP 2001-4); Ord No. 02-41, 6/4/2002, Amended (SUPP 2002-2); Ord. No. 2017-28, § 43, 6-13-17)

State law reference(s) - Civil Traffic Violations, A.R.S. § 28-1071.