

ORDINANCE 26-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND ENTITLED “2026 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 12: PUBLIC PLACES” BY REFERENCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 12.05 AND 12.30 OF THE MARICOPA CITY CODE AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted Ordinances which established rules and regulations related to public places within the City of Maricopa; and

WHEREAS, after review, City staff determined that the Maricopa City Code needed to be updated to include provisions related to the use of electric powered and gas powered transportation devices in public places; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa believe, after consultation with its staff, that amending of the City Code to update the rules and regulations related to the use of electric powered and gas powered transportation devices in public places within the city would be in the best interest of the City of Maricopa; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §9-802 allows a City to adopt a public record by Ordinance as a means to reduce publication costs while ensuring that the public gets fair notice and opportunity to review its operative provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled “2026 Amendments to Title 12: Public Places” amending Chapters 12.05 and 12.30 of the Maricopa City Code as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby declared a public record. One paper copy and one electronic copy of Exhibit A shall be maintained in compliance with A.R.S. § 44-7041 and available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be available on the City’s website at: www.maricopa-az.gov.

SECTION 2. Chapter 12.05: General Provisions and Chapter 12.30: Recreation Activities of the Maricopa City Code are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, and that the amendments depicted therein are hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 3. To the extent of any conflict between other City Ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling; provided, however, that this Ordinance is not intended to amend or repeal any existing City Ordinance, Resolution or regulation except as expressly set forth herein.


SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of

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

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption by the City Council for the City of Maricopa.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 21st day of April, 2026.

APPROVED:



Nancy Smith
Mayor

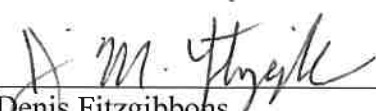
ATTEST:



Vanessa Bueras, MMC
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Denis Fitzgibbons
City Attorney

Pursuant to A.R.S. 9-802(A), EXHIBIT A is on file at:

**Office of the City Clerk, City of Maricopa and
www.maricopa-az.gov.**

EXHIBIT A
2026 Amendments to Title 12: Public Places

12.05.010 Definitions.

In this title unless the context requires otherwise:

(Add the following new definitions in alphabetical order:)

“Electric bicycle” means a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor that provides pedal-assist only.

“Electric personal assistive mobility device” means a self-balancing device designed to transport one person by means of an electric propulsion system.

“Electric scooter” means a device that has handlebars, a floorboard designed to be stood upon when riding, and an electric motor.

“Gas-powered transportation device” means any device designed for personal transportation that is powered in whole or in part by a gasoline engine or other internal combustion engine, including but not limited to gas-powered bicycles, scooters, mopeds, minibikes, pocket bikes, and similar devices.

“Motorized skateboard” means a self-propelled device that has a motor, a deck upon which a person may ride, and at least two tandem wheels in contact with the ground.

12.030.070 Bicycles, scooters, and similar devices.

Operators or riders of any device listed under 12.05.010 of this code who are under 18 years of age shall wear a safety helmet when operating the device.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Ride or operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device, motorized skateboard, a motorized play vehicle, or a nonmotorized scooter, except on roadways, sidewalks, and designated trails and except as close to the right side of roadways and designated trails as conditions permit;
- B. Ride or operate a bicycle, roller skate, skateboard, in line skate, street skate, roller blade, operate a motorized play vehicle or a nonmotorized scooter except at a reasonable and prudent speed, consistent with existing conditions, and with regard to the safety of the operator and other persons in the immediate area; and/or
- C. Park a bicycle in any area that does not include a bicycle rack or other bike-locking device that's sole purpose is to secure bicycles;.
- D. Operate any device listed in subsection (A) on a sidewalk without yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times and slowing as necessary when approaching, yielding to, or passing a pedestrian to complete the movement safely and without causing the pedestrian to alter course or speed;
- E. Operate a gas-powered transportation device on any sidewalk.

Violation of this section shall be treated as a civil violation under this code.