

## ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE KELLER CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE X, ROLLER SKATING, ROLLERBLADING, SKATEBOARDING, AND USE OF OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE AND THE ADDITION OF NEW SECTION 18-1020, "ELECTRIC BICYCLES"; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there is a public necessity for the enactment of this ordinance and that its adoption is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the growing use of electric bicycles in the City of Keller; and

WHEREAS, the use of electric bicycles has increased upon public streets, sidewalks, trails, and shared-use paths within the City of Keller, creating a need for clear and consistent rules governing their operation; and

WHEREAS, all statutory and constitutional requirements for the passage of this ordinance have been adhered to, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS:

Section 1: That the above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein in their entirety.

Section 2: That Chapter 18, Article X, is hereby amended through the amendment of the Title of said Article and the addition of new section 18-1020 to read as follows:

ARTICLE X. – ROLLER SKATING, ROLLERBLADING, SKATEBOARDING, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND USE OF OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES.

Sec. 18-1020: Electric bicycles.

(a) As used in this section, "Class 1 electric bicycle", "Class 2 electric bicycle", and "Class 3 electric bicycle" shall have the same meanings as those assigned in Section 664.001 of the Texas Transportation Code.

(b) Safety restrictions and equipment.

i. A person operating any electric bicycle shall ride only on or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the electric bicycle.

- ii. A person may not use an electric bicycle to carry more persons than the electric bicycle is designed to carry.
  - iii. A person operating an electric bicycle may not carry any object that prevents the person from operating the electric bicycle with at least one hand on the handlebars.
  - iv. A person operating an electric bicycle may not attach the electric bicycle or their own person to another vehicle on the roadway.
  - v. A person may not operate an electric bicycle at nighttime unless it is equipped with a lamp on the front which emits a white light visible from a distant of at least 500 feet and either a red reflector on the rear which is visible from all distances from 50 to 300 feet when directly in front of the upper beams of motor vehicle headlamps, or a lamp on the rear which emits a red light that is visible from 500 feet.
  - vi. A person may not operate an electric bicycle unless the electric motor disengages or ceases to function either when the operator stops pedaling or when the brakes are applied.
  - vii. A person may not operate a Class 3 electric bicycle unless the person is at least 15 years of age.
  - viii. A person under the age of 16 may not operate an electric bicycle without a helmet.
  - ix. No person shall wear any headphones, earbuds, ear plugs or other noise reduction devices while operating an electric bicycle.
- (c) Speed limits.
- i. A person operating an electric bicycle may not exceed a speed of fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- (d) Offense.
- i. First Offense. A person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon final conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
  - ii. Subsequent Offense. Upon a third or subsequent violation of any provision of this article within a 12-month period by a person, the enforcing peace officer shall be authorized to impound the electric bicycle involved in the violation. The City shall provide written notice to the owner of the impoundment.
  - iii. Any electric bicycle impounded under this section shall be released to the owner upon payment of all applicable fines and impoundment fees as set by the City from time to time.
- (e) Appeal.
- i. An owner whose electric bicycle has been impounded under this section may appeal the impoundment by submitting a notice of appeal, in writing, to the Keller Chief of Police or his designee, within ten (10) days of the impoundment. The notice shall include the owner's name, reasonable proof of ownership, the date and location of the impoundment, a statement of the grounds for appeal, and any supporting documentation.
  - ii. Upon timely receipt of a complete notice of appeal, the Chief of Police or his designee shall review the appeal and issue a written determination

within twenty (20) days. The determination of the Chief of Police or his designee shall be final. The impoundment shall remain in effect during the pendency of the appeal.

Section 3: All ordinances or any parts thereof which conflict with the terms of this ordinance shall be and are hereby deemed repealed and of no force and effect.

Section 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS,  
on this the 2nd day of December 2025.

CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Armin R. Mizani, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Ballard, City Secretary

Approved as to Form and Legality:

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L. Stanton Lowry, City Attorney