

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY AMENDING THE 2024 ADDITION OF THE
MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR COLORADO CONCERNING ELECTRICAL ASSISTED
BICYCLES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, LOW POWER SCOOTERS, AND ELECTRIC
MOTORCYCLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Columbine Valley (“Town”) places a high value on a safe and efficient system of transportation within Town limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted the 2024 Model Traffic Code (“MTC”) as part of Columbine Valley Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, electrical assisted bicycles, electrical scooters, low power scooters, toy vehicles and electric motorcycles (collectively “E-Vehicles”) have increased in popularity in recent years with adults and children; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in usage of these E-Vehicles in recent years within the Town, which has caused an increase in public safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes (“C.R.S.”) Sec. 42-4-111 allows local governments to set rules and regulations regarding E-Vehicles within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds the regulations set forth in the within Ordinance for E-Vehicles operating within the Town is in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. The following new subsections are added to Section 109 of the MTC as follows:

Section 109(14). Violations of Section 109(14) are subject to the penalty section 1.10.080(c) of the Town Municipal Code.

Section 109(15). Low Power Scooters are permitted to operate on Town streets, but are not permitted, on any Town sidewalks, lawns, gutter pans, trails, paths or parks.

Section 109(16). The operator of a Low Power Scooter must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid Colorado driver's license. In addition, such vehicle shall be registered and insured in accordance with Colorado state law.

Section 2. A new Section 109.7 Electrical Assisted Bicycle is added to the MTC as follows:

Section 109.7, Electrical Assisted Bicycle. There are three classes of electrical assisted bicycles, Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 as more particularly defined in paragraph (28.5) of the Appendices of the MTC.

(1) Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles may be operated on the Town gutter pans and streets, but are not permitted to operate on Town sidewalks, lawns, trails, paths or parks.

(2) Class 3 electrical assisted bicycles may be operated on Town streets only, and are not permitted to operate on Town sidewalks, lawns, gutter pans, trails, paths or parks.

(3) Operating a Class 3 electrical assisted bicycle in the Town requires that the owner maintain current comprehensive insurance as set forth in Section 1409 of the MTC and shall have a current registration in accordance with Colorado state law.

(4) The operator of a Class 3 electrical assisted bicycle must be at least 16 years of age, have a current driver's license, with a motorcycle endorsement.

(5) All riders of electrical assisted bicycles, under the age of 16 must wear a United States Department of Transportation approved helmet.

(6) A person operating an electrical assisted bicycle in the Town shall ride as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable.

(7) Persons riding Electrical assisted bicycles upon a roadway, in the Town, shall not ride more than two abreast.

(8) No passengers are permitted to ride on electrical assisted bicycles, unless operated by a licensed driver at least 16 years of age.

(9) It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, legal custodian, or any adult in authority to authorize, assist, permit, or encourage any minor to operate an electrical assisted bicycle in violation of this Section.

(10) A person riding an electrical assisted bicycle upon a roadway where an electric assisted bicycle travel is permitted shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties and penalties applicable to the driver of a vehicle as set forth in the MTC, except those provisions of the MTC that, by their very nature, can have no application.

(11) Violations of this Section 109.7 are subject to the penalty section 1.10.080(c) of the Town Municipal Code.

Section 3. A new Section 109.8 Electric Scooter is added to the MTC as follows:

Section 109.8, Electric Scooters. Electrical scooters are defined in paragraph 28.8 of the Appendices of the MTC.

(1) Electric scooters may be operated on Town gutter pans and streets, and are not permitted to operate on Town sidewalks, lawns, trails, paths or parks.

(2) All riders of electric scooters, under the age of 16, must wear a United States Department of Transportation approved helmet.

(3) A person operating an electric scooter in the Town shall ride as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable.

(4) Persons riding electric scooters upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.

(5) No passengers are permitted to ride on electric scooters.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, legal custodian, or any adult in authority to authorize, assist, permit, or encourage any minor to operate an electric scooter in violation of this Section.

(7) A person riding an electric scooter upon a roadway where electric scooter travel is permitted shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties and penalties applicable to the driver of a vehicle as set forth in the MTC, except those provisions of the MTC that, by their very nature, can have no application.

(8) Violations of this Section 109.8 are subject to the penalty section 1.10.080(c) of the Town Municipal Code.

Section 4. A new Section 109.9, Electric Motorcycle, is added to the MTC.
An electric motorcycle is an electric powered motorcycle with an electric engine over 4,476 watts.

(1) Electric motorcycles may be operated on Town streets only, and are not permitted to operate on Town sidewalks, lawns, gutter pans, trails, paths or parks.

(2) Operating an electric motorcycle in the Town requires that the owner maintain current comprehensive insurance as set forth in Section 1409 of the MTC and shall have a current registration in accordance with Colorado state law,

(3) The operator of an electric motorcycle must be at least 16 years of age , have a current driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement.

(4) A person operating an electric motorcycle in the Town shall ride as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable.

(5) No passengers are permitted on electric motorcycles when operated by a driver under the age of 18.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, legal custodian, or any adult in authority to authorize, assist, permit, or encourage any minor to operate an electric motorcycle in violation of this Section.

(7) A person riding an electric motorcycle upon a roadway where electric motorcycle travel is permitted shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties and penalties applicable to the driver of a vehicle as set forth in the MTC except those provisions that, by their very nature, can have no application.

(8) Violations of this Section 109.9 are subject to the penalty section 1.10.08(c) of the Town Municipal Code.

Section 4. Should any section clause, sentence, part or portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by any court to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part or portion declared by such court to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. The Town Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and cause notice of its contents and passage to be published.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after the publication of this Ordinance in the Littleton Independent, Littleton, Colorado said newspaper being a weekly newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado

Introduced as Trustee Bill No. , series of 2025, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Columbine Valley, Colorado, on the 19th day of May, 2026, passed by a vote of ___ for and _____ against, on first reading; passed on second reading at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held by a vote of ___ for and ___ against on the 16th day of June 2026, and ordered published in the Littleton Independent on the ___ day of _____, 2026.

Dave Huelskamp, Mayor

ATTEST:

J.D. McCrumb, Clerk of the Town of Columbine Valley