

TOWN OF WELLINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE WELLINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING MOTORBIKES, MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Wellington (“Town”) is a Colorado statutory municipality with all powers and authority vested under Colorado law; and

WHEREAS, the Town places 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”) in Article 1, Chapter 8 of the Wellington Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, gas-powered motorbikes, minibikes, motorized skateboards and other gas and electric powered toy vehicles have increased in popularity in recent years with adults and children; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in usage of these gas and electric powered vehicles in recent years within Town, which has caused an increase in safety violations and public concerns; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes (“C.R.S.”) Sec. 42-4-111 allows local governments to set rules and regulations regarding electric vehicles in their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds the regulations set forth in the within Ordinance for electric vehicles operating within the Town is in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 10-11-30 of the Wellington Municipal Code is repealed and replaced with the following:

Sec. 10-11-30. - Motorbikes, motorized skateboards, electric vehicles.

The operation of a gas-powered motorbike, minibike, motorized skateboard, or other such gas-powered vehicle not designed and equipped for operation on a public street or highway, is hereby declared and deemed a public nuisance, and it is unlawful for any person to operate or maintain such public nuisance.

The operation of an electric-powered motorbike, minibike, or toy vehicle under 4476 watts is hereby permitted within the Town. Such vehicles must display the manufacturer power rating label, and shall be equipped with a white light on the front visible from at least five hundred feet to the front, and shall be equipped with a red reflector or light on the rear which is visible from six hundred feet to the rear. All operators of an electric-powered motorbike, minibike, or vehicle shall abide by CRS regarding the operation of such vehicles on the roadway, and shall abide by

the rules of the road and carry no more passengers than designed. A person riding a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric vehicle on a sidewalk or crosswalk shall do so in a manner that is safe for pedestrians. All operators under the age of 18 are required to wear an approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet. An electric-powered motorbike, minibike, or vehicle over 4476 watts would be considered a vehicle needing a valid driver's license or minor permit.

The operation of electric-powered motorbikes, minibikes, toy vehicles, electric scooters, and similar battery-powered personal mobility devices shall be permitted only on public streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, paved multi-use paths, and in other areas specifically designated by the Town for such use, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Operation of such devices is prohibited in parks, open space, landscaped or grassed areas, unpaved or soft-surface trails, detention or retention ponds, drainage facilities, drainage easements, and any other area not specifically designated for motorized use.

This section shall not apply to authorized governmental operations, emergency response personnel, contractors acting within the scope of authorized work, or the lawful use of maintenance, landscaping, agricultural, or utility equipment.

Operators of all such vehicles shall comply with CRS section 42-4-221 and 42-4-1412. (Ord. 18-1994 §11-601; Ord. 11-2007 §1) (CRS 42-1-102 (28.5) Electrical Assisted Bicycle Definition, CRS 42-1-102 (28.8) Electric Scooter Definition, CRS 42-1-102 (48.5) Low-Power Scooter Definition, CRS 42-1-102 (103.5) Toy Vehicle Definition)

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Wellington, Colorado and ordered published this 26th day of May, 2026 and ordered to become effective 30 days from the date of publication.

TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO

By: 
Rebekka Dailey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Hannah Hill, Town Clerk

