CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 26-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF DIVISION 7 OF TITLE 4 RELATING TO BICYCLES; ADDING SECTION 4-7-206 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCES; AND REMOVING SECTIONS 4-7-401 THROUGH 4-7-416 RELATING TO LICENSES

WHEREAS, electric bicycles, electric scooters, motorized bicycles, off-highway electric motorcycles, and other micro-mobility devices are an ever-growing public safety concern. With the increasing popularity and usage of these devices, traffic accidents involving individuals operating the aforementioned devices and motor vehicles have greatly increased, necessitating rules and regulations applicable to these devices to ensure a safer community; and

WHEREAS, individuals involved in traffic accidents involving electric bicycles, electric scooters, motorized bicycles, off-highway electric motorcycles, or other micro-mobility devices tend to suffer more serious injuries when compared to traditional bicycle accidents; and

WHEREAS, collisions involving electric bicycles, electric scooters, motorized bicycles, off-highway electric motorcycles, other micro-mobility devices and motor vehicles result in greater damage to all vehicles and property involved; and

WHEREAS, the Irvine Police Department has seen a significant increase in calls and incidents related to collisions involving electric bicycles, electric scooters, motorized bicycles, off-highway electric motorcycles, and/or other micro-mobility devices, which more often than not result in serious injuries to persons and property; and

WHEREAS, in order to adequately protect the community from the dangers inherent in operating these electric mobility devices, the City Council desires to amend Division 7 to Title 4 of the Irvine Municipal Code, establishing regulations for Bicycles, Electric Bicycles ("E-Bikes"), Motorized Bicycles ("Mopeds"), Motorized or Electric Scooters, Off-Highway Electric Motorcycles ("eMotos"), and other micro-mobility devices, including violations, penalties, and enforcement of same; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2026, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting at which time members of the public had the opportunity to review the documents presented to the City Council and provide oral comments to the City Council concerning the proposed ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The findings and determinations reflected in the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Division 7 ("Bicycles") to Title 4 ("Public Safety") of the Irvine Municipal Code to read is hereby amended to read as follows:

Division 7 – BICYCLES[9], ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER TRAFFIC ON CITY STREETS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY

CHAPTER 1. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-7-101. - Scope.

This division shall apply to the use, licensing, registration and control of bicycles in conformity with State law, and shall apply to any bicycle operated upon any street or sidewalk, or upon any public path set aside for the use of bicycles. The provisions contained herein are enacted pursuant to Vehicle Code Division 16.7 (Vehicle Code § 39000 et seq.), and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder, pertaining to the licensing of bicycles, and California Vehicle Code § 21206 pertaining to the regulation of the operation, use and equipment of bicycles, and are not intended to conflict in any way with the provisions thereof.

This division shall also apply to the use of electric bicycles ("e-bikes"), other micro-mobility devices (either human or engine-powered) and motor vehicles operated upon any City streets, sidewalks, public paths set aside for the use of bicycles, and other property under the jurisdiction of the City of Irvine.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-101; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-102. - Definitions.

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

Bicycle: Bicycle has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 231, as it may be amended by State Legislature. "Bike" shall mean the same as "bicycle," and the terms may be used interchangeably.

Bicycle dealer: Any person who sells, gives away, buys or takes in trade for the purpose of resale more than five bicycles or e-bikes in any one calendar year, whether or not such bicycles or e-bikes are owned by such person or entity. The term also includes agents or employees of such person or entity.

Bicycle lane: Bicycle lanes have the same meaning as in California Streets and Highways Code § 890.4, as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Bicycle path: A bicycle path has the same meaning as in California Streets and Highways Code § 890.4, as it may be amended by State Legislature. A bicycle path may also be referred to as a bicycle trail.

Bicycle route: A bicycle route has the same meaning as in California Streets and Highways Code § 890.4, as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Electric bicycle: An "electric bicycle" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 312.5(a), as it may be amended by State Legislature. E-bike shall mean the same as "electric bicycle," and the terms may be used interchangeably.

Class 1 electric bicycle has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 312.5(a)(1), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Class 2 electric bicycle has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 312.5(a)(2), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Class 3 electric bicycle has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 312.5(a)(3), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

A "highway" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 360, as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Motorcycle: A motorcycle has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 400 (including all subsections), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Motorized bicycle: A "motorized bicycle" or "moped" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 406(a), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

A driver's license with an M-1 or M-2 endorsement, vehicle insurance, and a Department of Transportation (DOT) compliant helmet is required when operating a motorized bicycle. Motorized bicycles shall be operated in accordance with all applicable provisions of the California Vehicle Code and are not permitted on any bicycle path, trail, playground, park, school ground, or open space area (as defined by Irvine Municipal Code § 3-4-128) in the City.

Motorized Scooter: A "motorized scooter" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 407.5 (including all subsections), as it may be amended by State Legislature. Electric scooters qualify as "motorized scooters."

Motor Vehicle: A "motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 415 (including all subsections), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Off-Highway Motorcycle: An "off-highway" motorcycle has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 436, as it may be amended by State Legislature.
Off-Highway Electric Motorcycle: An "off-highway" electric motorcycle, commonly referred to as an eMoto has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 436.1 as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Pocket Bike: A "pocket bike" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 476 (including all subsections), as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Traffic: The term "traffic" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code § 620, as it may be amended by State Legislature.

Unregulated Conveyance: An unregulated conveyance means any mobility device that does not meet the standards of devices defined in the California Vehicle Code.

Any vehicles not specifically defined in this code shall share their meaning contained within the California Vehicle Code, as these meanings may be amended by State Legislature.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-102; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77; Ord. No. 23-17, § 3, 7-25-23)

Sec. 4-7-103. - Enforcement.

A. *Responsibility of parent.* The parent of any child, and the guardian of any ward, shall not authorize or knowingly permit any minor child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this division.

   1. Any parent or guardian who knowingly authorizes or permits any minor child to violate any of the provisions of this division may be issued a citation for a violation of this section. The minor child committing the violation does not need to be issued a citation for the parent to be held in violation of this section.

B. *Penalty for violations.* Violations of this division shall be classified as infractions unless City officials or peace officers, upon investigation, determine that the circumstances warrant charging them as misdemeanors. Citations for violations of this division may: (1) be issued as an administrative citation subject to appearance at a traffic safety course (for juvenile offenders only); (2) be subject to civil fines; or (3) be forwarded to the court of record. The civil fines and penalties applicable to any violation of this division shall be as follows: 1st violation = $100; 2nd violation = $200; 3rd (or more) violation = $500.

In addition to any other penalty that may be assessed pursuant to this Code, the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, or any officers of the Police Department whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of this division, may store or impound and retain possession of any bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, pocket bike, motorcycle, off-highway motorcycle, off-highway electric motorcycle, or other motor vehicle operated in violation of any of the provisions of this division and retain possession thereof until the provisions of this division have been complied with.

Any vehicle found in violation of this division is subject to storage and/or impound by the Police Department using the City's on-duty contracted towing service. Whether a vehicle is stored or impounded will be at the discretion of the City Official ordering the tow, and the fees for the tow shall be determined based on the contract between the contracted tow company and the City of Irvine.

Bicycles impounded and retained by the Police Department hereunder shall be considered abandoned after a period in excess of three months and shall be disposed of under the provisions of Penal Code §§ 1407-1411 and further restricted by Civil Code §§ 2080.1, 2080.2, 2080.3, 2080.4 and 2080.5.

C. An electric bike shall meet the following criteria:

1. Comply with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (16 C.F.R. 1512.1, et seq.).
2. Operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the brakes are applied, or operate in a manner such that the motor is engaged through a switch or mechanism that, when released or activated, will cause the electric motor to disengage or cease to function.
3. A person shall not tamper with or modify an electric bicycle so as to change the speed capability of the bicycle, unless he or she appropriately replaces the label indicating the classification.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-103; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77; Ord. No. 23-17, § 3, 7-25-23)

CHAPTER 2. - OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS

Sec. 4-7-201. - Applicability of traffic laws.

Every person riding a bicycle, electric bicycle, or motorized scooter upon a street and/or sidewalk 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 the State pertaining to the rules of the road, or by the terms of this Code or other ordinances of this City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application to bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorized scooters, and except as otherwise provided in this division. Nothing in this division overrides any State regulations pertaining to the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, or other motor vehicles.

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code § 21113, the provisions of the California Vehicle Code relating to traffic upon the highways shall apply to all driveways, paths, parking facilities, and grounds (including but not limited to parks) under the control of the City of Irvine where public traffic (as defined in this code) is permitted. Violations of the California Vehicle Code will be enforced and prosecuted according to its provisions.

Nothing in this code prohibits a peace officer, as permitted in the course of his or her official duties, from operating any motor vehicle, bicycle, electric bicycle, equestrian animal, or other official conveyance on any property under the control of the City of Irvine.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-201; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-202. - Obedience to traffic-control devices.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating a bicycle, electric bicycle, or motorized scooter, to fail to obey the instructions of official traffic-control signs and other traffic-control devices applicable to vehicles or bicycles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-202; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-203. - Method of riding; number of riders.

No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall allow more persons at one time than the number for which the bicycle is specifically designed and equipped. An operator shall not allow a person to ride as a passenger, and a person shall not ride as a passenger, on any bicycle or electric bicycle upon any City of Irvine street, sidewalk, or other property other than upon or astride a separate seat attached thereto.

If the passenger is four years of age or younger, or weighs 40 pounds or less, the seat shall have adequate provision for retaining the passenger in place and for protecting the passenger from the moving parts of the bicycle.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-203; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-204. - Riding on roadways and bicycle lanes.

A. Any person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following situations:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle, electric bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or onto a private road or driveway.
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions (including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, electric bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes) that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge, subject to "width lane"—i.e., a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle, or electric bicycle, and a vehicle to travel safely side-by-side within the lane.

B. Any person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a roadway of a highway, which highway carries traffic in one direction only and has two or more marked traffic lanes, may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.

C. Persons riding bicycles or electric bicycles upon a roadway or bicycle lane shall not ride more than two abreast.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-204; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-205. - Speed.

A. No person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, or motorized scooter, at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.

B. No electric bicycle operator shall travel over 28 miles per hour on a public highway. No bicycle or electric bicycle operator shall travel over 10 miles per hour on a sidewalk. No bicycle or electric bicycle shall travel at a speed greater than 5 miles per hour on any sidewalk in a school zone or sidewalk adjacent to any school when children are present.

C. No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle on a bicycle path or bicycle trail at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour, and in no event at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent under the existing conditions, or at any speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.

D. No motorized scooter shall be operated on a bicycle path or trail at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-205; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77; Ord. No. 23-17, § 3, 7-25-23)

Sec. 4-7-206. – Unlawful Operation of Motorized and Non-Motorized conveyances.

A. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this division for any person to operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, scooter, motorized scooter, motorized bicycle, skateboard, electrically motorized board, pocket bike, unregulated conveyance, or any other electric or motorized vehicle in an unsafe manner on any street, road, highway, sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle lane, public trail, park, or upon any private property which is held open to the public for pedestrian or bicycle travel. Unsafe operation of any of the above devices includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Violating any provision of the Irvine Municipal Code, California Vehicle Code, or any other law or regulation applicable to the use or operation of the above devices.
2. Operating any of the above devices on any street, road, highway, or bicycle lane against the direction of traffic.
3. Operating any of the above devices upon any public drainage facility, culvert, ditch, or channel.
4. Operating any of the above devices while hitched to or physically attached to any moving vehicle or motorized device.
5. Operating any of the above devices while allowing another person who is not a passenger to either cling to or be physically attached to the device.
6. Operating any of the above devices with a passenger on a seat that is not separate or attached, or with a passenger not wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet as required by the California Vehicle Code or this code.
7. Operating any of the above devices while lifting one or more wheels in the air.
8. Operating any of the above devices while failing to yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians or failing to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle upon entering a roadway or driveway from a sidewalk.
9. Operating any of the above devices while failing to obey any posted sign regulating operation including signs prohibiting operation in specific areas.

10. Operating any of the above devices while under the age of 18 years old without a properly fitted and fastened helmet.
11. Operating a Class 3 electric bicycle [see CVC 312.5(a)] or electronically motorized board without a helmet regardless of age.
12. Operating any of the above devices in any manner determined to be otherwise unsafe for existing conditions.

Sec. 4-7-207. - Emerging from, entering alley, driveway, bicycle path, etc.

The operator of a bicycle or electric bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, bicycle path, building or otherwise approaching upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering a bicycle lane or roadway (including a marked or unmarked crosswalk), shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles or bicycles on the roadway.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-206; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77; Ord. No. 23-17, § 3, 7-25-23)

Sec. 4-7-208. - Leaving bicycle lane.

A. Whenever a bicycle lane has been established, any person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle upon the roadway at a speed of less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that such person may move out of the lane under any of the following situations:

   1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle, electric bicycle, vehicle, or pedestrian within the bicycle lane or about to enter the bicycle lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done safely within such lane.
   2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
   3. When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.
   4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

B. No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle within a bicycle lane shall leave such lane until movement can be made with reasonable safety, and then only after giving the appropriate signal in the manner provided in California Vehicle Code Division 11, Chapter 6 (Vehicle Code § 22100 et seq.) in the event that any vehicle may be affected by the movement.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-207; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-209. - Parking.

A. No person shall leave a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or other vehicle lying on its side on any sidewalk, nor shall park a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or other vehicle upon the public right-of-way or the bicycle rack to support the bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or other vehicle or against a building or at a curb, except in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

B. No person may leave a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or other vehicle parked or lying on its side on any private property that is open to the public in such a manner as to obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

C. Where appropriate signs are erected, no person shall park a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or other vehicle on a public highway in the area designated by such signs.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-208; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-210. - Riding on sidewalks, playgrounds, parks, etc.

A. Riding of bicycles and electric bicycles on any sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle trail, or roadway is permitted unless prohibited by appropriate signs authorized pursuant to the terms of this division.

B. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a sidewalk, bicycle path, or bicycle trail, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing pedestrians.

C. No person shall ride or operate a bicycle or electric bicycle upon any playground, park or school ground not designated as a bicycle path or route, where children are playing, without first having secured the permission of the persons having supervision of the playground, park or school ground.

D. Motorized scooters may be operated on bicycle paths or trails unless prohibited by appropriate signs. Any person operating a motorized scooter on a bicycle path or trail shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing pedestrians.

E. The operator of a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or electrically motorized board shall travel in the same direction as vehicles are required to be driven upon the roadway, regardless of whether or not the operator is in the roadway or in a bike lane. This section also applies to any sidewalk less than eight feet in width, unless there is no accompanying sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, or wherever posted signs prohibit such behavior. Nothing in this section allows any device to be operated on a sidewalk, unless explicitly authorized by State law to be operated on a sidewalk.

F. Persons riding bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades/skates, shall propel said vehicles upon the appropriate and designated bike trails, pathways, and roadways within parks. No person shall ride or propel such devices upon any tennis court, shuffleboard facility, soccer field, baseball/softball field, or any other sport-related facility or open field. No person may operate said devices in any manner that endangers any person (including self) or property.

G. Unless specifically authorized, no person shall drive or propel any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway motorcycle, off-highway electric motorcycle, dune buggy, motorized scooter, or any other motor-powered vehicle within any park, except upon the roads, driveways, pathways, and/or parking lots, provided and designated by the Community Services Department for such use. Persons shall not ride or drive any horse or other animal within park areas unless authorized to do so by the Director of Community Services or as otherwise provided by this chapter.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-209; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77; Ord. No. 23-17, § 3, 7-25-23)

Sec. 4-7-211. Bicycle and electric bicycle helmets

A person under the age of 18 must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle or e-bike on a public roadway, bikeway, bicycle path, bicycle trail, or sidewalk. All bicycle and e-bike passengers under the age of 18 must also wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. All people operating or riding as a passenger upon a Class 3 electric bicycle [see CVC 312.5(a)] shall comply with Section 21213 of the California Vehicle Code regarding the wearing of a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

Sec. 4-7-212. - Reserved.

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Sec. 4-7-214. - Equipment.

Every bicycle or electric bicycle, when operated within the City, shall comply with all of the equipment requirements contained in California Vehicle Code § 21201, and this division.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-212; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-215. - Impoundment for violation of law.

The Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police or his or her duly authorized representative shall have the right to store or impound any bicycle or electric bicycle in violation of this chapter, and may retain possession of such bicycle or electric bicycle until the provisions of this chapter are complied with. The storage or impound of a bicycle or electric bicycle, shall be at the discretion of the City official ordering the seizure of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

Bicycles retained by the Police Department in excess of three months shall be disposed of in compliance with Civil Code §§ 2080.1, 2080.2, 2080.3, 2080.4 and 2080.5.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-213; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

CHAPTER 3. - PATHS, LANES AND ROUTES

Sec. 4-7-301. - Establishment.

The City Council may, by resolution, establish bicycle lanes, paths or routes within the City as they shall determine may be required.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-301; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-302. - Designation.

A. The City's Director of Public Works is authorized to erect or place and maintain signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles or electric bicycles thereon by any person.

B. The City's Director of Public Works is authorized to erect or place and maintain signs upon any street or adjacent to any street in the City, indicating the existence of a bicycle path, lane or route or otherwise regulating the operation and use of vehicles and bicycles with respect thereto, as long as the same are consistent with this division. Where such a sign is erected, such other designation, including, but not limited to, appropriate painting or such other devices as the City's Director of Public Works shall determine, will provide sufficient notice of the existence of the bicycle path, lane or route. Said signing shall conform with provisions established by the California Traffic-Control Devices Committee.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-302; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-303. - Use of streets restricted.

Riding or operating a bicycle or electric bicycle on any street within the City is permitted in accordance with the California Vehicle Code unless specifically prohibited by action of the City Council.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-303; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

Sec. 4-7-304. - Motor vehicle usage.

No person shall operate any motorized vehicle upon any bicycle lane or path, except to park when permitted, to enter or leave the roadway, or to prepare for a turn within a distance of 200 feet from the intersection. Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to prohibit any bus owned and operated by the Orange County Transit District or other authorized transportation agencies from driving upon such bicycle lanes within 150 feet of any bus stop approved by the City. Parking of motor vehicles is prohibited on bicycle lanes, provided such restriction is appropriately posted. This section does not prohibit the use of a motorized bicycle in a bicycle lane, pursuant to Vehicle Code § 21207.5, at a speed no greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for visibility, traffic conditions, and the condition of the roadway surface of the bicycle lane, and in a manner which does not endanger the safety of bicyclists.

(Code 1976, § IV.F-304; Ord. No. 192, 5-10-77)

SECTION 3. CEQA Determination. In adopting this Ordinance, the City Council finds that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15378, in that it can be seen with certainty that the Municipal Code amendments propose no activity that may have a significant effect on the environment and will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

SECTION 4. City staff is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption with respect to the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, subdivision, 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 of the Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance or a summary thereof in the manner provided by law and in accordance with procedures normally taken.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law, and the Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at an adjourned regular meeting held on the 10th day of February 2026.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, CARL PETERSEN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading on the 27th day of January 2026 and duly adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the 10th day of February 2026.

AYES:	6	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Go, Liu, Mai, Martinez Franco, Treseder, and Agran
NOES:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Carroll
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, CARL PETERSEN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that on the 10th day of February 2026, I caused to have published and posted a foregoing true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 26-05 of the City of Irvine in the following public places in the City:

1) Digital Board at Main Entrance of City Hall, Irvine.
2) Digital Board at Lakeview Senior Center, Alton Avenue and Lake Road, Irvine.
3) Digital Board at Northwood Community Center, Yale at Bryan Avenue, Irvine.
4) Digital Board at Rancho Senior Center, at Ethel Coplen Way, Irvine.
5) Digital Board at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center, at Walnut Avenue, Irvine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City Council of the City of Irvine, California, the 10th day of February 2026.

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE