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**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE**

ORD-2025-1808

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22; BUSINESSES & SERVICES,
ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XV. COMMERCIAL PEDAL CARS
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANOKA ORDAINS:

- Section 1. Pursuant to Minnesota Law, the Anoka City Charter and the Anoka City Code, and upon a review conducted by City staff, amendments to Article 22, establishing a new Article, Article XV, Commercial Pedal Cars, is hereby adopted, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Anoka City Councilmembers present, to read as shown on Exhibit A, hereto attached.
- Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon passage and seven (7) days after publication.

ATTEST:

	Introduced:	05.19.2025
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<u>Erik Skogquist, Mayor</u>	Effective:	06.13.2025

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u>Amy Oehlers, City Clerk</u>	Skogquist	X		
	Campbell	X		
	Rostad	X		
	Scott	X		
	Weaver	X		

ARTICLE XV. COMMERCIAL PEDAL CARS

Sec. 22-901. Definitions

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

Pedal car means a non-motorized, human-powered vehicle similar to a bicycle, which transports passengers on seats attached to the bicycle and can be propelled by five (5) or more passengers.

Commercial pedal car business means the business of operating a commercial pedal car.

Commercial pedal car driver means any person who is responsible for steering a commercial pedal car.

Sec. 22-902. License required.

- (a) No person may engage in the commercial pedal car business without a license under this Article.
- (b) No pedal car may be operated for hire unless it is licensed as a pedal car vehicle under this Article.
- (c) No person may drive a commercial pedal car without a commercial pedal car driver's license under this Article.
- (d) The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to limit the number of pedal car licenses it issues and the number of pedal cars operating within the City at any given time.

Sec. 22-903. License Fee.

- (a) The annual fee for a commercial pedal car business license shall be as set forth in the City Master Fee Schedule, adopted annually.
- (b) The annual fee for a commercial pedal car vehicle license shall be as set forth in the City Master Fee Schedule, adopted annually.
- (c) The annual fee for a commercial pedal car driver's license shall be set forth in the City Master Fee Schedule, adopted annually.

Sec. 22-904. When licenses expire.

Licenses issued under this Article shall expire one year from their date of issuance.

Sec. 22-905 License application.

- (a) Applications for commercial pedal bar business and vehicle licenses under this article shall be made on forms provided by the City and shall contain such information as the City may require, including name, address and telephone number of the applicant; whether the applicant is a natural person, partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association; the names and addresses of all partners, if a partnership, or of all officers and directors, if a corporation; and the names and addresses of all persons authorized to operate a commercial pedal car on behalf of the licensee.
- (b) All applications for a commercial pedal car business license must include a route plan and parking plan, which must be pre-approved by the City. The route plan must be described in writing and on a map accompanying the application. The route plan may be composed of multiple routes or a proposed zone of operations. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify the route at any time.
- (c) All pedal cars must pass an initial inspection pursuant to Section 22-907 before a license is issued for the vehicle.
- (d) Application for a commercial car driver's license under this article shall be made on forms provided by the City and shall contain such information as the City may require, including the name, telephone number, date of birth, and all residing addresses within the previous three (3) years of the applicant. If applicant has held a driver's license in a state other than Minnesota within the three (3) years preceding application, applicant must provide an official copy of their driving record in that state. Every commercial pedal car driver shall meet and maintain the following requirements in order to hold a commercial pedal car driver's license:
 - (1) Possess a valid driver's license;
 - (2) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (3) Shall not have been convicted of a felony within the past five (5) years;
 - (4) Shall have no more than three (3) moving violations within the past three (3) years; and
 - (5) Shall not have been convicted of careless driving, reckless driving or any violation of Minn Stat. § 169A (driving while impaired) within the past three (3) years.

Sec. 22-907. Initial inspection.

All commercial pedal cars must pass an initial inspection of condition and compliance with safety and equipment standards under this Article before a commercial pedal car vehicle license is issued. The City may, in its sole discretion, accept any substantially similar condition and safety inspection from another city or similar jurisdiction if completed within sixty (6) days prior to the date of the application.

Sect. 22-908. Insurance required.

No licenses shall be issued or renewed without proof of general liability insurance on a form required by the City. The policy of insurance shall be in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

Sec. 22-909. Vehicle Safety and equipment standards.

No commercial pedal car business or driver shall operate or allow the operation of a commercial pedal car on any street unless the commercial pedal car is licensed under this Article and meets the following equipment and safety standards:

- (1) Tires. Tires shall be of a size appropriate for the commercial pedal car with no mismatched tires. There shall be no cuts to the tire, localized worn spots that expose the ply, or visible tread wear indicators.
- (2) Operational horn. The commercial pedal car shall be equipped with a fully operational horn or bell.
- (3) Brakes. It shall be unlawful for a licensee to operate, or cause to be operated, a commercial pedal car that is not equipped with a front and rear braking system capable of being manipulated by the licensed driver from his normal position of operation and is capable of causing a commercial pedal car with a loaded passenger compartment to come to a complete stop in a linear path of motion. The braking system controlling the rear wheels shall be hydraulic or mechanical disc or drum brakes, which are unaffected by rain or wet conditions.
- (4) Headlights, taillights, mirrors, turn signals and other requirements. Every commercial pedal car shall be equipped with the operational equipment set forth in the subsections below:
 - a. A headlight capable of projecting a beam of white light for a distance at a minimum of three hundred (300) feet, which shall be clearly visible during darkness and must be illuminated at all times during darkness.
 - b. A mirror affixed to the pedal car to reflect to the pedal car driver a view of the street from a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of the pedal car.
 - c. A red light and brake light affixed to the rear of the pedal car which must be visible for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet from the rear of the pedal car and must be illuminated at all times during darkness. Turn signals must be affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle.
 - d. All pedal cars must have reflectors on the front of the pedal car frame and a red reflector mounted on each side of the rear of the pedal car, at least one (1) inch from the outer edge and centered.
- (5) No additional auxiliary lights shall be allowed unless preapproved by the City.

Sec. 22-910. Commercial pedal car inspections.

- (a) Annual inspections. The City shall require an annual commercial pedal car inspection and may designate minimum safety standards for equipment and body defects. A pedal car that does not meet minimum safety standards may be classified as “out of service”. Commercial pedal cars identified as “out of service” may not operate until such defects are cured.

- (b) Periodic inspections. The City may examine and inspect each and every licensed commercial pedal car at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with this Article.
- (c) Penalties. Failure to submit a commercial pedal car to an annual or periodic inspection, or classification of a commercial pedal car as “out of service”, may result in the seizure of the commercial pedal car license by the City. The City shall hold a seized license until the commercial pedal car is inspected and found to be in a safe condition. In the event of such a seizure, the City shall immediately notify the licensee in writing, specifying in detail the cause for seizure and stating that the licensee has a right to a hearing on the seizure. Said notice and hearing shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 2.274 of the City Code.
- (d) The City may, in its discretion, accept any substantially similar condition and safety inspection from another city or similar jurisdiction if completed within sixty (6) days prior to submission to the City.

Sec. 22-911. Locations and hours of operation.

- (a) No person shall operate a commercial pedal car for hire on a public street between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on any day of the week.

Sec. 22-912. Vehicle operation.

Every commercial pedal car shall be operated in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local traffic laws, and in a manner so as to assure the safety of persons and property.

Sec. 22-913. Operating restrictions and conditions.

- (a) No commercial pedal car shall be operated on a public sidewalk or trail unless approved by the City.
- (b) Commercial pedal cars may not use any public street or other public property as a temporary waiting area unless such area is a legal motor vehicle parking area.
- (c) All commercial pedal cars must make sure of working battery powered lights and all safety equipment while operating.
- (d) All commercial pedal cars must display a valid license decal issued by the City. The name and phone number of the licensee must be posted on the vehicle.
- (e) Commercial pedal car drivers shall have in their possession both a valid driver’s license and their commercial pedal car driver’s license as well as proof of insurance while in control of any commercial pedal car and shall make these licenses available to law enforcement upon request.
- (f) All commercial pedal car drivers shall obey and comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer, traffic control agent, or the City, and shall not obstruct such officials while in the performance of their duties.
- (g) No commercial pedal car driver shall permit the operation of a commercial pedal car in violation of state or local traffic regulations, or without proper regard for the traffic, surface conditions, and width of the street or highway, and the hazards at intersections

and any other conditions then existing, nor in such a manner or condition as to endanger the safety of passengers, pedestrians, vehicles, or the property of others.

- (h) A commercial pedal car driver shall not consume an alcoholic beverage while operating a commercial pedal car.
- (i) No commercial pedal car driver shall provide alcoholic beverages to passengers.
- (j) No commercial pedal car driver shall permit more passengers to be carried in the commercial pedal car than the commercial pedal car's capacity as determined by the City.
- (k) No commercial pedal car driver shall allow a passenger or other individual to drive their commercial pedal car unless that individual also holds a valid commercial pedal car driver's license and has not consumed any alcoholic beverage.
- (l) No glass bottles, receptacles, or glassware are allowed on a commercial pedal car.
- (m) No music or amplified sound shall be played, nor yelling or conversation be conducted, in such a manner that the sound of which carries to the points of habitation or adjacent properties and is audible above the level of conversational speech at a distance of fifty (5) feet or more from the point of origin of the sound.
- (n) No alcoholic beverages other than non-distilled malt beverages, cider, beer, and wine may be consumed by passengers of a commercial pedal car.
- (o) All alcohol consumed on the commercial pedal car must be purchased from a participating Social District establishment.
- (p) Smoking of tobacco and cannabis on the pedal car is prohibited.
- (q) It is the responsibility of the commercial pedal car driver to properly dispose of all trash.
- (r) It is the responsibility of the commercial pedal car driver to manage the behavior of the passengers of the commercial pedal car, to the extent that their behavior remains law-abiding during their excursion, both while the pedal car is in motion and at a stop. Any act or conduct that violates any state or federal statutes or regulations, or any City ordinance, constitutes an act or conduct of the licensee for the purpose of adverse action against all or any of the licenses held by the licensee.
- (s) No pedal car may be operated outside of a route plan approved by the City, unless required by unforeseen circumstances out of the pedal car driver's control.
- (t) The City reserves the right to suspend operation of a pedal car, or alter the route, if, in the opinion of the City, such operation will conflict with another scheduled event of the City.

Sec. 22-914. Advertising on commercial pedal cars.

Advertisements shall only be allowed on the manufactured body of the commercial pedal car as permitted by this Article. No banners, poles, flags, detached signs, or any other addition or object are permitted.

Sec. 22-915. Presumptive penalty.

Adverse penalties for violations are presumed as follows (unless specified, numbers below indicate consecutive days' suspension):

Type of Violation	Appearance			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Operating on a public sidewalk - driver	Revocation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Driving while intoxicated or consuming in violation of Section 22.913(h) - driver	Revocation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Operating on a public sidewalk - business	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000 & 10-day Suspension	Revocation
Driving while intoxicated or consuming in violation of Section 22-913(h) - business	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000 & 10-day suspension	Revocation
Failure to use safety equipment or operating in an unsafe manner in violation of Section 22-909, 22-912, 22.913(c), or 22-913(g)*	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000 & 10-day suspension	Revocation
Failure to comply with lawful order or direction or obstruction of official duties in violation of subsection 22-913(f)*	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000 & 10-day suspension	Revocation
Violation of a license condition, or condition or requirement of this chapter not otherwise specified*	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000 & 10-day suspension	Revocation
Failure to pay license fees*	Revocation	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Penalties apply to all licenses issued under this Article.

Sec. 22-916. Revocation or suspension.

In addition to all other penalties, any violation of the terms of this Article of the City Code is grounds for revocation, suspension, non-renewal, or other adverse action against a license provided for in this Article.