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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 5479

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-0305(C)(2) & (5)  
OF ARTICLE 1-03 OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE FARGO MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO CLASSIFICATION OF ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the electorate of the City of Fargo has adopted a home rule charter in accordance with Chapter 40-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that the City shall have the right to implement home rule powers by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that said home rule charter and any ordinances made pursuant thereto shall supersede state laws in conflict therewith and shall be liberally construed for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners deems it necessary and appropriate to implement such authority by the adoption of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it Ordained by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo:

Section 1. Amendment.

Section 1-0305(C)(2) & (5) of Article 1-03 of Chapter 1 of the Fargo Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

1-0305. Classification of ordinance violations.

- C. Violations of the following ordinances are noncriminal offenses and shall require payment of a fee as follows:

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1. For a violation of the following ordinances, a fee of \$5.00.  
Section 8-1412 (riders/passengers restricted), section 8-1413 (riding on roadway/bike paths—restrictions), section 8-1414 (operate bicycle too fast for conditions), section 8-1416 (carrying packages—restrictions), section 8-1419 (equipment on bicycles), section 8-1420 (bicycles—age restrictions).
  
2. For a violation of the following ordinances, a fee of \$20.00.  
Section 8-0113 (unlawful use of skates/coasters), section 8-0304 (registration card to be carried in the driver's compartment—inspection of card), section 8-0305(a)(1), section 8-0305(A)(4) (displayed license plates and current motor vehicle registration required), section 8-0305(A)(5) (displayed license plate and current motorcycle and trailer registration required), section 8-0318 (operating motor vehicle on bicycle trail), section 8-0323 (license to be carried and exhibited on demand), section 8-0406 (pedestrian-control signal), section 8-0411 (alter traffic or railroad sign), section 8-0412 (display unauthorized signs, signals or marking), section 8-0707 (pedestrian crossing street where prohibited), section 8-0709(A) (pedestrian walking in roadway), section 8-0710 (pedestrian soliciting rides or business), section 8-0712 (pedestrian obstructing traffic), section 8-0901 (fail to display flag/light rear of load), section 8-0902 (improper tires), section 8-0903 (improper horn), section 8-0904 (brakes required), section 8-0905 (mirrors required), section 8-0906 (obstructed vehicle windshield/windows), section 8-0907 (windshield wipers required), 8-0908 (mufflers/exhaust system required), section 8-0909 (leaking or loose load), section 8-0910 (lights/lamps fail to conform to state law), section 8-0911 (fail to display lighted lamps), section 8-0913 (illegal spotlights), section 8-0914 (improper towing connection), section 8-0915 (reflectors/taillight required on trailer), section 8-0916 (flashing lights prohibited), section 8-0917 (illegal light on vehicle), section 8-0919(A) (riding on exterior of vehicle), section 8-0919(B) (more passengers than capacity), section 8-0919(C) (allow body to protrude from moving vehicle), section 8-0928 modified suspension system), section 8-0929 (driving of vehicle in unsafe condition unlawful), section 8-1003(A) thru (J) and (L) thru (S) (stopping, standing, parking prohibited in specific places), section 8-1013 (improper parking/obstructing traffic), section 8-1301(A) (following fire apparatus), section 8-1301(B) (driving vehicle within block of fire apparatus), section 8-1302 (driving through parade/funeral procession), section 8-1304 (failure to obtain parade permit), section 8-1307 (opening and closing vehicle doors), section 8-1311 (improper start of parked vehicle), section 8-1317 (coasting vehicle on downgrade prohibited), section 8-1318 (littering), section 8-1320(A) (operating snowmobile under 16 or allowing when prohibited), section 8-1320(B) (operating snowmobile

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in restricted area), section 8-1410 (traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles), section 8-1411 (bicyclist to obey traffic control devices), ~~section 8-1418 (riding bicycle on sidewalks restrictions)~~, section 8-1422 (bicycle accidents), section 8-1902 (cruising prohibited), article 8-20 (motorized scooters).

3. For a violation of the following ordinance, a fee of \$25.00.  
Section 10-0103(C) (tobacco possession by an individual under 21 years of age prohibited).
4. For a violation of the following ordinances a fee of \$40.00.  
Section 8-0105 (driving wrong way on one-way street), section 8-0106 (obey temporary traffic sign/barrier), section 8-0303(B) (parent/guardian allow unlicensed/under 16 to drive), section 8-0303(C) (owner allowing unlicensed/under 16 to drive), section 8-0305(B) (current license required), section 8-0306 (violation of restricted license), section 8-0316 (permit unauthorized person to drive), section 8-0403 (disobey traffic control device (barricade)), section 8-0405 (traffic control signals), section 8-0407 (flashing signals), section 8-0506 (impeding traffic), article 8-06 (regulating turning movements), section 8-1010 (motor vehicle left unattended—brakes to be set, engine stopped, and keys removed), section 8-1011 (drive or park on private property), section 8-1018 (taking on or discharging passengers), section 8-1111 (vehicle required to stop at railroad crossing), section 8-1201 (following too closely), sections 8-1202 thru 8-1218(D) (general rules of the road), section 8-1220 (overtaking and passing a bicycle), section 8-1301(C) (driving over fire hose), section 8-1301(D) (driving through/around barricade), section 8-1305 (driving vehicle on sidewalk), section 8-1306 (improper backing), 8-1308 (helmet required—operator/passenger), section 8-1309 (number of riders on motorcycle limited), section 8-1310 (clinging to a vehicle or allowing same), section 8-1313 (unlawful riding on vehicle), section 8-1315 (unlawful towing), section 8-1316(A) (operating motor vehicle with view obstructed by load/passengers), section 8-1316(B) (passenger obstructing driver's view), section 8-1319 (unlawful operation of motor vehicle private property), section 8-1321 (use of seat belts required), section 8-1804 (driving through school patrols), section 8-1415 (right-of-way emerging from alley or driveway), section 8-1417 (parking restriction).
5. For a violation of the following ordinances, a fee of \$50.00.  
Section 8-0116 (failure to yield to emergency vehicle), section 8-0311 (open container), section 8-0317(B)(2) (exhibition driving), section 8-0801 (immediate notice of accident), section 8-0931 (child restraint devices required), 8-1219 (use of motor vehicle), ~~section 10-0311(C) (panhandling within the city of Fargo)~~.

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Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

/s/  
Timothy J. Mahoney, M.D., Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest:

First Reading: 5-27-25  
Second Reading: 6-9-25  
Final Passage: 6-9-25  
Publication: 6-18-25

/s/  
Steven Sprague, City Auditor