

TOWN OF SUPERIOR
ORDINANCE NO. O-17
SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR
REPEALING AND REENACTING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE
SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTRIC-POWERED
VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Town desires to regulate electric-powered vehicles in the Town in general conformance with neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, COLORADO:

Section 1. Article III of Chapter 8 of the Superior Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III
ELECTRIC-POWERED VEHICLES**

Sec. 8-3-10. – Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Electric-assisted bicycle means a vehicle having two tandem wheels, or two parallel wheels, and one forward wheel, fully operable pedals and an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty (750) watts of power.

(1) *Class 1 electric-assisted bicycle* means an electric-assisted bicycle equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(2) *Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle* means an electric-assisted bicycle equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance regardless of whether the operator is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(3) *Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle* means an electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

Lightweight electric vehicle means any device capable of moving itself, or of being moved, from place to place upon wheels and that is powered by an electric motor and weighs less than one hundred (100) pounds, including without limitation an electric scooter, electric skateboard, electric unicycle, and self-balancing single-wheel electric personal transport board, but excluding any electric-assisted bicycle, motorcycle, or low-power scooter, that has a maximum speed of twenty (20) miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor.

Sec. 8-3-20. – Electric-assisted bicycles.

(a) *Operation.*

(1) Class 1 and Class 2 electric-assisted bicycles may be operated in all locations where bicycles are allowed, including without limitation roadways, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, multi-use paths and trails; provided, however, that Class 1 and Class 2 electric-assisted bicycles may only be operated on trails that have been specifically designated as allowing electric-assisted bicycles.

(2) A Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle may be operated on roadways or bicycle lanes, but shall not be operated on any multi-use paths or trails, regardless of any designation allowing electric-assisted bicycles.

(3) No electric-assisted bicycle shall be ridden by more than one individual unless designed to carry multiple individuals.

(b) *Speed limit.* It is unlawful to operate a Class 1 or Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour on any sidewalk, multi-use path or any trail that allows electric-assisted bicycles. Operators of all classes of electric-assisted bicycles on roadways or in bicycles lanes shall adhere to posted speed limits.

(c) *Rights and privileges.*

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, an electric-assisted bicycle and the operator of an electric-assisted bicycle have all the rights and privileges, and are subject to all the duties, of a bicycle and the operator of a bicycle.

(2) An operator of a Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, in addition to all other requirements of state law.

Sec. 8-3-30. – Lightweight electric vehicle.

(a) *Operation.*

(1) A lightweight electric vehicle may be operated in all locations where Class 1 electric-assisted bicycles are allowed, including without limitation roadways, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, multi-use paths and trails.

(2) No lightweight electric vehicle shall be ridden by more than one individual unless designed to carry multiple individuals.

(b) *Speed limit.* It is unlawful to operate a lightweight electric vehicle at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour on any sidewalk, multi-use path or any trail that allows lightweight electric vehicles. Operators of all classes of lightweight electric vehicles on roadways or in bicycles lanes shall adhere to posted speed limits.

Sec. 8-3-40. – Penalty.

A person riding an electric-assisted bicycle or lightweight electric vehicle who violates this Article shall be subject to the same penalties as if the person were driving any other vehicle; except that C.R.S. § 42-2-127 shall not apply.

Section 2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. Safety. This Ordinance is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, welfare and safety of the community.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after publication following adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 13 day of October, 2025.



Mark Lacis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Dujardin, Town Clerk

