ORDINANCE 2026-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1171 AND SECTION 8-6-1 OF THE LANDER MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS, AND CREATING NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BICYCLES, HUMAN-POWERED SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, ONE-WHEELED DEVICES, AND POWERED SCOOTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LANDER, FREMONT COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendment and Enactment

Section 8-6-1 of the Lander Municipal Code is hereby amended, and new provisions are hereby created and enacted, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8

BICYCLES, HUMAN-POWERED SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND POWERED SCOOTERS

Sec. 8.04. Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Bicycle. "Bicycle" means a human-powered transportation device equipped with operable pedals or another means of human propulsion, and a seat for one or more riders.

2. Human-Powered Scooter, or Skateboard. "Human-powered scooter" or "skateboard" means a human-powered transportation device with two or more wheels in contact with the ground and a deck or platform for the rider to stand on.

3. Electric Bicycle. "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the rider's use, and an electric motor seven hundred fifty watts or less.

a. Electric bicycles must meet the requirements of one of the following three classes:

i. Class 1 electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

ii. Class 2 electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used to propel the bicycle without pedaling and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

iii. Class 3 electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-eight miles per hour.

b. An electric bicycle shall operate according to its class so that, when the rider stops pedaling, applies the brakes, or disengages the electric motor, the electric motor assist ceases to function or provide propulsion.

4. Powered Scooter or Powered Skateboard. "Powered scooter" or "Powered Skateboard" means a transportation device that is equipped with a motor or engine, is capable of self-propelled operation, has a deck or platform for a rider to stand on during operation, and has one or more wheels in contact with the ground.

5. One-Wheeled Devices. "One-wheel device" means a motor-powered self-balancing transportation device, with a single wheel in contact with the ground and a platform or foot pads upon which the rider stands. A one-wheel device includes, but is not limited to, devices commonly known as one-wheels, electric unicycles, or similar self-balancing personal

transportation devices. For the purposes of this ordinance, a mobility device is any assistive device intended to support mobility for individuals with disabilities, including wheelchairs, tricycles, bicycles, and other assistive mobility devices.

7. **Powered Device:** For the purpose of this Ordinance, a powered device shall be defined as a self-propelled device designed primarily to transport one person and powered wholly or partially by an electric motor, including a powered scooter, motorized skateboard, self-balancing device, or one-wheeled device. The term does not include motorcycles, motor-driven cycle, moped, motor vehicle, or any wheelchair, pedestrian vehicle, or other mobility device designed and used by a person with a disability.

8. Dismount Zone. "Dismount Zone" means a designated public sidewalk area within the City of Lander where no wheeled devices, powered by humans, batteries, or fuel, other than mobility devices, may be used.

9. Lander Area Pathway System. "Lander Area Pathway System" means the designated walking paths on Exhibit A, as from time to time may be amended for the City of Lander.

10. Reckless Operation. "Reckless operation" means operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device in a manner that creates an unreasonable risk of injury to persons or damage to property under the circumstances then existing.

Sec. 8.06. Requirements for Operation and Forbidden Practices.

1. The operator of any bicycle, human-powered scooter or skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall comply with all applicable traffic ordinances and applicable Wyoming statutes governing the operation of vehicles within the City limits of Lander.

   a. Unless otherwise required by law, an operator is not required to possess a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, or motor vehicle insurance to operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device.

   b. Nothing in this Chapter is intended to conflict with or supersede applicable Wyoming law. In the event of a conflict between this Chapter and Wyoming law, Wyoming law shall control.

   c. Mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities-are distinct from recreational powered scooters and other personal transportation devices regulated under this chapter.

2. Electric bicycles and powered scooters must meet the definitions and operational requirements set forth in this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law. Electric bicycles and powered devices with performance capabilities exceeding the definitions in this Chapter may not be operated on public roadways, sidewalks, or the Lander Area Pathway System, except as otherwise allowed by law.

   a. First responders operating an electric bicycle or powered scooter in the performance of their official duties are exempt from this subsection.

3. Any bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device operated 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise must be equipped with and use the following:

   a. A forward-facing white light that is unobstructed, provides sufficient visibility for the operator, and makes the device visible to vehicles and motorists.

   b. A rear-facing red light that is unobstructed and makes the device visible to vehicles and motorists.

4. Where operation on a sidewalk or on the Lander Area Pathway System is permitted under this Chapter, the operator shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall not operate in a reckless manner that endangers pedestrian safety.

5. The following additional requirements and prohibitions apply:

a. No person shall operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device on a sidewalk within a designated Dismount Zone as outlined in Section 8.04(6) herein.

b. No person shall operate a Class 1 electric bicycle, Class 2 electric bicycle, Class 3 electric bicycle, powered scooter or skateboard, or one-wheeled device on any sidewalk.

c. Bicycles, human-powered scooters, and human-powered skateboards may be operated on sidewalks outside of designated Dismount Zones, subject to the requirements of this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law.

d. Bicycles, human-powered scooters, human-powered skateboards, electric bicycles, and powered scooters may be operated on the Lander Area Pathway System, subject to the requirements of this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law.

e. No person shall operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter or skateboard, in a reckless manner or engage in trick riding on public streets, sidewalks, or the Lander Area Pathway System.

f. No person shall operate an electric bicycle, or powered device in a reckless manner or engage in trick riding on public streets, or the Lander Area Pathway System.

g. No person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall enter or cross a public street, roadway, or other thoroughfare unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with the lawful movement of approaching traffic.

h. No person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall attach themselves or the device to any moving vehicle.

i. No person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered device shall carry another person as a passenger unless the device is designed and manufactured to carry more than one person, or unless manufacturer-approved equipment has been added for that purpose.

Sec. 8.08. Helmet Use Required for Operators Under Sixteen Years of Age.

1. Any person under sixteen years of age operating an electric bicycle or powered device on a public street or the Lander Area Pathway System shall properly wear a helmet approved by the United States Department of Transportation or the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

2. The City encourages all operators and passengers of bicycles, human-powered scooters, skateboards, electric bicycles, and powered scooters to wear properly fitted safety helmets regardless of age.

Sec. 8.10. Dismount Zones.

1. Except for those using mobility devices, no person shall operate a bicycle, human-powered scooter, skateboard, electric bicycle, or powered scooter upon a sidewalk located within a designated Dismount Zone.

2. Outside of a designated Dismount Zone, bicycles, human-powered scooters and human-powered skateboards may be operated on sidewalks, subject to the requirements of this Chapter and applicable Wyoming law.

3. Any person operating a bicycle, human-powered scooter, or human-powered skateboard upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

4. The Dismount Zone shall include any sidewalk on, or adjacent to, the following public streets:

North side (Westbound) of Main Street from 1st St. to Clinchard St.

South side (Eastbound) of Main St from Baldwin Creek Road to 1st St.

a. The City may install and maintain signs, pavement markings, or other traffic control devices identifying Dismount Zones established under this Chapter.

Sec. 8.12. Penalty for Violations.

1. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) for each violation, together with any applicable court costs.

2. In lieu of issuing a citation for a first offense, a law enforcement officer may issue a written warning when the officer determines that a warning would adequately address the violation and promote compliance with this Chapter.

Sec. 8.14. Alternative Penalty for Juveniles Under Sixteen Years of Age.

1. At the discretion of the officer who observed the violation and is issuing the citation, a juvenile under sixteen years of age who violates any provision of this Chapter may be required to appear in Lander Municipal Court with a parent or legal guardian and, upon conviction, may be fined as follows, plus costs of prosecution:

a. The fine for a first violation under this Section shall not exceed twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

b. For each subsequent violation under this Section within a one-year period, the fine shall double the fine imposed for the immediately preceding conviction under this Section, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars ($400.00).

c. Only violations under this Section that occurred within the twelve (12) months immediately before the date of the current offense shall be counted. A citation older than one (1) year shall not increase the fine.

d. Fine schedule for violations within a one-year period:

Violations within 1 year	Maximum fine
1st	$25
2nd	$50
3rd	$100
4th	$200
5th and later	$400

SEC. 15. CIVIL CITATION; NOTICE; HEARING; PENALTIES.

A. Issuance of Civil Citation.
Whenever a City Police Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has violated any provision of this Chapter, the officer may issue a written civil citation to the person alleged to have committed the violation.

B. Contents of Citation.
The civil citation shall include:

1. The name of the person cited, if known;
2. The date, time, and location of the alleged violation;
3. The section of this Chapter alleged to have been violated;
4. A brief description of the conduct constituting the alleged violation;
5. The amount of the civil penalty, if a scheduled penalty has been established;
6. The manner and deadline for payment of the civil penalty;
7. Notice of the right to contest the citation and request a hearing;
8. The time and manner in which a hearing must be requested; and
9. Notice that failure to timely pay the civil penalty or request a hearing may result in the citation becoming a final determination of violation and the civil penalty becoming due and payable.

C. Service of Citation.
A civil citation may be personally served upon the person cited or delivered by any other method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice, including first-class mail to the person's last known address.

D. Payment or Request for Hearing.
A person receiving a civil citation, which shall include a date hearing date to contest teh citation, shall:

1. Pay the civil penalty in the manner provided by the City; or
2. Submit a written request for a hearing contesting the citation.

Payment of the civil penalty shall constitute resolution of the citation and shall not constitute a criminal conviction.

E. Request for Hearing.
A timely request for hearing shall stay collection of the civil penalty until a final determination is issued. Upon receipt of a timely request, the City shall provide the person requesting the hearing with reasonable written notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing.

F. Hearing.
The hearing shall be conducted before a hearing officer designated in accordance with City ordinance or other applicable law. The hearing shall provide the person cited a reasonable opportunity to:

1. Appear personally or through legal counsel;
2. Review and respond to the evidence supporting the citation;
3. Present testimony, documents, photographs, or other relevant evidence;
4. Present witnesses; and
5. Make arguments concerning whether a violation occurred and the appropriate civil penalty, if any.

The formal rules of evidence need not apply; however, the hearing officer may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial, unduly repetitious, or otherwise unreliable.

G. Burden of Proof.
The City shall have the burden of establishing a violation of this Chapter by a preponderance of the evidence.

H. Decision.
Following the hearing, the hearing officer shall issue a written decision determining whether a violation occurred. The decision shall include findings sufficient to identify the basis for the determination.

If the hearing officer determines that a violation occurred, the hearing officer may affirm, reduce, or otherwise impose a civil penalty authorized by this Chapter, together with any other remedy authorized by law.

If the hearing officer determines that the City has not established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence, the citation shall be dismissed.

I. Failure to Request Hearing or Appear.
A person who fails to timely request a hearing waives the right to contest the citation through the administrative hearing process, and the citation may become a final determination of violation.

If a person timely requests a hearing but fails to appear after receiving proper notice, the hearing officer may proceed in the person's absence and issue a determination based upon the evidence presented.

J. Civil Nature of Proceedings.
A violation prosecuted pursuant to this Section is civil in nature. The issuance of a civil citation, payment of a civil penalty, or determination that a violation occurred shall not constitute a

criminal conviction, and imprisonment shall not be imposed for a violation prosecuted under this Section.

K. Continuing or Separate Violations.
Each separate occurrence of conduct prohibited by this Chapter may constitute a separate violation. A continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation for each day the violation continues only when expressly provided elsewhere in this Chapter.

L. Collection and Other Remedies.
Any civil penalty that becomes final and remains unpaid may be collected by the City through any lawful civil collection procedure. The remedies provided in this Section are cumulative and do not prevent the City from seeking injunctive relief or any other remedy authorized by law.

M. Judicial Review.
A final decision under this Section may be reviewed or appealed as provided by applicable Wyoming law.

SECTION 2. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law and the ordinances of the City of Lander.

PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 25, 2026

PASSED ON FIRST READING AUGUST 25, 2026

PASSED ON SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

PASSED ON THIRD READING OCTOBER 13, 2026

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council on the 13 day of October, 2026.

SEAL

THE CITY OF LANDER
A Municipal Corporation

By Missy White
Missy White, Mayor

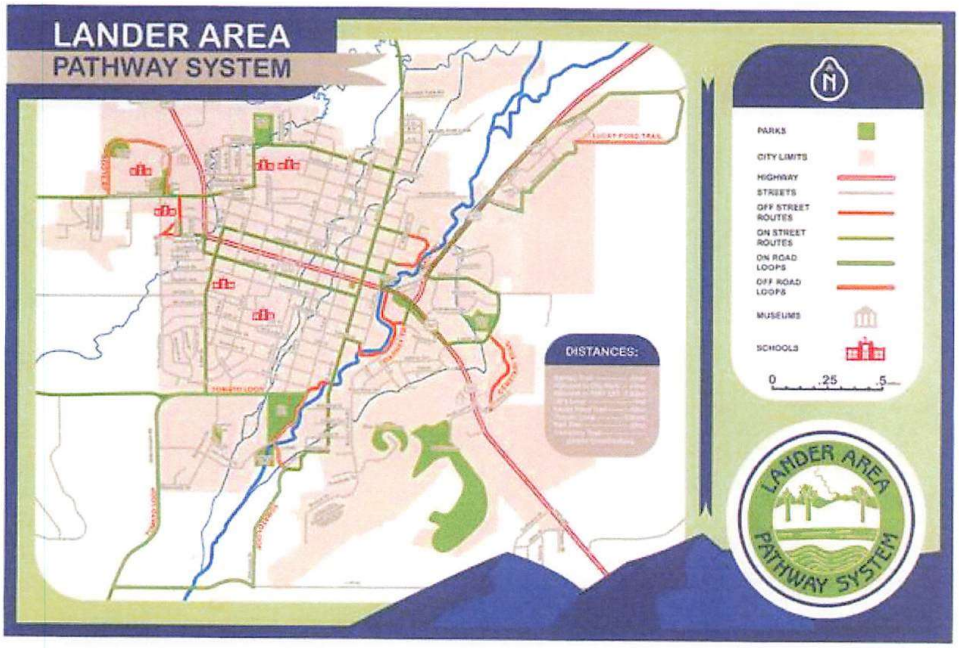
ATTEST:
Rachelle Fontaine
Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FREMONT)

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that on October 13, 2026, following passage, adoption and approval of Ordinance 2026-2, Missy White, the duly elected, qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Lander, issued this proclamation and said ordinance was published at least once in the Lander Journal, a newspaper of general circulation within Lander, Wyoming, the effective date and publication being October 24, 2026.

Rachelle Fontaine
Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk


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