

ORDINANCE NO. 24-

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, AMENDING SECTION 23-18-1803, ARTICLE 23-18, CHAPTER 23, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, PERTAINING TO OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES BY ADDING LANGUAGE RELATED TO BICYCLES APPROACHING STOP SIGNS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA THAT:

Section 1. Section 23-18-1803 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23-18-1803 Obedience to traffic- control devices.

- A. Any Person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- B. Whenever authorized, signs are erected indicating that no right turn, left turn or U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the Regulations applicable to pedestrians.
- C. 1. A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall:
 - a. Slow down,
 - b. If required to avoid an immediate hazard, stop at the stop sign before entering the intersection, and
 - c. Cautiously entering the intersection and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
- 2. If a person operating a bicycle determines there is no immediate hazard, he or she may cautiously make a right or left turn, or proceed through the intersection without stopping at the stop sign.

Section 2. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. The Provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this _____ day of July, 2024.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this _____ day of July 2024.

JOHN ANDREW, CITY ATTORNEY

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BRIEF GIST

This proposed ordinance adds language related to bicycles approaching stop signs and is reflective of state statute.

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