

ORDINANCE NO. 25-

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BICYCLES BY AMENDING SECTION 23-18-1808, ARTICLE 23-18, CHAPTER 23, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, 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 23-18-1808 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23-18-1808 Riding on roadways, sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle paths.

- A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) persons abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside exclusively for the use of bicycles.
- C. Any person is permitted to ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk unless specifically prohibited by signs posted thereon. Police officers on bicycles are exempt from this provision.
- D. The placement of signs prohibiting the riding of bicycles on any sidewalk or roadway shall be ~~recommended by the traffic commission and~~ approved by the city council.
- E. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian.
- F. A person riding a bicycle across a roadway and within a crosswalk shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

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 March, 2025.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this ____ day of March, 2025.

TIMOTHY WILSON, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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Brief Gist

This ordinance will remove a reference to the Traffic Commission, which has been dissolved, from Chapter 23 of Lawton City Code.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this ____ day of March, 2025.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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