

ORDINANCE NO. 749

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, amending Chapter 8.76 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relating to motor vehicles in parks and on trails.

WHEREAS, The Lakewood Municipal Code 8.76 authorizes the City to establish laws for public parks and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, in order to address more particular and specific park needs of the citizens of the City of Lakewood, it is appropriate for the City to amend Chapter 8.76; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 8.76.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code entitled “Definition” is amended to read as follows:

“Motor vehicle” means any self-propelled device capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, jeeps or similar type four-wheel drive vehicles, all terrain or off-road vehicles, snowmobiles and vessels, whether or not they can legally be operated upon the public highways.

“Trail” means any path, track, or right-of-way designed for use by pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians, mobility devices (as defined by RCW 46.61.710) or other non-motorized modes of transportation.

Section 2. That Chapter 8.76.200 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is retitled “Motor vehicles on park roads and trails” is amended to read as follows:

No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a trail in any park area unless such trail has been specifically designated and posted for such use. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of a park area except on paved roads, streets, ~~highways~~, parking lots, parking areas, or where otherwise permitted by proper posting. It is provided, however, that this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles, nor to any maintenance vehicles, construction vehicles, mobility devices, or other vehicles authorized by the Department.

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 16th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Attest:



Don Anderson, Mayor



Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney