CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HULTIN COUNCIL BILL NO. 14 ORDINANCE NO. 1745 Series 2022

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-52 OF THE WHEAT RIDGE CODE OF LAWS TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ASSISTED MOBILITY DEVICES IN PARK AND RECREATION AREAS

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge (the "City") is a home rule municipality having all powers conferred by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority and C.R.S. § 31-23-101, the City, acting through its City Council (the "Council"), is authorized to adopt ordinances for the protection of the public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously adopted Code Section 17-52 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws (the "Code") concerning vehicles in city parks; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to further amend Section 17-52 of the Code to address the use of assisted mobility devices for persons with disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 17-52.d is amended to read:

- (d) All bicycle riders shall obey traffic signs and laws regulating the operation, stopping or parking of vehicles. Bicycle riding will be governed further by safe riding practices and consideration for the use of park and recreation areas and trails by others. Bicycle riding is prohibited on playgrounds, tennis courts and game courts, in pavilions, in the conservation area or in any area where other activities are in progress, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASSISTED MOBILITY DEVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.</u> If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after final publication, as provided by Section 5.11 of the Charter.
- INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED on first reading by a vote of 8 to 0 on this 27th day of June 2022, ordered published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Wheat Ridge, and Public Hearing and consideration on final

passage set for July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., as a virtual meeting and in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado if allowed to meet in person on that date per COVID-19 restrictions.

READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on second and final reading by a vote of <u>8</u> to <u>0</u>, this <u>11th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2022.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 13 day of July, 2022.

Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephen Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

Approved as to Form

Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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