

Eugene Code and State Laws Related to Proposed Changes

1. Electric assisted bicycles

Related City Code

5.010

Definitions.

In addition to those definitions contained in ORS Chapters 801 to 825, and Chapter 153, the following words or phrases, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning shall mean:

Motorized transportation device.

Any vehicle that is not propelled exclusively by human power, including but not limited to, an electric assisted bicycle (when not being operated by human propulsion), an electric personal assistive mobility device, a moped, a motor assisted scooter, a motor vehicle, a motorcycle, a motorized skateboard, any similar vehicle that operates without human propulsion.

5.160 Unlawful Use of Motorized Transportation Device.

- (1) No motorized transportation device may be operated on any city owned off-street bicycle or pedestrian path or trail, unless exempt. A motorized transportation device is exempt from this provision if it is used as a mobility aid by a person with a mobility impairment, used by a person with express permission from the City, or used by a City employee or agent in the course of City business.
- (2) No person shall operate a motorized transportation device in a manner causing excessive, unnecessary, or offensive noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to a reasonable person of normal sensitivity.

(Section 5.160 added by Ordinance No. 20340, enacted March 4, 2005, effective April 3, 2005; administratively corrected June 15, 2005.)

Oregon Revised Statutes

814.405 Status of electric assisted bicycle. An electric assisted bicycle shall be considered a bicycle, rather than a motor vehicle, for purposes of the Oregon Vehicle Code, except when otherwise specifically provided by statute. [1997 c.400 §4]

801.258 “Electric assisted bicycle.” “Electric assisted bicycle” means a vehicle that:

- (1) Is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels;
- (2) Has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
- (3) Is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
- (4) Has both fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an electric motor; and
- (5) Is equipped with an electric motor that:
 - (a) Has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts; and

(b) Is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. [1997 c.400 §2; 1999 c.59 §233]

2. Bike-Skateboard Riding Prohibitions in Downtown Core

Eugene City Code

5.400 Operating Rules.

- (1) No person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk in that area bounded by the outer limits of Charnelton Street on the west, 6th Avenue on the north, Pearl Street on the east, and 11th Avenue on the south.
- (2) No person may park a bicycle in or near a public thoroughfare or place in such a manner as to obstruct traffic or endanger persons or property.
- (3) A person riding a bicycle
 - (a) In a lane for vehicular traffic or parking may ride only in the direction legally prescribed there for that traffic.
 - (b) In a lane for vehicular traffic or parking shall ride as closely to the curb as is safe, but when approaching an intersection where a curb lane is designated "Left Turn" or "Right Turn" shall avoid that lane within 50 feet of the intersection if intending to ride through the intersection without turning.
 - (c) On a street or alley shall ride in single file with other bicyclists whenever a motor vehicle is approaching within 100 feet to the rear.
 - (d) On a bicycle path or a sidewalk shall keep as far to the right as is safe, except when overtaking and passing pedestrians and other vehicles, which shall be overtaken and passed only on the left.

- (4) Peace officers, police community service officers, police volunteers, and parole and probation officers performing official duties are exempt from the provisions of this section.

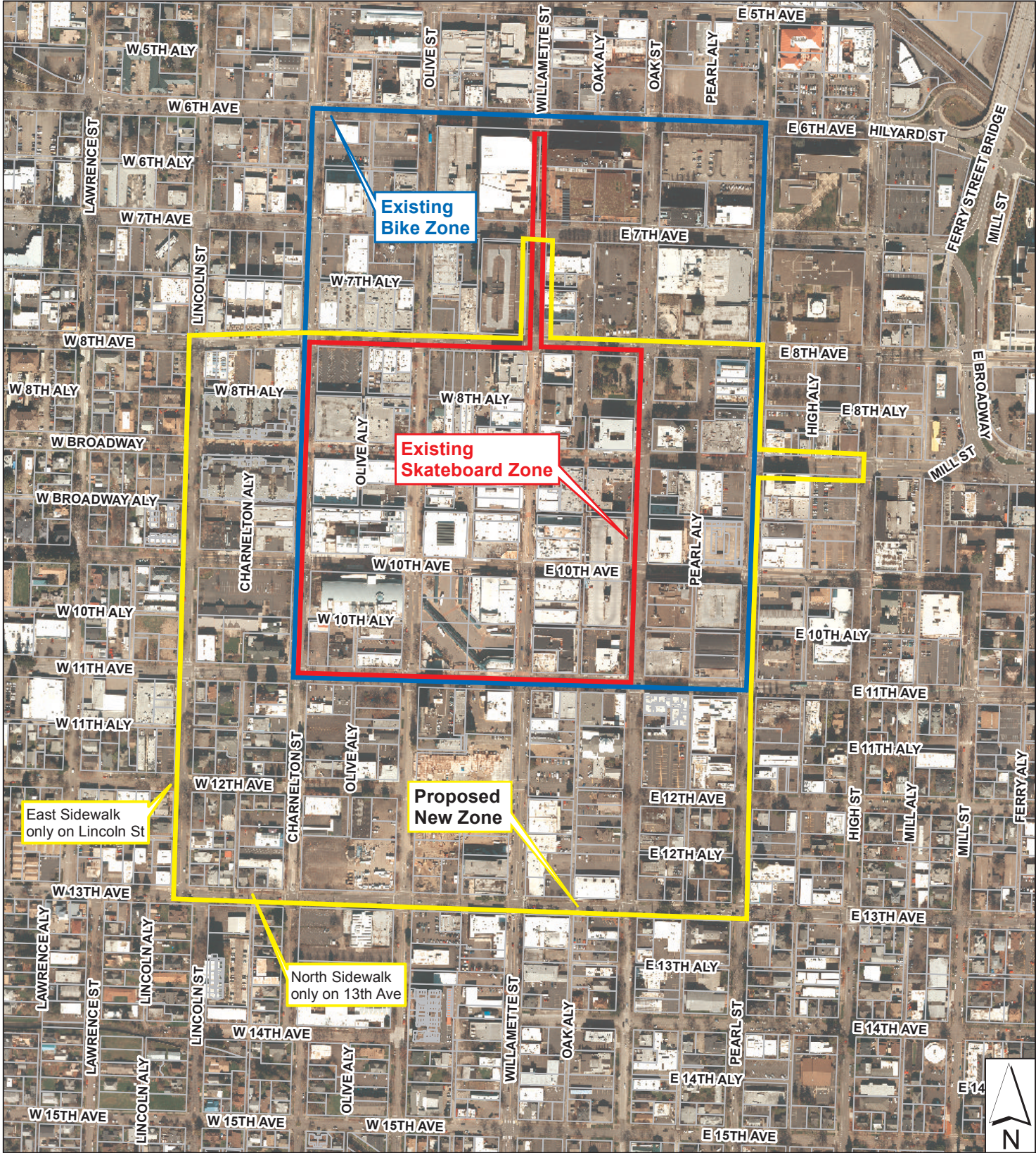
(Section 5.400, formerly section 5.410, renumbered and amended by Ordinance No. 17690, enacted June 28, 1976; amended by Ordinance No. 20496, enacted October 8, 2012, effective November 10, 2012.)

5.450 Skateboards.

- (1) As used in this section, a "skateboard" means a board of any material natural or synthetic with wheels affixed to the underside, designed to be ridden by a person and propelled by human power.
- (2) No person shall ride a skateboard:
 - (a) On any sidewalk within the area bounded by the western sidewalk along Charnelton Street between 8th Avenue and 11th Avenue, the northern sidewalk along 8th Avenue from Oak Street to Charnelton Street, the eastern sidewalk along Oak Street between 8th and 11th Avenues, and the southern sidewalk along 11th Avenue between Oak and Charnelton Streets, or on either side of Willamette Street between 8th and 7th Avenues, or in the area between the Eugene Conference Center and the Hult Center.
 - (b) In any multi-level parking facility within the city.
 - (c) Within ten feet of any major bus transfer station.
 - (d) In the portion of a street designated for automobile traffic, except when crossing a street in a crosswalk or at a right angle.
 - (e) On Alder Street, including the sidewalks thereof, between and including the southern sidewalk of East 12th Avenue and the northern sidewalk of East 14th Avenue, nor on East 13th Avenue, including the sidewalks thereof, between and including the eastern sidewalk of Pearl Street and the eastern sidewalk of Kincaid Street.
- (3) A person commits the offense of unsafe operation of a skateboard on the sidewalk if the person does any of the following:
 - (a) Rides a skateboard upon a sidewalk where prohibited;
 - (b) Rides a skateboard upon a sidewalk where not otherwise prohibited and does not yield the right of way to all pedestrians on the sidewalk; or
 - (c) Rides a skateboard on a sidewalk in a careless manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property.

(Section 5.450 added by Ordinance No. 19623, enacted June 26, 1989; amended by Ordinance No. 19693, enacted June 11, 1990; amended by Ordinance No. 20057, enacted August 12, 1996; and Ordinance No. 20071, enacted November 4, 1996, effective December 4, 1996.)

Proposed Skateboard-Bike No Sidewalk Riding Zone



Legend

- Proposed New Zone
- Existing Bike Zone
- Existing Skateboard Zone
- Taxlots

Caution:
This map is based on imprecise
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