

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS, BY AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS HERETOFORE, AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 8-6. PROTECTIVE HEAD WEAR, SECTION 8-6-1. DEFINITIONS TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION, “E-BICYCLE”; AND, TO AMEND SECTION 8-6-2. BICYCLE HELMET REQUIRED, TO INCLUDE NEW TERMS TO SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND D(1); AND, TO AMEND SUBSECTION C, TO INCREASE HELMET AGE REQUIREMENT FROM 14 YEARS OF AGE TO 16 YEARS OF AGE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coppel, Texas, (the “City”) is a Home Rule municipality having full powers of self-government and may enact ordinances relative to its citizens’ health, safety, and welfare that are consistent with the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coppel, Texas has determined that it is the City’s best interest to amend section 8-6-1. Definitions, Article 8-6. Protective Head Wear, of Chapter 8, Traffic Regulations, by adding a new definition, “E-Bicycle”, and to amend section 8-6-2 “Bicycle Helmet Required”, to include new terms to subsections A, B, and D(1), as well as, amend subsection C, to increase the helmet age requirement from 14 years of age to 16 years of age.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppel, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Chapter 8, ‘Traffic Regulations’, Article 8-6 ‘Protective Head Wear’, Section 8-6-1, ‘Definitions,’ by adding a new definition, “E-Bicycle” to read herein, as follows:

“CHAPTER 8 – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 8-6. PROTECTIVE HEAD WEAR

Sec. 8-6-1. – Definitions.

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E-Bicycle means a bicycle as defined by §664.001, ‘Definitions’, of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended, and shall include Class 1, 2, and 3, as set forth therein.

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SECTION 2. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppell, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Chapter 8, ‘Traffic Regulations’, Article 8-6 ‘Protective Head Wear’, Section 8-6-2, ‘Bicycle helmet required,’ to include new terms to subsections A, B, and D(1) to read herein, as follows:

“CHAPTER 8 – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 8-6. PROTECTIVE HEAD WEAR

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Sec. 8-6-2. – Bicycle helmet required.

A. A person who is a child, commits an offense if the person operates or rides as a passenger on a bicycle, e-bicycle, any side car, trailer, child carrier, seat, or other device attached to a bicycle within the limits of the city without wearing a helmet.

B. A parent or guardian of a child commits an offense if such person knowingly causes or permits, or by insufficient control allows, the child to operate or ride upon a bicycle, e-bicycle, any side car, trailer, child carrier, seat, or other device attached to a bicycle in violation of A. above.

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D. It is a defense to the prosecution under subsection A. or B., that:

1. The bicycle, e-bicycle, motor assisted scooter, neighborhood electric vehicle is not being operated upon a public right-of-way at the time of the alleged offense.

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SECTION 3. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppell, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Chapter 8, ‘Traffic Regulations’, Article 8-6 ‘Protective Head Wear’, Section 8-6-2, ‘Bicycle helmet required,’ Subsection C to increase the helmet age requirement from 14 years of age to 16 years of age, to read herein, as follows:

“CHAPTER 8 – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 8-6. PROTECTIVE HEAD WEAR

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Sec. 8-6-2. – Bicycle helmet required.

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C. A person older than 16 years of age is not required to wear a helmet while operating or riding as a passenger on a bicycle, any side car, trailer, child carrier, seat or other device attached to a bicycle within the city.

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SECTION 4. That all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppell, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That should any word, phrase, paragraph, section or portion of this ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, be held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect on _____, and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, this the ____ day of _____, 2025

APPROVED:

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Phoebe Stell, Interim City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert E. Hager, City Attorney