

ORDINANCE NO. 094, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTERS 15 AND 23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF FORT COLLINS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
SHARED MICROMOBILITY OPERATIONS

A. As a Platinum level Bicycle Friendly Community and with a Platinum level Bicycle Friendly University, the City of Fort Collins is a leader in micromobility and a model to other communities.

B. On December 20, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance No. 149, 2022, adopting the Active Modes Plan as a component of City Plan. The Active Modes Plan combines and updates the 2011 Pedestrian Plan and 2014 Bicycle Master Plan and identifies key opportunities to improve access to amenities and transit options, as well as strategies for expanding efforts to build a transportation network that makes it easy and safe to use all transportation modes.

C. Shared micromobility supports mode shift which aligns with goals of the Active Modes Plan as well as Our Climate Future and Vision Zero Action Plan.

D. Shared micromobility also provides an accessible transportation option for people who do not otherwise have access to a motor vehicle.

E. Although shared micromobility services have been present in Fort Collins for nearly a decade, if not longer, the regulation of such services under City Code is currently unclear.

F. The lack of a clear regulatory framework puts the community at risk for problems associated with unregulated shared micromobility services, such as operators that are unresponsive and allow riders to improperly park shared micromobility devices, leaving obstacles and unsightly clutter in the public right-of-way.

G. The lack of a clear regulatory framework also hinders the City's coordination with Colorado State University, which is essential to a thriving shared micromobility program in Fort Collins.

H. Requiring all shared micromobility services in Fort Collins to have a services contract with the City will create a clear regulatory framework for such services and facilitate collaboration between shared micromobility operators and City staff.

I. This Ordinance benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and the traveling public and serves the public purpose by promoting City goals of mode shift and safety, protecting the public right-of-way, and providing a fair operating environment for shared micromobility services operating in Fort Collins.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Section 15-381 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-381. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

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Micromobility Device shall mean any motor-powered or human-powered vehicular unit, including, but not limited to, bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles and electric scooters, or similar apparatuses. Low power scooters, golf carts, and motor vehicles, as those devices are defined in the Fort Collins Traffic Code, shall not be considered shared micromobility devices.

. . .

Outdoor vendor or *vendor* shall mean any person, whether as owner, agent, consignee or employee, who sells or attempts to sell, or who offers to the public free of charge, any services, goods, wares or merchandise, including, but not limited to, food or beverage, from any outdoor location, except that outdoor vendor shall not include a person who:

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(11) Vends food or catering services at an individual private residence for a private event; or

(12) Vends shared micromobility services pursuant to § 15-395, below.

. . .

Outdoor vendor of transportation services shall mean an outdoor vendor (not regulated by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and not exempt from the definition of *outdoor vendor*) who offers transportation services to the public. *Outdoor vendor of transportation services* shall include, but not be limited to, vendors of valet parking services; transportation services by pedal power such as pedi-cab or conference bicycle services; horse-drawn carriage rides; or other means of transportation service offered for hire.

. . .

Shared micromobility service shall mean a service that makes privately-owned micromobility devices available for use by the public, with the intent that the devices will at times remain in the public right-of-way or other permitted areas when not actively rented or used. This includes all such services, whether or not the micromobility devices are owned and managed as part of a fleet, and whether or not public access is managed through the use of integrated on-board technology or software applications.

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Section 2. Chapter 15, Article XIV of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is amended by the addition of a new Section 15-395 which reads in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 15-395. Shared Micromobility.

(a) The operation of shared micromobility services, as defined in § 15-381 above, within the City of Fort Collins is prohibited unless pursuant to a services contract with the City pursuant to Chapter 8, Article IV of this Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Code of the City of Fort Collins and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, a person operating a shared micromobility service pursuant to a services contract with the City need not obtain any license otherwise required under this Article in order to operate such service.

(c) The operation of shared micromobility services and devices must comply with all applicable provisions of the Fort Collins Traffic Code. A person that owns or operates shared micromobility services is responsible for ensuring all micromobility devices in its fleet are parked in compliance with the Fort Collins Traffic Code when not being actively rented or used.

Section 3. Section 23-81 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-81. Permit required; application.

Any person desiring to place or erect a building, fence, barrier, post or other encroachments within any City-owned property or any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, highway or public right-of-way in the City shall file a written application for a permit upon a form prepared and provided by the City. The provisions of this Division shall not apply to special events as defined in § 23.5-2 of this Code or to parking spaces as regulated by § 23-61 et seq., above, or to shared micromobility services operated pursuant to § 15-395 of this Code.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on June 3, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on June 17, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: June 27, 2025

Approving Attorney: Madelene Shehan

Exhibits: None