ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL DEVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF FRONTENAC, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCING DANGEROUS OPERATION.

SECTION ONE. AMENDMENTS

The Code of the City of Frontenac, Kansas is hereby amended by adding Article 5, Sections 14-501 through 14-507, to read as follows:

Article 5. Motorized Recreational Devices

14-501. Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to promote the safe operation of motorized recreational devices within the City while allowing reasonable recreational and transportation use consistent with public safety.

This Article is intended to address unsafe operation of such devices and shall be interpreted in a reasonable manner consistent with Kansas law.

14-502. Definitions.

(a) Motorized recreational device means any self-propelled or motor-assisted device designed primarily for personal transportation or recreation that is not required to be registered as a motor vehicle under Kansas law, including but not limited to electric scooters, electric-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards, hoverboards, one-wheel devices, mini-bikes, and similar devices.

(b) Operator means any person riding or controlling a motorized recreational device.

14-503. Safe Operation Required.

No person shall operate a motorized recreational device in a careless, reckless, negligent, or unsafe manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or property. Unsafe operation includes, but is not limited to:

1. Riding into or through traffic in an unsafe manner;
2. Weaving between moving vehicles;
3. Failing to obey traffic-control devices;
4. Failing to yield to pedestrians;
5. Operating at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions;
6. Operating in a manner that causes a pedestrian or vehicle to take evasive action;

7. Performing stunts, tricks, or wheelies on public streets, sidewalks, parking lots, or other public property in a manner that creates a safety hazard;
8. Carrying more persons than the device is designed to accommodate;
9. Clinging to or attaching the device to a moving vehicle;
10. Operating on private property without permission of the owner or person in lawful control of the property.

14-504. Sidewalks, Streets, and Public Areas.

(a) Motorized recreational devices may be operated on residential sidewalks unless operated in an unsafe manner.

(b) No person shall operate a motorized recreational device on a sidewalk within a designated business district in a manner that interferes with pedestrian traffic or creates a safety hazard.

(c) Operators shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on sidewalks, trails, and crosswalks.

(d) No person shall operate a motorized recreational device on any street with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour, except for the purpose of crossing the street at an intersection or other lawful crossing point.

(e) No person shall operate a motorized recreational device upon any public street, highway, road, or alley between sunset and sunrise.

(f) No person shall operate a motorized recreational device in any park, parking lot, city facility, or other public property in a reckless or unsafe manner.

(g) The City may prohibit operation of motorized recreational devices in specific areas by posted signage where necessary for public safety.

(h) All motorized recreational devices operated within the City shall have a functional braking system.

14-505. Helmet Requirement.

Operators shall comply with all helmet requirements established by Kansas law. The City strongly encourages helmet use by all operators regardless of age.

14-506. Parent or Guardian Responsibility.

It shall be unlawful for a parent or guardian to knowingly permit or encourage a minor to repeatedly violate the provisions of this Article after receiving notice of a prior violation.

14-507. Penalty.

A violation of this Article shall constitute an ordinance code violation unless otherwise provided by law.

A law enforcement officer may issue a warning in lieu of citation when appropriate under the circumstances.

Penalties shall be assessed in accordance with the Standard Traffic Ordinance adopted by the City, as amended.

SECTION TWO. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon passage, approval, and publication once in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Frontenac, Kansas, this 10TH day of June, 2026.

Steve Morrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jayme Mjelde, City Clerk

THE CITY OF FRONTENAC ★ CRAWFORD COUNTY KANSAS ★ SEAL