

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM
#6-2024**

DATE: Feb. 12, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*
Jason Loveland, Deputy City Manager *12*

FROM: Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *ajp*
Jesse Mestrovic, Parks & Recreation Project Manager

SUBJECT: CR-48 – Bicycle and Scooter Dismount Zone Pilot Project

PURPOSE

To consider CR-48, a resolution establishing a bicycle and scooter dismount zone at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park as a pilot project.

BACKGROUND

In June 2023, Council adopted Ordinance No. 1850, Series of 2023, which expanded the definitions and allowable uses of electric mobility devices, including e-bikes, e-scooters, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs) and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs), and aligned those definitions with State statutes (Attachment 1).

Section 7-9-8(c) of the ordinance requires that individuals “dismount the electrical assisted bicycle, EPDMD, electric scooter, or OPDMD in the areas provided by resolution of City Council.” There are currently no dismount zones established within the City. Council requested that a pilot program dismount zone be developed at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

UPDATE

Staff assessed various areas throughout the park where potential dismount zones could be established. Four potential dismount zones were identified and brought forward to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for consideration on Sept. 14, 2023. The Board evaluated each, looking at typical visitor use patterns, safety, likelihood of compliance, and potential user conflicts (Attachment 2). The four zones that were initially brought to the Board for discussion are labeled as A, B, C and D on the map. The board identified a fifth zone, labeled E.

The Board unanimously recommended moving forward with zone E on the west side of the park, near the bridge (Attachment 3). This area is a crossroads of the Farmers’ Highline Canal Trail, the Civic Center Campus, and the connection between the parking lot and the primary entry to the park.

Signage would be posted on the trail and painted on the concrete. Park Rangers would be primarily responsible for providing education and seeking voluntary compliance of the dismount zone. They would seek additional support from the Northglenn Police Department if enforcement of this or other park rules is deemed necessary for the safety of park users.

The pilot dismount zone is proposed to apply to all bicycles and scooters, not just electric-powered. The dismount zone would not apply to EPDMDs or OPDMDs utilized by individuals with a mobility disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

It is anticipated that the pilot dismount zone would remain in place through the remainder of the year. Throughout that time, staff would assess its effectiveness. If the dismount zone is effective and no changes are desired, no action would be necessary for the dismount zone to remain in place. If there is a recommendation to remove, modify or expand the dismount zone, staff would bring options back to Council for consideration in early 2025.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial impacts to the City; all signage would be developed and printed in-house. Signage and trail markings denoting the dismount zone would be implemented by the end of March 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-48.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council Members have any questions, please contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, at apeterson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8950.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 1850, Series of 2023
2. Map of Areas Considered for Dismount Zones
3. Proposed Pilot Dismount Zone Map

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S BILL

ORDINANCE NO.

No. CB-2008
Series of 2023

1850
Series of 2023

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE EXPANDING THE DEFINITIONS OF TYPES OF ELECTRIC OPERATING DEVICES PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN THE CITY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Section 7-9-1 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended by the addition of the following definitions, to appear in alphabetical order as follows:

Section 7-9-1. Definitions.

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ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE SHALL MEAN A VEHICLE HAVING TWO OR THREE WHEELS, FULLY OPERABLE PEDALS, AND AN ELECTRIC MOTOR NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (750) WATTS OF POWER. ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLES SHALL CONFORM TO THE THREE CLASSES DEFINED IN C.R.S. § 42-1-102(28.5).

OTHER POWER DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE ("OPDMD") MEANS ANY MOBILITY DEVICE POWERED BY BATTERIES, FUEL, OR OTHER ENGINES—WHETHER OR NOT DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY DISABILITIES—THAT IS USED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY DISABILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCOMOTION, INCLUDING GOLF CARTS, ELECTRONIC PERSONAL ASSISTANCE MOBILITY DEVICE ("EPAMDS"), SUCH AS A SEGWAY®, OR ANY OTHER MOBILITY DEVICE DESIGNED TO OPERATE IN AREAS WITHOUT DEFINED PEDESTRIAN ROUTES, BUT THAT IS NOT A WHEELCHAIR. AN ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE, AS DEFINED HEREIN, MAY BE AN OPDMD.

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Section 2. Section 7-9-2, subsection (c) of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-9-2. Use on Public Streets.

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(c) Electric Scooters. ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ARE PERMITTED TO BE USED ON PUBLIC STREETS, BUT NOT ON SIDEWALKS; HOWEVER, where the City has determined

that a roadway is too highly trafficked to safely allow for electric scooters and where a suitable bike path, horseback trail, or other trail has been established parallel to or within one-fourth of a mile of that right-of-way has been established, the City may erect a sign giving notice that electric scooters are prohibited on that roadway.

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Section 3. Section 7-9-2 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended by the addition thereto of new subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

Section 7-9-2. Use on Public Streets.

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(i) OPDMDS. OMDMDS MAY BE OPERATED ON ANY PUBLIC ROADWAY.

(j) NO MOTORIZED TOY OR UNLICENSED VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN OPDM, SHALL BE PERMITTED ON A SIDEWALK WHERE SUCH SIDEWALK IS ADJACENT TO A PUBLIC ROADWAY WHERE SUCH DEVICES MAY BE OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION

Section 4. Section 7-9-3 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 7-9-3. Use on City Property.

(a) Except where otherwise posted, electrical assisted bicycles, EPAMDS, electric scooters, and OPDMDS are permitted to be used on trails and in certain park spaces, pursuant to the operating regulations set forth herein. The following spaces are excluded from use by electrical assisted bicycles, EPAMDS, electric scooters, and OPDMDS:

- (1) Playgrounds;
- (2) Tennis, basketball, pickleball, or other courts of similar nature and design; and
- (3) Athletic fields.

(b) Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate a toy vehicle, electric scooter, or unlicensed vehicle upon any property owned by the City, within any City park, or on other publicly owned recreational facility property within the City in any location where duly authorized signs have been posted prohibiting such use.

Section 5. Section 7-9-4 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-9-4. Use on School Grounds and Private Property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate a toy vehicle, ~~electric scooters,~~ or unlicensed vehicle on any property owned by a school district or any public school grounds or campus including a parking lot unless such operation is specifically permitted by written order of the district superintendent of schools or their designated representative.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate a toy vehicle, ~~electric scooters,~~ or unlicensed vehicle on any private property within the City including parking lots and sidewalks unless by specific written order of the owner or designated representative of the owner of such property to the individual operating the toy VEHICLE or UNLICENSED vehicle.

Section 6. Section 7-9-6 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-9-6. Parental Liability. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, legal custodian, or any adult to authorize, assist, permit, or encourage any minor to operate a toy vehicle, ~~electric scooters,~~ or unlicensed vehicle in violation of the provisions of this Article 9.

Section 7. The City of Northglenn Municipal Code is amended by the addition thereto of a new Section 7-9-8 to read as follows:

Section 7-9-8. OPERATING REGULATIONS.

PERSONS OPERATING ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES, EPAMDS, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, OR OPDMDS PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER SHALL:

(A) RIDE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY ACCORDING TO ANY APPLICABLE OPERATING MANUALS OR INSTRUCTIONS, AND NOT FASTER THAN FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR;

(B) RIDE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF STREET LANES AND YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO BICYCLES IN THE BIKE LANE OR BIKE PATH. IF RIDING IN THE BIKE LANE OR BIKE PATH, RIDERS SHALL MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE;

(C) DISMOUNT THE ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLE, EPAMD, ELECTRIC SCOOTER, OR OPDMD IN THE AREAS PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL;

(D) PARK THE ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLE, EPAMD, ELECTRIC SCOOTER, OR OPDMD UPRIGHT ON A HARD SURFACE AT A CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROAD OR ON THE EDGE OF A SIDEWALK, PROVIDED THAT NORMAL AND REASONABLE MOVEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IS NOT IMPEDED; AND

(E) WEAR A HELMET AT ALL TIMES IF THE RIDER IS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this 22nd day of May,
2023.


MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:


JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 12th day of June,
2023.


SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA
Mayor Pro Tem

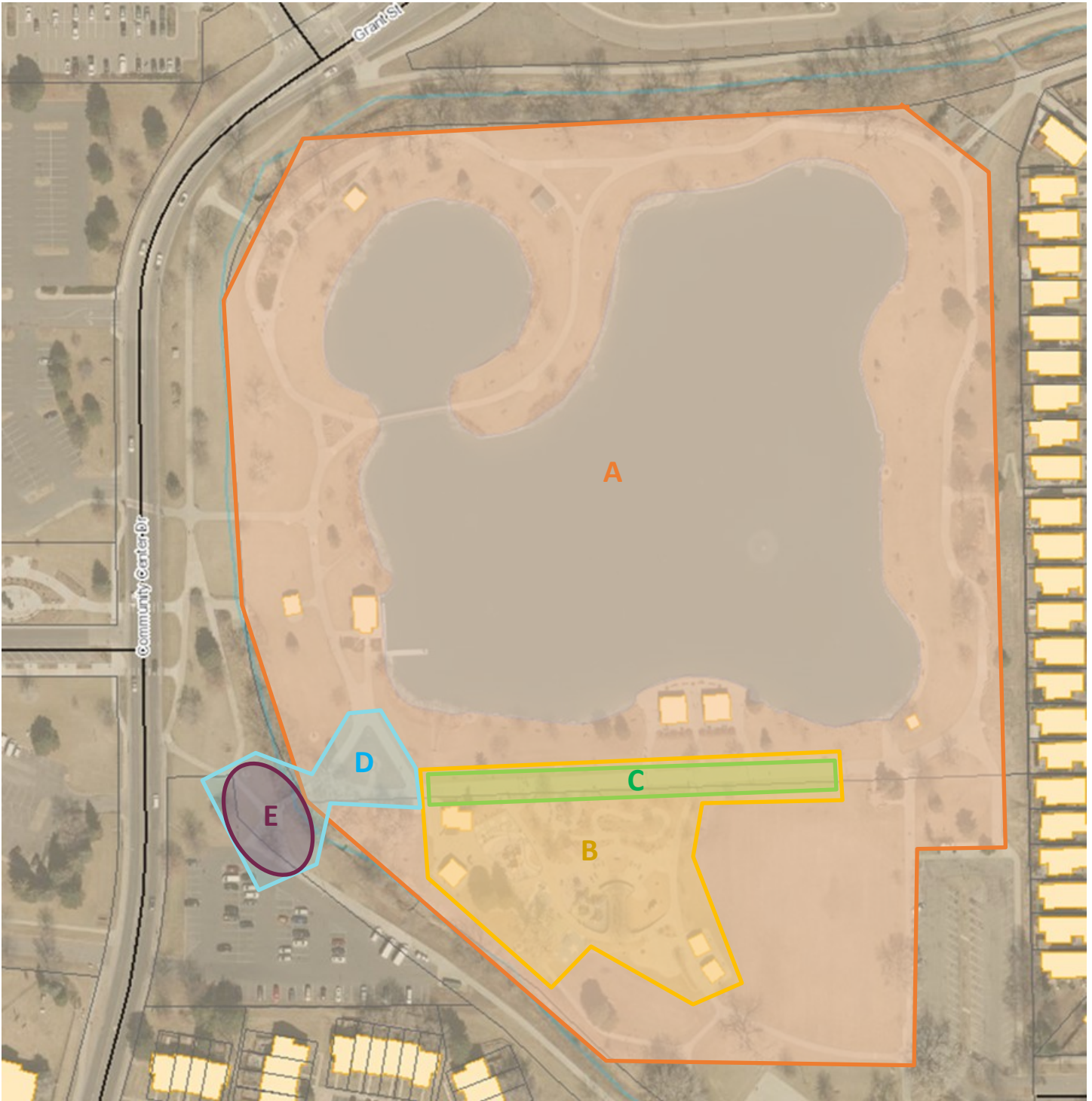
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney

Attachment 2:
Areas Considered for Pilot Dismount Zones



- A Entire park (excluding “wavy walk”)
- B Playground, splashpad, restrooms, primary pedestrian corridor (excluding “wavy walk”)
- C Primary pedestrian corridor
- D Park entry (east and west side of bridge)
- E Park entry (west side of bridge)

Attachment 3:
Proposed Pilot Dismount Zone



E

Park entry, west of bridge (as proposed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board)

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-48
Series of 2024

Series of 2024

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DISMOUNT ZONE FOR BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, AND ELECTRIC OPERATING DEVICES IN E.B. RAINS, JR. MEMORIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1850 on June 12, 2023, which expanded the definitions and allowable uses of electric mobility devices in the City of Northglenn;

WHEREAS, Section 7-9-8(c) of Ordinance No. 1850 requires persons operating electrical assisted bicycles, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), electric scooters, or other power driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) to dismount the electrical assisted bicycle, EPAMD, electric scooter, or OPDMD in the areas provided by resolution of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that a dismount zone should be designated at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park as a pilot program to encourage proper use of bicycles, scooters, and electric operating devices and enhance pedestrian safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby designates a dismount zone pursuant to Section 7-9-8 of the Northglenn Municipal Code to be located at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, west of the bridge near the crossing of the Farmers Highline Canal Trail, the Civic Center Campus, and the connection between the parking lot and the primary entry to the park, as depicted on **Exhibit A**. Such dismount zone as depicted on Exhibit A shall be specifically identified by signage identifying at a minimum the beginning and termination of such dismount zone.

Section 2. This dismount zone shall apply to all bicycles, scooters, electrical assisted bicycles, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), electric scooters, or other power driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) as defined in Section 7-9-1 of the Northglenn Municipal Code, except for EPDMDs or OPDMDs used by persons with a mobility disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park Pilot Dismount Zone



E Park entry, west of bridge (as proposed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board)