

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO  
INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DiTULLIO  
Council Bill No. 15  
Ordinance No. 1577  
Series of 2015

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-8 OF THE WHEAT RIDGE CODE OF LAWS CONCERNING PROHIBITED PARKING IN CERTAIN BIKE LANES AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF TIME RESTRICTIONS FOR ON-STREET PARKING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado (the "City"), is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing pursuant to Section 6 of Article XX of the Colorado Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its home rule authority and C.R.S. § 31-15-702(1)(a), the City, acting through its City Council (the "Council"), is authorized to regulate the use and occupation of public rights-of-way for travel and parking purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this authority, the Council previously adopted certain restrictions on parking in alleys, codified as Section 13-8 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws ("Code"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the parking of vehicles in designated bike lanes presents a safety risk to both cyclists and the occupants of vehicles because such obstructions cause cyclists to steer out of bike lanes and into often-heavily-travelled vehicular traffic lanes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council further finds that on-street parking is highly competitive and valuable in certain areas of the City and that the ability to impose a time-restriction on street parking is desirable under certain facts and circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council therefore desires to amend Code Section 13-8 to prohibit parking within certain bike lanes and where parking is time-restricted pursuant to signage placed by the City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:**

**Section 1.** Section 13-8 of the Code, concerning parking in alleys, is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 13-8. - Parking PROHIBITED in alleys.**

(a) No person shall park a vehicle within an alley except during the necessary and expeditious loading and unloading of merchandise or freight.

(b) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

(C) NO PERSON SHALL STOP, STAND OR PARK A VEHICLE WITHIN ANY DESIGNATED BIKE LANE THAT INCLUDES A BIKE LANE SYMBOL ON THE PAVEMENT.

(D) NO PERSON SHALL PARK A VEHICLE IN A DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN VIOLATION OF TIME RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON SUCH PARKING BY SIGNAGE POSTED BY THE CITY IN REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO SUCH PARKING SPACE. SUCH TIME RESTRICTIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RESTRICTIONS ON THE DURATION OF PERMITTED PARKING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS GOVERNED BY THE TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT.

(e E) A violation of this section constitutes a traffic infraction the violation of which is subject to the provisions and penalties of section 1701 of the 1995 edition of the Model Traffic Code ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-2 OF THIS CODE, as amended.

**Section 2. Safety Clause.** The City Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the City of Wheat Ridge, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The City Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.

**Section 3. Severability; Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after final publication, as provided by Section 5.11 of the Charter.

**INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED** on first reading by a vote of 8 to 0 on this 22nd day of June, 2015, ordered published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Wheat Ridge and Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for July 13, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

**READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** on second and final reading by a vote of 8 to 0, this 13th day of July, 2015.

**SIGNED** by the Mayor on this 13th day of July, 2015.



ATTEST:

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