

Section 26 Comparison Table For Illustrative Purposes

Proposed Ordinance 2024-0007	Striking Amendment S1 to 2024-0007
<p>NEW SECTION. SECTION 26. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 7.12, Part III, a new section to read as follows:</p> <p>A. The director may adopt rules as authorized under K.C.C. 7.12.020.B. to permit the use of motor vehicles on trails under specified conditions. Until the director adopts rules, this subsection applies. A person may not use a motor vehicle on King County trails. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicles" means any form of transportation powered by an internal combustion or electric motor, and "motor vehicles" includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, golf carts, mopeds, motor scooters, and motorcycles. This section does not apply to wheelchairs, scooters, or other power-driven mobility devices for the disabled powered by electric motors, or to authorized maintenance, police, or emergency vehicles.</p> <p>B. The director may adopt rules as authorized under K.C.C. 7.12.020.B. to permit the use of electric-assisted bicycles and other micromobility devices on trails under specified conditions. Until the director adopts rules, this subsection applies. A person may operate a Class 1 or Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle only on regional trails and paved pathways within park areas intended for bicycle use. A person may not operate a Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle anywhere in park areas.</p>	<p>NEW SECTION. SECTION 26. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 7.12, Part III, a new section to read as follows:</p> <p>A. Regional trails, backcountry trails, other trails, and paved pathways in park areas are open to all users, unless designated and posted in accordance with subsection E. of this section; provided a person shall not use a motor vehicle or micromobility device except as authorized by this section.</p> <p>B. Authorized maintenance, police, and emergency vehicles, as well as micromobility devices used by persons with disabilities, including but not limited to power-driven wheelchairs and scooters, are allowed on trails and on paved pathways in park areas.</p> <p>C. A person may operate a micromobility device as defined in section 7.01.010.BB and a Class 1 or Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle only on regional trails and paved pathways within park areas unless prohibited by state or federal law. The director shall post those regional trails and paved pathways where these uses are prohibited. A person shall not operate a Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle on any trails or pathways within park areas.</p>
<p>C. Regional trails, local trails, and paved pathways are open to non-motor users unless otherwise designated and posted. Backcountry trails may be used by pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and pack animals for recreational purposes unless otherwise designated and posted. The director may further restrict permitted uses on individual trails and shall post such additional restrictions at park entrances or trailheads or, in some cases, on individual trails.</p>	<p>D. The director may adopt rules as authorized under K.C.C. 7.12.020.B. to permit the use of motor vehicles or micromobility devices on trails and pathways under specified conditions.</p> <p>E. The director may further restrict permitted uses on individual trails and pathways and shall post such additional restrictions at park entrances or trailheads or, in some cases, on individual trails.</p>

Commented [HS1]: Section 26 offers a different definition of "motor vehicles" than in the definitions section (K.C.C. 7.01.010). For consistency, S1 would apply the same definition throughout code.

Commented [HS6]: S1 policy change to allow micromobility devices (including e-scooters) on regional trails/paved pathways, unless prohibited by state/federal law

Commented [HS2]: E-bikes are a type of micromobility device (7.01.010). Included in reference to micromobility devices. (see D in S1).

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Commented [HS4]: Exec intent was for limitation on class 3 e-bikes to apply to any trails or pathways. S1 would add on any trails or pathways (see C in S1)

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<p>D. A person who uses or travels in any manner on a trail, shall follow the following trail user code of conduct, which is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel at a speed of fifteen miles per hour or less on regional and backcountry trails unless otherwise posted, except trails in facilities dedicated exclusively as mountain bike areas. However, a person may not travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions with regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing; 2. Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when necessary to prepare to make turns or while overtaking and passing another user moving in the same direction; 3. Exercise due care and caution to avoid colliding with or otherwise endangering any other trail user and travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Trail users should be aware of the potential for travel conflicts between different uses of the trail; 4. Bicyclists and other trail users on wheeled devices shall yield to pedestrians, horses, or pack animals. Pedestrians shall yield to horses or pack animals; 5. Groups of users, including any animals, may not occupy more than one half of the trail as measured from the right side, so as to not impede the normal and reasonable movement of other users; 6. Give an audible warning signal by voice, bell, or horn before passing another trail user. The signal must be produced in such a manner as to allow adequate time for response; 7. Exercise extreme caution to prevent frightening horses or pack animals with sudden noise or movement, yield right of way to horses or pack animals, and sound an audible warning when approaching equestrians or pack animals from behind or when attempting to pass; 8. When overtaking another trail user proceeding in the same direction, pass to the left at a safe distance and stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user; 	<p>F. A person who uses or travels in any manner on a trail, shall follow the following trail user code of conduct, which is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel at a speed of fifteen miles per hour or less on regional and backcountry trails unless otherwise posted, except trails in facilities dedicated exclusively as mountain bike areas. However, a person may not travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions with regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing; 2. Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when necessary to prepare to make turns or while overtaking and passing another user moving in the same direction; 3. Exercise due care and caution to avoid colliding with or otherwise endangering any other trail user and travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Trail users should be aware of the potential for travel conflicts between different uses of the trail; 4. Bicyclists and other trail users on wheeled devices shall yield to pedestrians, horses, or pack animals. Pedestrians shall yield to horses or pack animals; 5. Groups of users, including any animals, may not occupy more than one half of the trail as measured from the right side, so as to not impede the normal and reasonable movement of other users; 6. Give an audible warning signal by voice, bell, or horn before passing another trail user. The signal must be produced in such a manner as to allow adequate time for response; 7. Exercise extreme caution to prevent frightening horses or pack animals with sudden noise or movement, yield right of way to horses or pack animals, and sound an audible warning when approaching equestrians or pack animals from behind or when attempting to pass; 8. When overtaking another trail user proceeding in the same direction, pass to the left at a safe distance and stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user;
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<p>9. When entering or crossing at uncontrolled points, yield to traffic on the trail;</p> <p>10. From sunset to sunrise, maintain low noise levels and equip a bicycle or other wheeled device with a light or wear a headlight. Lights must be visible five hundred feet to the front and a red or amber light visible five hundred feet to the rear;</p> <p>11. Respect private lands adjacent to trails and stay on trails to avoid trespassing on or interfering with adjacent private property;</p> <p>12. Do not attempt to frighten, annoy, harm or harass any horse, pack animal or other animals on adjacent private property; and</p> <p>13. Obey the instructions of any traffic control personnel or official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with applicable laws unless otherwise directed by a police officer.</p>	<p>9. When entering or crossing at uncontrolled points, yield to traffic on the trail;</p> <p>10. From sunset to sunrise, maintain low noise levels and equip a bicycle or other wheeled device with a light or wear a headlight. Lights must be visible five hundred feet to the front and a red or amber light visible five hundred feet to the rear;</p> <p>11. Respect private lands adjacent to trails and stay on trails to avoid trespassing on or interfering with adjacent private property;</p> <p>12. Do not attempt to frighten, annoy, harm or harass any horse, pack animal or other animals on adjacent private property; and</p> <p>13. Obey the instructions of any traffic control personnel or official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with applicable laws unless otherwise directed by a police officer.</p>