

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE AMENDING ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, OF CHAPTER 16, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. Section 16-1, Definitions under This Article, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is amended by adding the following:

‘Bicycle lanes’ A bicycle lane is a portion of the roadway that has been designated by striping, signing, and pavement markings for the preferential and exclusive use of bicyclists. The street or portions of streets designated for traffic are established as bicycle lanes for the use of bicycles.

‘Multi-Use Path’ A shared-use path, greenway, or multi-use path is a pathway designed to accommodate the movement of pedestrians, cyclists, and other active lifestyles.

‘Multi-Use Lane’ A Multi-Use lane is a portion of the roadway that has been designated by striping for the preferential use for motor vehicle parking, pedestrian walking, and recreating.

‘Operator’ means a person who travels on a bicycle seated on a saddle seat from which that person is intended to and can pedal the bicycle.

‘Passenger’ means a person who travels on a bicycle in any manner except as an operator.

Section 2. Section 16-1, Definitions under This Article, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is amended by replacing the definition of **‘Bicycle’** with the following:

‘Bicycle’ means a human-powered vehicle with two-wheels tandem, a steering handle, one or more saddle seats, and pedals by which the vehicle is propelled.

Section 3. Section 16-263, Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic, under Article IX, Operation of Vehicles, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is amended by adding the following section:

Notwithstanding any other ordinance, no person shall drive a vehicle on or across a designated bicycle lane in such manner as to interfere with the safety and passage of people operating bicycles

thereon. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §14-4(b) a violation of this section shall be an infraction with a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 4. Article X, Parking, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is amended by adding the following section:

Sec. 16-320. Blocking or Obstructing Public Bicycle Lanes.

1. When official traffic signs are in place designating a bicycle lane, it shall be unlawful to operate, drive, stop, stand or park a motor vehicle on or across a designated bicycle lane, except when it is reasonable and necessary:
 - a. To enter or leave a driveway; or
 - b. To enter or leave a legal curbside parking space; or
 - c. To cross an intersection; or
 - d. To make a turn within an intersection; or
 - e. To comply with the direction of any law enforcement officer or other person authorized to enforce this rule; or
 - f. To avoid an obstacle that leaves fewer than ten feet available for the free movement of vehicular traffic.
2. 2. When official traffic signs are in place, designating a bicycle lane, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive, enter, stop, stand or park any motor vehicle within a bicycle lane. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §14-4(b) a violation of this section shall be an infraction with a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 4. It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code or Ordinances, City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

MITCH COLVIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER L. AYRE, City Clerk