

ORDINANCE NO. 1330

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 8-1-30 OF THE FORT MORGAN MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado (the "City") has been duly organized and is validly existing as a home rule city under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution and the City Charter;

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority to adopt, amend, and codify ordinances for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 25-1112 during the 2025 legislative session to allow municipalities to issue tickets for expired plates and unregistered vehicles into municipal courts to allow for more streamlined enforcement of these offenses; and

WHEREAS, it has additionally come to the police department's attention that the code does not leave room for enforcement of illegally parked overweight vehicles which is becoming more of an issue within the City; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this Ordinance at second reading, and proper notice thereof, was provided in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 31-16-203; and

WHEREAS, certified copies of the Code adopted hereby were filed with the City Clerk at least (15) days prior to the public hearing on this Ordinance, and such codes remain open to public inspection and purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and declares that adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings by the City Council.

Section 2 Section 8-1-30, entitled "Additions or modifications" is hereby amended by replacement of subsection (b), and the subsequent re-lettering, to read as follows:

Sec. 8-1-30. – Additions and modifications.

The Model Traffic code as adopted herein is subject to the following amendments, additions or modifications:

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(b) Section 119, Registration required, is hereby added to the Model Traffic Code to read as follows:

"Section 119, Registration required.

- (1) Drive, stop or park any motor vehicle, farm tractor, trailer, semitrailer or vehicle or for the owner or person in charge of any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or vehicle to cause or knowingly permit such vehicle on any street or highway within the city or any property owned by the city unless the vehicle's license plate or plates are for the current registration year are properly attached to and displayed on the vehicle in accordance with Colorado law.
- (2) Display license plates other than those of the registration period to which they pertain on any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle operated on any street or highway within the city.
- (3) Fail to display the number plates assigned to any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle operated on any street or highway within the city.

This Section does not apply to a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or other human-powered vehicle, any vehicle specifically exempted by Section 42-3-104 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, or to any vehicle whose owner is permitted to operate it under provisions of this article concerning lienholders, manufacturers, dealers, nonresidents, and fleet owners."

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Section 3. Section 8-1-30, entitled "Additions and modifications" is hereby further amended by the amendment to the re-lettered Section (i), to read as follows:

Sec. 8-1-30. – Additions and modifications.

The Model Traffic code as adopted herein is subject to the following amendments, additions or modifications:

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(j) Section 1204, Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places, is amended by the addition of subsection (1)(l), (2)(g), (2)(h), (2)(j), (3)(c), and (9), which new subsections shall read as follows:

- "(1)(l) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in or upon any landscaped area of a private residence or any public property.
- (2)(g) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle within any alley in such positions as to block the flow of traffic within an alley in such positions as to block the flow of traffic within an alley in such positions as to block the flow of traffic within the alley or to block the driveway entrance or pedestrian entrance to any abutting property unless the person is actively loading or unloading said vehicle.
- (2)(h) No person shall allow a vehicle to idle within the Central Business Zoning Overlay District for longer than fifteen (15) minutes in any hour while loading or unloading, unless stopped due to traffic congestion.
- (2)(i) No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon any weight restricted street within the City when that vehicle's gross weight exceeds seven thousand (7,000) pounds.**
- (3)(c) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time in any restricted parking zone other than for the purpose specified on official signs making such restricted zone during the period of time the restriction is effective, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may stop momentarily therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such standing or stopping does not interfere with the kind of traffic for which the zone is reserved.
- (9) No person shall park a vehicle upon a roadway for the principal purpose of:
 - (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
 - (b) Washing, greasing, painting, and repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
 - (c) Displaying advertising;
 - (d) Parked less than two (2) feet between another vehicle."

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Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, as

determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED
PUBLISHED ON THE 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.



THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
MORGAN, COLORADO

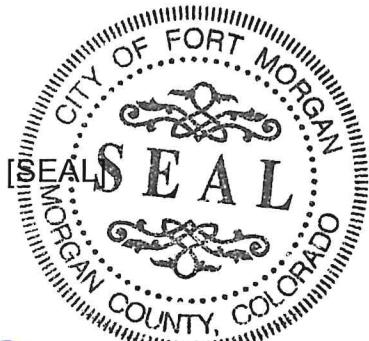


Doug Schossow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jill Curtis, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND
ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.



THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FORT MORGAN, COLORADO

Doug Schossow, Mayor

ATTEST:

~~Jill Curtis, City Clerk~~

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF MORGAN
CITY OF FORT MORGAN

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CERTIFICATE

I, Jill Curtis, the duly appointed, qualified Clerk of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 1330** was, as a proposed Ordinance, duly and legally presented to the City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, on the 20th day of January, 2026. Said ordinance, as proposed, was duly read at length at said meeting, and thereafter the same was, on the 21st day of January 2026, published on the City of Fort Morgan website (www.cityoffortmorgan) under the heading

of "Legal Notices." Said proposed ordinance was again taken up and read a second time, duly and legally, passed, approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of February 2026. Within five (5) days after its final passage, said **Ordinance No. 1330** was again published on the City of Fort Morgan website (www.cityoffortmorgan) under the heading of "Legal Notices."

Jill Curtis, City Clerk