



**ORDINANCE NO. 26-006**

**AMENDING STAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.04, NUISANCES, TO  
ADD TWO DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 8.04.010 AND REGULATE OFF-  
ROAD VEHICLES UNDER 8.04.140, NOISE AND VIBRATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stayton (City) has adopted Chapter 8.04 of the Stayton Municipal Code (“SMC” or “Code”) to regulate nuisances and protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received complaints regarding the operation of off-road vehicles on private property in residential areas for extended periods of time and on multiple days each week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's existing noise regulations generally exempt noises occurring between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and do not adequately address prolonged operation of off-road vehicles in residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting held on June 15, 2026, the City Council directed staff to prepare Code amendments to address the nuisance impacts associated with the noise and vibrations of off-road vehicles operated within residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that reasonable regulation of off-road vehicles is necessary to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quiet enjoyment of neighboring properties, while still allowing reasonable recreational and maintenance-related uses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF STAYTON ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The findings in the above recitals are hereby adopted as support for these Code amendments.

**SECTION 2. Amending SMC 8.04.010, Definitions.** SMC Section 8.04.010, Definitions, is hereby amended to insert the following definitions into the existing listed definitions, in alphabetical order:

**ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE:** A vehicle that:

- a. Is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels;
- b. Has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
- c. Is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
- d. Has both fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an electric motor; and
- e. Is equipped with an electric motor that:
  - i. Has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts; and
  - ii. Is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground.

**OFF-ROAD VEHICLE:** Any self-propelled motor vehicle that is designed or capable of traversing natural terrain, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, dirt bikes, four-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, jeeps and halftracks, and excluding electric assisted bicycles.

**SECTION 3. Amending SMC Section 8.04.140.3, Noise and Vibrations.** SMC Section 8.04.140, Noise and Vibrations, Subsection 3, is hereby amended to add a Subsection 3.c, as follows:

- c. Except when used for property maintenance or authorized governmental purposes, the operation or permitting the use or operation of any off-road vehicle:
  - i. between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am;
  - ii. for more than three hours between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm;
  - iii. in violation of the standards set in OAR 736-004-0160;
  - iv. within 100 feet of any property line; or
  - v. on any property owned, leased controlled, or maintained by the City of Stayton, except in areas specifically designated or authorized by the City for such use.

**SECTION 4. Continued Effect.** All unamended provisions of the City of Stayton’s Municipal Code shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. Severability.** The sections, subsections, paragraphs, and clauses of this ordinance and the attached Code provisions are severable. The invalidity of one section, subsection, paragraph, or clause shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs, and clauses.

**SECTION 6. Codification.** Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated into the City of Stayton’s Municipal Code, and the words “ordinance” or “section” may be changed to “code,” “article,” “chapter,” “division,” or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered, provided however that any recital clause and boilerplate provisions of this Ordinance need not be codified, and the City Recorder is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.


**SECTION 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day following its adoption by the City Council.

**ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2026.**

CITY OF STAYTON


Signed: 7/7, 2026

BY:

  
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Brian Quigley, Mayor

Signed: Jul 7, 2026, 2026

ATTEST:

  
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Julia Hajduk, City Manager