

Ordinance No. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE,
RELATED TO MISCELLANEOUS CODE AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, the City of Olympia Community Planning and Economic Development Department proposed multiple minor amendments to various chapters of the Olympia Municipal Code, including in Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic (the Proposed Amendments); and

WHEREAS, Notice of Application for the Proposed Amendments was routed to all Recognized Neighborhood Associations within the City of Olympia and to the Council of Neighborhoods Association on February 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, the Proposed Amendments were sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce Growth Management Services with the Notice of Intent to Adopt Development Regulation amendments as required by RCW 36.70A.106 and no comments were received from state agencies during the comment period; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2026, the Olympia Planning Commission received a briefing on the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2026, the City of Olympia issued a Determination of Non-Significance pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) on the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2026, notice of the public hearing for the Proposed Amendments was provided to all Recognized Neighborhood Associations with the City of Olympia pursuant to Chapter 18.70 OMC, Public Notification; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2026, notice of the public hearing for the Proposed Amendments was provided to all Parties of Record pursuant to Chapter 18.70 OMC, Public Notification; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2006, a legal notice was published in *The Olympian* newspaper regarding the date of the Olympia Planning Commission's public hearing on the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2026, the Olympia Planning Commission received a briefing, held a public hearing, and deliberated the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, there were no written or oral public comments or testimony received on the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing and deliberations, on April 6, 2026, the Planning Commission provided to the City Council its recommendation to amend multiple chapters in the Olympia Municipal Code (OMC), including in Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendments are consistent with the Olympia Comprehensive Plan and other chapters of Title 18 OMC; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendments have been reviewed pursuant to the Rezones and Text Amendments process outlined in Chapter 18.70 OMC; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 35A.63 and 36.70A RCW and Article 11, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution authorize and permit the City to adopt this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC 10.18.010. Olympia Municipal Code Subsection 10.18.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.18.010 Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as follows, unless a different meaning is expressly provided:

- A. "Commercial vehicle" includes any vehicle the principal use of which is the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight, animals, or passengers for hire.
- B. "Residential area" means those areas of the city zoned R1, R2, or RMH primarily for residential uses pursuant to Title 18 of this code.
- C. "Trailer" includes every vehicle without motor power designed for being drawn by or used in conjunction with a motor vehicle, constructed so that no appreciable part of its weight rests upon or is carried by such motor vehicle; provided that the term shall does not include recreational vehicles such as travel trailers.
- D. "Truck" includes any motor vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of property.

Section 2. Olympia Municipal Code. Copies of the Olympia Municipal Code are and must be retained on file with the office of the City Clerk.

Section 3. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and/or any references thereto.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances remains unaffected.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance takes effect five days after passage and publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: