TOWN OF LAKE CITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTIONS 20-23 AND 20-24 REGARDING THE MODEL TRAFFIC CODE AND CONSENTING TO APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2026 WITHIN THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lake City, Colorado (the "Board"), pursuant to Colorado Statute is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Lake City, Colorado (the "Town"); and

WHEREAS, Section 20-23 of the Town of Lake City Town Code (the "Code") adopted by reference the 2020 Model Traffic Code (the "MTC") on December 7, 2022 in Ordinance 2022-09; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-24 of the Code sets forth deletions from the MTC and contained a scrivener's error in referencing the deletion of "Authority for cooperative agreements with regional states on excess size or weight vehicles – regulations" as Section 511.1 rather than the correct citation of Section 511.2; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to consent to the application of the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado Ordinance No. 1, Series 2026 (the "County MTC Ordinance"), regarding adoption and enforcement of the 2020 Model Traffic Code within the incorporated limits of the Town of Lake City pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-15-401(2)(a)(I) and 30-15-401(8); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lake City find it necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lake City to immediately update the Town Code regarding the Model Traffic Code and consent to the application of the County MTC Ordinance within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Lake City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 20-23 shall be amended with the removal of the ~~strikeout language~~ and the addition of the **bold underlined language** to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 20-23. Adopted.

Pursuant to parts 1 and 2 of Article 16 of Title 31 and Part 4 of Article 15 of Title 30, C.R.S., there is hereby adopted by reference the 2020 edition of the "Model Traffic Code" promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety and Engineering Services, 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations by Hinsdale County for the Town of Lake City, Colorado. The purpose of this ordinance **is to consent application of Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado Ordinance No 1, Series 2026, adopted June 3, 2026, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-15-401(2)(a)(I) and 30-15-401(8) within the municipal boundaries of Lake City. In addition, this Ordinance** and the Model Traffic Code adopted herein ~~is to provide~~ **provides** a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the **incorporated and unincorporated portions of Hinsdale County, the** state and the nation. Three (3) copies of the Model Traffic Code adopted herein are now filed in the office of the Hinsdale County, Colorado Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours.

Section 2. Section 20-24 shall be amended with the removal of the ~~strikeout language~~ and the addition of the **bold underlined language** to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 20-24. Deletions.

The 2020 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length, save and except the following sections and appendices, which are declared to be inapplicable to the Town of Lake City and are therefore expressly deleted:

501. Size and weight violations - penalty.
502. Width of vehicles.
504. Height and length of vehicles.
505. Longer vehicle combinations.
506. Trailers and towed vehicles.
507. Wheel and axle loads.
508. Gross weight of vehicles and loads.
509. Vehicles weighed - excess removed.
510. Permits for excess size and weight and for manufactured homes - rules.
511. Permit standards - state and local.
511.2. Authority for cooperative agreements with regional states on excess size or weight vehicles - regulations.
512. Liability for damage to highway.
706. Obedience to railroad signal.
707. Certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade crossings.
708. Moving heavy equipment at railroad grade crossing.
713. Yielding right-of-way to transit buses - definitions - penalty.
1010. Driving on divided or controlled access highways.

1011. Use of runaway vehicle ramps.
1012. High occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes.
1013. Passing lane - definitions - penalty.
1212. Pay parking access for disabled.

Part 19 - School Bus Requirements

1901. School buses - equipped with supplementary brake retarders.
1902. School bus drivers - special training required.
1903. School buses - stops - signs - passing.
1904. Regulations for school buses - regulations on discharge of passengers - penalty - exception.

Appendices: Part A, Part B, Part C, Part D, Part E, Part F, and Part G.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Lake City hereby consent to the application within the Town of Lake City municipal boundaries of the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado Ordinance No. 1, Series 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 4. Validity. If any part of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have approved this ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent collection of any fees assessed pursuant to the provisions of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this ordinance.

Section 6. Publication and Effective Date. This Ordinance is necessary for the immediate protection and preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Lake City, Colorado for reasons described above, and therefore, shall become effective immediately as an emergency ordinance upon adoption by the Town Board of Trustees.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO AND SIGNED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Votes Approving:	5
Votes Opposed:	1
Absent:	1
Abstained:	0

ATTEST:

Christina Bowman
Town Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO

By: _____
Dave Roberts
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HINSDALE, STATE OF COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2026

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY HINSDALE, COUNTY COLORADO; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE" AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HINSDALE, STATE OF COLORADO:

Section 1. Adoption. Pursuant to parts 1 and 2 of Article 16 of Title 31 and Part 4 of Article 15 of Title 30, C.R.S., there is hereby adopted by reference the 2020 edition of the "Model Traffic Code" promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety and Engineering Services, 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations by Hinsdale County. The purpose of this amendment to the Ordinance and the Model Traffic Code adopted herein is to amend Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022, dated November 30, 2022 in order to allow for this edition of the Model Traffic Code to apply within the incorporated limits of the Town of Lake City, provided the Town consents to the application of this Ordinance (as amended) within the Town limits. In addition, this Ordinance provides a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation. Three (3) copies of the Model Traffic Code adopted herein are now filed in the office of the Hinsdale County, Colorado Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours.

Section 2. Deletions. The 2020 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length, save and except the following sections and appendices, which are declared to be inapplicable to Hinsdale County and are therefore expressly deleted:

501. Size and weight violations - penalty.
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504. Height and length of vehicles.
505. Longer vehicle combinations.
506. Trailers and towed vehicles.
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Section 3. Additions or Modifications. The said adopted Model Traffic Code is subject to the following additions or modifications: None.

Section 4. Penalties. The following penalties, herewith set forth in full, shall apply to this Ordinance:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions adopted in this Ordinance.

(b) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this Ordinance shall be punished by a surcharge in accordance with § 42-4-1701(4)(e)(II), C.R.S.

(c) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this Ordinance shall be punished by a minimum fine in accordance with §§ 42-4-1701 and/or -1702, C.R.S., and not exceeding FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 U.S. DOLLARS ($5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment not exceeding 365 days.

Section 5. Application. This Ordinance shall apply to every street, alley, sidewalk area, driveway, park, and to every other public way or public place or public parking area, within unincorporated Hinsdale County, Colorado, the use of which this County has jurisdiction and authority to regulate. In addition, if and when the Town of Lake City consents to the application of this Ordinance within its incorporated municipal boundaries, as provided by C.R.S. § 30-15-401(8), this Ordinance shall then apply within said municipal boundaries as well.

Section 6. Validity. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado

hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared invalid.

Section 7. Repeal. Existing or parts of Ordinances or Resolutions, including but not limited to, Hinsdale County Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022, dated November 30, 2022, and Hinsdale County Resolution 27, Series 2007, dated July 18, 2007, covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance, are hereby repealed and all ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances or resolutions, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance or resolution hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Interpretation. This Ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to conform with the State's uniform system for the regulation of vehicles and traffic. Article and section headings of the Ordinance and adopted Model Traffic Code shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or extent of the provisions of any article or section thereof.

Section 9. Certification. The County Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and make not less than three copies of the adopted Model Traffic Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AND SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF June, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HINSDALE, STATE OF COLORADO

By: Greg Levine
Greg Levine, Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Roberts
Hinsdale County Clerk

By Deputy Clerk

HINSDALE COUNTY COLORADO SEAL