

**CITY OF RINGGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 0727-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 66 CAPTIONED “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES” BY (i) STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 66-7 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 66-7; and (ii) BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 66-8 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 66-8; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 66 captioned “Traffic and Vehicles” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 66-7 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 66-7 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 66-7. Recreation path and public sidewalk users—Authorized.

(a) Authorized users of asphalt and gravel recreation paths are as follows:

- (1) Pedestrians;
- (2) Non-motorized vehicles;
- (3) Roller skates, roller blades and skateboards (daylight only);
- (4) Emergency and authorized maintenance vehicles;
- (5) Traditional, non-motorized bicycles;
- (6) Electric and conventional wheelchairs;

(b) Authorized users of public sidewalks are as follows:

- (1) Pedestrians;

- (2) Non-motorized vehicles;
- (3) Emergency and authorized maintenance vehicles;
- (4) Traditional, non-motorized bicycles;
- (5) Electric and conventional wheelchairs;

For purposes of this section, “public sidewalks” shall mean only the public sidewalk portions located along Nashville Street between Cleveland Street and Depot Street.

Section 2.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 66 captioned “Traffic and Vehicles” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 66-8 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 66-8 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 66-8. Recreation path and public sidewalk users —Prohibited uses.

(a) Prohibited uses of recreation paths are as follows:

- (1) Automobiles and trucks (except authorized maintenance vehicles);
- (2) Motorcycles;
- (3) Street and trail motorized (including electric motors) bikes, unicycles, or other vehicles;
- (4) Mini-bikes and mopeds;
- (5) Horses;
- (6) Go-carts;
- (7) Electric-powered golf carts or motorized carts;
- (8) Gasoline-powered golf carts or motorized carts;
- (9) Motorized skateboards or motorized scooters;
- (10) Motorized play vehicles;
- (11) LSMVs;
- (12) Except, as permitted in section 66-7, any vehicle designed by the manufacturer to be able to travel at speeds in excess of 20 miles per hour under its own power on a flat surface; and
- (13) EPAMDs.

(b) Prohibited uses of public sidewalks are as follows:

- (1) Automobiles and trucks (except authorized maintenance vehicles);
- (2) Motorcycles;
- (3) Street and trail motorized (including electric motors) bikes, unicycles, or other vehicles;
- (4) Mini-bikes and mopeds;
- (5) Horses;
- (6) Go-carts;
- (7) Electric-powered golf carts or motorized carts;
- (8) Gasoline-powered golf carts or motorized carts;

- (9) Motorized and non-motorized skateboards or scooters;
- (10) Roller skates or roller blades;
- (11) Motorized play vehicles;
- (12) LSMVs;
- (13) Except, as permitted in section 66-7, any vehicle designed by the manufacturer to be able to travel at speeds in excess of 20 miles per hour under its own power on a flat surface; and
- (14) EPAMDs.

For purposes of this section, "public sidewalks" shall mean only the public sidewalk portions located along Nashville Street between Cleveland Street and Depot Street.

Section 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Ringgold that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance.

Section 5.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be July 27, 2026. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

SO ORDAINED, this 27th day of July, 2026.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA



KELLY BOMAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



NICKI LUNDEEN
CITY CLERK