

ORDINANCE NO. 161, 2024  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING FORT COLLINS TRAFFIC CODE SECTION 2002  
REGARDING DEFINITIONS

A. At the time of the adoption of the Traffic Code, it was the understanding of staff and the City Council that the Fort Collins Traffic Code would likely be subject to future amendments for purposes of clarification and corrections to ensure consistency with other sections of the Fort Collins City Code.

B. To allow for better enforcement of various sections of the Traffic Code, staff has requested the addition of certain definitions, currently absent from Traffic Code Section 2002.

C. The modification of other terms currently defined in Traffic Code Section 2002 will ensure consistency with the definitions section relating to parking nuisances found in Fort Collins City Code Section 20-104.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that Section 2002 of the Fort Collins Traffic Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2002. Definitions.**

As used in this Traffic Code, unless the context otherwise requires:

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(1.5) *Attended*. To be watched over, be taken care of, be tended to or to be fixed by or supervised by the owner or owner's designee. The factors that Officers may consider when determining whether a vehicle is being attended include, but are not limited to:

(a) whether the owner or designee is present, however, mere presence alone does not constitute being attended; or

(b) whether the vehicle is displaying license plates showing current registration month and year; or

(c) whether the registered owner or designee is present at the vehicle; or

(d) whether the vehicle has been reported to have been or observed to have remained in the same location for a period of at least forty-eight (48) hours; or

- (e) whether the vehicle registers to the area where an Officer can reasonably believe the owner would be aware of and could respond to damage, theft, or placement of tow tag notice.

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(12.5) *Expeditious Loading and Unloading.* Being physically engaged in the labor of loading and unloading, without unnecessary delay, any vehicle, vessel, or trailer to or from an apartment, house, condominium, town house, business, or other vehicle, and doing so in the period of time in which a reasonable person would complete the task.

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(17) *Motor vehicle.* Any self-propelled vehicle which is designed primarily for the transportation of persons and/or property over public roads and commonly used for such purposes, but does not include motorized bicycles, wheelchairs or vehicles moved solely by human power. For purposes of the offenses described in sections 1401 and 1402 of the Fort Collins Traffic Code, motor vehicle includes a farm tractor or an off-highway vehicle that is not otherwise classified as a motor vehicle. ~~Any self-propelled vehicle that is designed primarily for travel on the public highways and that is generally and commonly used to transport persons and property over the public highways or a low-speed electric vehicle; except that the term does not include electrical assisted bicycles, electric scooter, low-power scooters, wheelchairs or vehicles moved solely by human power. For purposes of the offense described in section 1401 of this Traffic Code, motor vehicle includes a farm tractor or an off-highway vehicle that is not otherwise classified as a motor vehicle.~~

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(25.5) *Recreational Vehicle.* A self-propelled vehicle, which is used, designed to be used or modified to be used for recreation, camping, travel or seasonal activities, including but not limited to motor homes, truck campers, busses, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, boats or other watercraft.

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(42) *Trailer.* Any type of wheeled vehicle that is pulled, or designed or modified to be pulled, by a motor vehicle, including but not limited to travel trailers, fifth wheels, camping trailers, tent trailers, horse trailers, boat trailers, utility trailers and semi-trailers. *Trailer* shall also include camper shells and truck toppers and other like items designed to be attached to a wheeled vehicle for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal activity purposes. ~~Trailer. Any wheeled vehicle, without motive power, having an empty weight of more than two thousand (2,000) pounds, which is designed to be drawn by a~~

~~motor vehicle and to carry its cargo load wholly upon its own structure and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways.~~

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Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on November 4, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on November 19, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: November 29, 2024  
Approving Attorney: Ethan Doak