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ORDINANCE NO. 20351

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember Christina Valdivia-Alcala, concerning bicycles, scooters, roller skates and skateboards in the NOTO Arts & Entertainment district, amending City of Topeka Code § 10.35.030 and repealing original section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 10.35.030, Bicycles, electric-assisted scooters, roller skates and skateboards – Prohibited areas, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Bicycles, electric-assisted scooters, roller skates and skateboards – Prohibited areas.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle, operate an electric-assisted scooter, skate or use roller skates, skateboards, roller blades, or other similar devices in the following areas:

(1) Public sidewalks and pocket parks in an area bounded by 6th Street and 10th Street along Kansas Avenue; and

(2) Public parking facilities; and.

(3) Public sidewalks in the following areas:

(i) N Kansas Avenue between NE Norris Street and NE Morse Street;

(ii) NE Morse Street between NE Quincy Street and NW Central Avenue;

(iii) NE Gordon Street between NE Quincy Street and NW Jackson Street;

(iv) NE Laurent Street between NE Quincy Street and NW

30 Jackson Street;

31 (v) NE Norris Street between NE Quincy Street and NW

32 Jackson Street.

33 (4) Redbud and Breezeway Parks.

34 (b) Any person who rides a bicycle, operates an electric-assisted scooter, or
35 uses roller skates, skateboards, roller blades, or other similar devices on a public
36 sidewalk shall:

37 (1) Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and give an audible signal
38 before overtaking and passing pedestrians; and

39 (2) Travel at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under existing
40 conditions, except that an operator of an electric-assisted scooter shall not travel
41 at a speed that exceeds 15 miles per hour.

42 (c) This section shall not apply to a law enforcement officer engaged in
43 the performance of official duties.

44 Section 2. That original § 10.35.030 of The Code of the City of Topeka,
45 Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.

46 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
47 passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

48 Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules,
49 or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

50 Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared
51 invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this
52 ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on April 12, 2022.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk