

ORDINANCE NO. 24-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 202 (DEFINITIONS) OF PART 2 (DEFINITIONS) OF ARTICLE 1 (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT) AND CREATING SECTION 232 (LICENSE PLATES DISPLAYED) OF PART 2 (VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION) OF ARTICLE 22 (VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION) OF CHAPTER 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED; PERTAINING TO DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 202 (Definitions) of Part 2 (Definitions) of Article 1 (Administration and Enforcement) of Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

10.1.202: DEFINITIONS:

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LICENSE PLATE or PLATE: Signage affixed to a vehicle displaying a series of letters, numbers, or letters and numbers indicating that the vehicle has been registered with the state, territory, or country from which it was issued. License plate shall include a temporary license plate or permit issued by the state or a state-authorized dealer.

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SPECIAL MOBILE MACHINERY: Machinery that is pulled, hauled, or driven over a highway and is either; a vehicle or equipment that is not designed primarily for the transportation of persons or cargo over the public highways; or a motor vehicle that may have been originally designed for the transportation of persons or cargo over the public highways, and has been redesigned or modified by the addition of mounted equipment or machinery, and is only incidentally operated or moved over the public highways. Special mobile machinery includes vehicles commonly used in the construction, maintenance, and repair of roadways, the drilling of wells, and the digging of ditches.

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Section 2. Section 232 (License Plates Displayed) of Part 2 (Vehicle Equipment and Inspection) of Article 22 (Vehicle Equipment and Inspection) of Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is created to read as follows:

10.22.232: LICENSE PLATES DISPLAYED:

A. No motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or other vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, or item of special mobile machinery shall be driven or operated in the City unless the assigned license plate or plates are attached thereto in the location or locations and in the manner established by Colorado Revised Statutes section 42-3-202 or by the laws of the state, territory, or country which issued the license plate or plates. Rear license plates shall be displayed showing the current registration month and year in the manner established by Colorado Revised Statutes section 42-3-202 or by the laws of the state, territory, or county which issued the license plate or plates.

B. Every license plate shall be displayed in a place and position clearly visible and maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition as to be clearly legible at all times.

C. No person shall operate a vehicle in the City with an affixed device, machine, or any substance that causes all or any portion of a license plate to be unreadable. Such a device, machine, or substance includes, but is not limited to, anything that distorts angular visibility of the plate; alters the color of the plate; or is smoked, tinted, scratched, or dirty so as to impair the legibility of the plate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 4. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Finally passed: _____

Randy Helms, Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Blessing A. Mobolade, Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk