

**ORDINANCE NO. XXXX**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DAVIS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE SPECIFIED PROVISIONS IN CHAPTERS 12, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, AND 39**

WHEREAS, this ordinance is necessary to streamline and clarify certain provisions of the Davis Municipal Code in an effort to promote ease of use and includes updates to outdated references and other technical, non-substantive changes to reflect current and best practices; and

WHEREAS, changes in state law necessitate revisions to city regulations concerning reporting requirements and other procedures that are governed by the Political Reform Act; and

WHEREAS, the revised Davis Municipal Code will protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring the Code provides for the sound and orderly administration of the City's rules and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article 12.02 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding elections is hereby renamed to Election Campaigns and is amended to read in full as follows:

12.02.010 Intent and purpose.

The intent and purpose of the city council in enacting these regulations is to:

- (1) Place realistic and enforceable limits on the amount individuals may contribute to city council candidates in municipal elections to avoid corruption or the appearance of corruption.
- (2) Prevent the exercise of undue or improper influence, or its appearance, over elected officials by contributors to political campaigns.
- (3) Inform the public of the sources and objects of campaign contributions and expenditures.
- (4) Encourage wide participation in municipal elections.

12.02.020 Contribution limitations.

- (a) City Council Candidates. No person shall make and no candidate shall solicit or accept any contribution which would cause the total amount contributed by that person to that candidate, including contributions to all committees controlled by the candidate, to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for any single election.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a candidate's contribution of personal funds to the candidate's campaign.

12.02.030 Electronic campaign statements.

- (a) Whenever any local candidate or committee is required to file campaign statements, that candidate or committee shall file them in an electronic format. The electronic filing serves as the filing of record.
- (b) In any instance in which the original statement is required to be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy is required to be filed with the City of Davis, the copy shall be submitted as an electronic filing.

SECTION 2. Section 13.01.040 subsection (c)(6) of the Davis Municipal Code regarding amendments, deletions and additions to the California Fire Code is amended to read as follows:

(6) Section 505.1.1 is hereby added to read as follows:

505.1.1 Address naming. New and existing buildings and parcels shall be addressed based upon the street or road closest or adjacent to the direction the main entrance faces as approved and determined by the fire code official.

SECTION 3. Article 22.08 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding stopping, standing, and parking is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 22.08.170 is hereby amended to delete the phrase “, with safety advisory commission approval,”.
2. Sections 22.08.370, 22.08.390, and 22.08.400 are hereby deleted in their entirety and will have the designation of (RESERVED) until a future ordinance uses these numbers.

SECTION 4. Chapter 24 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding noise regulations is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 24.02.010 Animals and fowl subsections (a) and (b) are amended to read in full as follows:
  - (a) No person shall keep or maintain in any residential neighborhood, or permit the keeping of, upon any premises owned, occupied or controlled by such person, any animal or fowl otherwise permitted to be kept which, by any sound, cry or behavior, unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. The vocalization of a dog, or comparable sounds by other animals or fowl, for more than three out of five minutes on a sustained basis during a ten minute measurement period between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day, or for more than five out of ten minutes on a sustained basis during a fifteen minute measurement period between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., or for fifteen minutes of sustained vocalizations, which sounds are audible within the property plane on property other than that owned, occupied, or controlled by such person, or inside any dwelling unit on the same property, but not owned, occupied or controlled by such person, shall constitute a prima facie violation of the provisions of this section.

- (b) If the owner, or person in custody of the animal or fowl that violates this section is not available, the written notice of violation may be given to someone else at the residence, or posted in a conspicuous location on the premises.
- 2. Section 24.02.020 subsection (c) regarding noise limits is deleted in its entirety. Tables 1 and 2 shall remain.
- 3. Section 24.02.040 Special provisions is amended as follows:
  - A. 24.02.040 subsection (a) is amended to read in full as follows:
    - (a) Power tools. The operation of power tools for noncommercial purposes shall be subject to the provisions of Section 24.05.010. For purposes of this section, a noncommercial use shall be a use for which a business license is not required pursuant to Chapter 19.
  - B. 24.02.040 subsection (g) is hereby added to read as follows:
    - (g) Outdoor activities. Ordinary and reasonable activities and sounds from public playgrounds, parks, licensed daycare facilities, and public or private school grounds, including but not limited to school athletic and school entertainment events between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. are exempt from this chapter.
- 4. Section 24.03.010 Vehicle repairs is amended to read in full as follows:

It is unlawful for any person within any residentially zoned or residentially planned development zoned area of the city to repair, rebuild or test any motor vehicle in such a manner that unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in violation of the provisions of Section 24.05.010.
- 5. 24.04.070 Regulations—Registration statements is amended as follows:
  - A. 24.04.070 subsection (a) is amended to read in full as follows:
    - (a) Upon approval of a registration statement pursuant to Section 24.04.040, any activity conducted on public or private property pursuant to such registration statement and in connection with an outdoor or indoor public or private concert, dance, party, or any similar event, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 24.05.010 and, furthermore, shall be subject to the standards set forth in subsection (c) of this section.
  - B. 24.04.070 subsection (b) is amended to read in full as follows:
    - (b) Upon approval of a registration statement for any activity conducted within a dwelling unit located within a multiple-family structure, including condominiums, such activity shall be subject to the provisions of Section 24.05.010 and, furthermore, shall remain subject to all other provisions of this chapter including the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

- C. 24.04.070 subsection (c)(1) is deleted in its entirety. The remaining paragraphs (c)(2) through (c)(4) are hereby renumbered to (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(3) respectively.

SECTION 5. Section 26.04.020 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages and possession of any open container of alcoholic beverages in public unlawful is hereby amended to add subsection (c) to read as follows:

- (c) Temporary suspension of exceptions by resolution.
- (1) Notwithstanding subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3), the City Council may, by resolution, temporarily suspend one or more of the exceptions to this section upon making findings that such suspension is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare due to unique conditions associated with a specific date, event, or time period.
  - (2) Any resolution adopted pursuant to this subsection shall specify:
    - (A) The geographical area or areas to which the suspension applies; and
    - (B) The date and time, or other specific description of the time period, during which the suspension shall be effective.
  - (3) During the period that a suspension adopted pursuant to this subsection is in effect, it shall be unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage or possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage within the designated area, and violations shall be enforceable pursuant to this chapter.
  - (4) A suspension adopted pursuant to this subsection shall be temporary in nature and shall not amend, repeal, or permanently modify this Code.

SECTION 6. Article 26.07 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding surveillance technology is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 26.07.020 Definitions is amended as follows: Annual surveillance report, subsection (a)(10) is deleted in its entirety.
2. Section 26.07.030 City council approval is amended as follows:
  - A. 26.07.030 subsection (a)(1) is deleted in its entirety. The remaining paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(4) are hereby renumbered to (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) respectively.
  - B. 26.07.030 subsection (b) is deleted in its entirety. The remaining subsections (c), (d), and (e) are hereby renumbered to (b), (c), and (d) respectively.
  - C. 26.07.030 subsection (b) as renumbered above is amended to delete the phrase "The informational staff report shall be posted on the city website with the city council agenda."
  - D. 26.07.030 subsection (c) as renumbered above is amended to delete the phrase "or described in Section 26.07.040."

3. Section 26.07.040 is hereby renamed and amended to read in full as follows:

Section 26.07.040 Limited exception for testing and evaluation.

Notwithstanding the requirements of this ordinance, a City department may conduct a limited test and evaluation of a new surveillance technology without prior City Council approval, provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) The test and evaluation period shall not exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the start date of the testing. If a City department intends to use the technology beyond 60 calendar days, it shall submit to the city council a surveillance impact report and a proposed Surveillance Use Policy via an informational staff report on a regular city council meeting consent calendar at least thirty days prior to the public hearing required under 26.07.030(a).
- (b) The temporary use is solely for the purpose of evaluating the functionality, utility, and potential impacts of the surveillance technology to determine whether it should be proposed for formal adoption and ongoing use.
- (c) Prior to commencing the test period, the department shall:
  - (1) Notify the City Manager in writing;
  - (2) Provide a brief description of the technology, intended use, and duration of the test period;
  - (3) Post a public notice on its public website.
- (d) Any data collected during the test period shall be maintained in accordance with the City's records retention schedule and in accordance with the City's Surveillance Technology Ordinance and the City's Military Equipment Ordinance.
- (e) This exception may not be renewed or extended without formal City Council approval and shall not be used to circumvent the requirements of the Surveillance Technology ordinance.
- (f) At the conclusion of the test and evaluation period, the City department shall provide written notification to the City Council, via an informational staff report placed on a regular City Council meeting consent calendar, stating:
  - (1) that the surveillance technology was used during the test period;
  - (2) a brief summary of the scope, duration, and purpose of such use; and
  - (3) whether the department intends to request formal City Council approval for continued use of the technology, or whether the technology will be discontinued following the completion of the evaluation.

SECTION 7. Article 27.02 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding parks is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 27.02.010 Park property, buildings, trees, animals subsections (a) and (b) are amended to read as follows:

- (a) Damage, deface, destroy, or remove any building, structure, equipment, facility, or other park property, whether real or personal.
- (b) Harm, disturb, pursue, injure, or throw objects at any wildlife or domestic animals within the park.

2. Section 27.02.060 is hereby renamed and amended to read in full as follows:

27.02.060 Skateboarding in city parks.

- (a) Skateboarding is prohibited in all city parks, except within designated skatepark facilities expressly approved and maintained by the city for that purpose or on a shared use path for the purpose of transportation
- (b) Designated skatepark facilities shall be identified through posted signage.
- (c) The City Manager or designee may establish additional rules governing skatepark operations, including hours of use and temporary closures for maintenance or safety reasons.
- (d) This section becomes operative upon the posting of signs at city parks providing notice of the skateboarding prohibition and the locations of designated skatepark facilities.

3. Section 27.02.070 is hereby renamed and amended to read in full as follows:

27.02.070 Skateboard safety gear requirements.

- (a) All persons using a City skatepark facility shall wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads.
- (b) In-line skaters shall also wear wrist braces.
- (c) Signs shall be posted at each skatepark facility stating the safety requirements contained in this section.
- (d) Violations of this section may result in citation pursuant to applicable provisions of this code.

4. Sections 27.02.080 Skateboarding prohibited at Central Park and 27.02.090 Skateboard safety gear are hereby deleted in their entirety and will have the designation of (RESERVED) until a future ordinance uses these numbers.

5. Section 27.02.120 Picnic areas and use is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

- (a) No person using a park shall picnic, lunch, or loiter in a place that interferes with the use of active recreation areas or emergency vehicle access. The director and city park maintenance or recreation personnel have the authority to regulate activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all visitors. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end. Tables and benches shall be used on a first-come, first-served basis unless reserved by permit.

- (b) No person shall leave a picnic area without removing all trash and refuse. Where disposal receptacles are provided, refuse shall be placed in such receptacles. If no receptacles are available, all refuse shall be carried away from the park area for proper disposal.

6. Section 27.02.130 Behavior in parks is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

- (a) No person using a park shall bring, possess, set off, discharge, or cause to explode any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, or other hazardous or combustible materials, nor shall any person discharge or throw such items into any park area or from any adjacent land or roadway. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture, or article that, alone or in combination with any other substance or compound, would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints. Use of such items is permitted only when expressly authorized by permit.
- (b) No person using a park shall enter any area posted as Closed to the Public, nor shall any person use any area in violation of posted notices.
- (c) No person using a park shall make or kindle a fire for any purpose. For the purpose of this subsection, make or kindle a fire does not include:
  - (1) the ordinary use of commercial charcoal in a barbecue for the purpose of cooking food, or
  - (2) the permitted use, under the Downtown Outdoor Dining Program, of propane heaters or fire-top tables.

SECTION 8. Article 28.03 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding handbills and petitions is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Section 39.04.030 of the Davis Municipal Code regarding cross-connection control responsibility is hereby amended to delete the phrase “backflow prevention advisory panel or the.”

SECTION 10. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

INTRODUCED on the 3rd day of February, 2026 and PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 17th day of February, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

Donna Neville  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk