

Wheeled All-Terrain and Nonhighway Vehicles

Proposed Code Update

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Direction Needed from Council

Establish an updated Chapter 11.55 titled Wheeled All-Terrain and Nonhighway Vehicles to replace existing code



Agenda

1. Background
2. Why Update?
3. Other Considerations



Background

- All-Terrain Vehicles Code (BCC 11.55)
 - Established 1974
 - Intent = prevent these vehicles from using City streets and sidewalks



Why Update?

- No updates to code since establishment in 1974
 - Need to capture changes for consistency with RCW
 - Vehicle definition, etc.
- Clarify that general public can't use these vehicles on City streets
 - Existing code is vague/has needed a legal opinion from CAO
- Limits City maintenance and operation practices
- Transportation Trail Maintenance
 - 91 trails to maintain – 17 miles; 75% are asphalt
 - Maintenance items include asphalt, root heaves, vegetation, rails/fences, garbage, graffiti, etc.
 - Increased emphasis on trail maintenance



Why Update?

- Full size truck currently used for Trail Maintenance
 - Too large for conditions
 - Blocks trail to users
- Solution = use a Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle
 - Currently not allowed by City Code unless trailered from trail to trail
 - Right sized
 - Licensed and Street Legal
 - Head/tail lights, turn signals, mirrors, windshield, seat belt, etc.



Other Considerations

- Other City Departments support the proposed code update
- Proposed Code change went through SEPA Review
 - No public comments or concerns received





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