

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN FULL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the ordinance set forth in full below on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, COLORADO, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2024 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §42-4-110(1), Colorado Revised Statutes ("C.R.S."), local authorities are granted the power to enact, adopt, and enforce traffic regulations on the roads and streets within the jurisdiction of the local authority, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in such Section of the C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 42-4-102(48), a local authority is defined to include every county and other local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado for the unincorporated territory of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 42-4-110(1)(b), a local authority may in the manner prescribed in Article 15 of Title 30, C.R.S., adopt by reference all or any part of a model traffic code, which embodies the rules of the road and vehicle requirements set forth in Article 4 of Title 42 and §42-4-111, except that in the case of state highways, any such additional regulations shall have the approval of the Colorado Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County ("the Board") has the authority to adopt police power ordinances under the Colorado Constitution and as authorized in Article 4 of Title 42, C.R.S., and in Article 15 of Title 30, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of the 2024 version of the model traffic code is in the best interest of the public and will serve to preserve the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after providing proper notice as required by law, has held a public hearing on this ordinance, which provides for the adoption of the 2024 revised edition of the Model Traffic Code for Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado as follows:

Section 1. Adoption. Pursuant to § 42-4-110(1)(b) and § 30-15-401(l)(h), the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts by reference the 2024 edition of the "Model Traffic Code" promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety and Engineering Services, 2829 W Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204.

Section 2. Deletions. The 2024 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length, save and except the following articles and/or sections, which are declared to be inapplicable to the County of Rio Blanco and are therefore expressly excluded and/or deleted from the Rio Blanco County Traffic Code:

Section 107 Section 510 Section 1409 Section 114 Section 511 Section 1412(12)(a) Section 118 Section 611 Section 1413 Section 203 Section 711 & 713 Section 1415 Section 227(3)(b) Section 1008.5 Section 1501 Section 228(7) & (8)(b) Section 1012 Section 1715(2) & (3) Section 233

Section 1101(12)(b) Sections 1801-1814 Section 235 Section 1102 Sections 1901-1904 Section 238 Section 1105 Section 501 Section 1208(6) and (8) the penalties related to third offenses only and 1208(7) and (11) in their entirety Section 505 Section 1212 Section 507 Section 1401 Section 508 Section 1402 Section 509 Section 1407(3)(c)

Section 3. Additions or Modifications. The 2024 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length in its entirety with the following additions or modifications:

1. All references made to "municipal", "municipality" or "municipalities" shall be deleted and "county" or "counties" be inserted in their stead.
2. All references made to "police officers" shall be deleted and "sheriff", "deputy sheriff" or "deputy sheriffs" be inserted in their stead.

3. All references to the "Colorado Municipal Court Rules of Procedure (C.M.C.R.)" shall be deleted and the "Colorado Rules for Traffic Infractions", and/or the "Colorado Rules for County Court and Traffic Violations Bureaus" be inserted in its stead, as applicable.
4. Section 1209 delete "prosecutorial division of the appropriate jurisdiction" and insert in its stead, "the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office."

Section 4. Penalties and Penalty Procedures. The following penalties, herewith set forth in full, shall apply to this ordinance:
*It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions adopted in this ordinance.
*Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance commits a traffic infraction. Such a traffic infraction constitutes a civil matter. Except when otherwise prohibited herein, the penalty assessment procedure provided in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 42-4-1701 (2008), may be followed by the assessing deputy for any such violation of this Ordinance. In addition to the penalties prescribed in this section, persons convicted of a violation of this Ordinance are subject to a surcharge as outlined in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 30-15-402 (2004) and Colo. Rev. Stat. §42-4-1208 (2013). The fines and surcharges shall be paid to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff by each defendant. The clerk shall transmit the surcharge to the court administrator of the 15th Judicial District for credit to the Victims and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement Aid fund established according to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-4-2-103 (2003), the Disabled Parking Education and Enforcement Fund according to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 42-1-226 (2013) and the Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund established pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 26-1-309 (2002). Court costs, if any, shall be paid directly to the Clerk of the Court by each defendant.

*Traffic infractions are divided into two classes denoted by "TIA" for Class A Traffic Infractions, and "TIB" for Class B Traffic Infractions.
*In the case of multiple traffic offenses involving aggressive driving, the applicable penalty or penalty assessment shall be doubled for each traffic offense. For purposes of this subsection, "aggressive driving" means committing any two or more of the following violations in a single act or series of acts in close proximity to another motor vehicle: 1) exceeding the speed limits (1101); 2) following too closely (1008); 3) failure to obey official traffic control devices (603); 4) passing on shoulder of road (1004); 5) failure to give an adequate signal (903); 6) failure to yield right-of-way (701, 702, 703); and 7) unsafe lane change (903).

*The penalties for violating specific Sections of this Ordinance shall be as follows:

Traffic Regulation - Generally
Traffic Code CRS Violation Description Class-Fine or Summons Common Code Sur-charge PT

0109 (6.5) 42-4-109(6.5) Low-Power Scooter (Operator/Passenger) Under 18 Not Wearing an Approved Protective Helmet on Roadway TIA-\$100.00 170 \$10.00 3

0109 (2-6) 42-4-109(2-6) Rode Low-Power Scooter in an Improper Manner (Specify the Violation) TIB-\$15.00 925 \$10.00 0

0109 (11) 42-4-109(11) Low-Power Scooter Failed to Use Bicycle Path When Directed by Official Signs TIB-\$15.00 926 \$10.00 0

Vehicle Equipment
Traffic Code CRS Violation Description Class-Fine or Summons Common Code Sur-charge PT

0201(1) 42-4-201(1) Number of Persons in Front Seat of Vehicle Exceeded TIA-\$35.00 451 \$10.00 0

0202 42-4-202 Drove a (Defective/Unsafe) Vehicle TIA-\$35.00 542 \$10.00 2

0204 42-4-204 Lighted Head Lamps Required TIA-\$15.00 611 \$6.00 2

0205 42-4-205 Headlamps Required Equipment TIB-\$15.00 613 \$6.00 1

0206 42-4-206 No or Defective Taillights TIB-\$15.00 615 \$6.00 0

0207 42-4-207 Clearance and Identification Lamps TIB-\$15.00 620 \$6.00 0

0208 42-4-208 No or Defective Brake Lights TIB-\$15.00 623 \$6.00 0

0209 42-4-209 No Lamp or Flag on Projecting Load TIA-\$15.00 543 \$6.00 0

0210 42-4-210 Lamps on Parked Vehicles TIB-\$15.00 350 \$6.00 0

0211 42-4-211 Lamps on Farm Equipment TIB-\$15.00 627 \$6.00 0

0212 42-4-212 Spot lamps or Auxiliary lamps TIB-\$15.00 544 \$6.00 0

0213 42-4-213 Use of Audible and Visual Signals on Non-Emergency Vehicles TIA-\$15.00 545 \$6.00 0

0214 42-4-214 Visual signals on a service vehicle TIB-\$15.00 645 \$6.00 0

0215 42-4-215 Turn and Brake Lights -Required Color TIB-\$15.00 629 \$6.00 0

0216 42-4-216 Multiple-beam Road Lights TIB-\$15.00 631 \$6.00 0

0217 (1)(a) 42-4-217(1)(a) Failed to Dim Headlights- Approaching TIA-\$15.00 632 \$6.00 0

0217 (1)(b) 42-4-217(1)(b) Failed to Dim Headlights- Following TIA-\$15.00 632 \$6.00 0

0218 42-4-218 Single-Beam Head Lamps Failed to Meet Requirements TIB-\$15.00 634 \$6.00 0

0219 42-4-219 Displayed More Than Four Lamps When Prohibited TIB-\$15.00 635 \$6.00 0

0220 (3)(a) 42-4-220(3)(a) Motor Vehicle had High Intensity Light Improperly Directed TIB-\$15.00 643 \$6.00 0

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0221, 0222, 0223.

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Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0227 (1), 0227 (2), 0228.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0229, 0230.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0231, 0232 (1), 0234, 0236, 0237 (2), 0237 (2).

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0240, 0502 (1), 0502 (2).

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0503, 0504 (1), 504 (2), 504 (4), 504 (5), 504 (6), 0506 (1), 0506 (2), 0506 (3), 0512.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0603, 0604, 0605 (1a), 0606, 0607, 0607 (2a), 0608 (1), 0608 (2), 0610, 0612.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0701, 0702.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0703(3), 0703(4), 0704, 0705, 0706, 0707.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0708(3), 0709, 0710, 0711, 0712.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0801, 0802 (1), 0802 (3), 0803, 0805(1), 805(2), 805(3), 0806, 0807.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0901, 0902(1), 0902(2).

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Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1101, 1102, 1103.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1201, 1202, 1204 (1a), 1204 (1b), 1204 (1c), 1204 (1), 1204 (1k), 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1211.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407 (3a), 1407 (3b).

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0708(3), 0709, 0710, 0711, 0712.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0801, 0802 (1), 0802 (3), 0803, 0805(1), 805(2), 805(3), 0806, 0807.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 0901, 0902(1), 0902(2).

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1101, 1102, 1103.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1201, 1202, 1204 (1a), 1204 (1b), 1204 (1c), 1204 (1), 1204 (1k), 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1211.

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Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810.

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Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110.

Table with columns: Traffic Code, CRS, Violation Description, Class-Fine or Summons, Common Code, Sur-charge, PT. Rows include 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210.