

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

CITY OF AFTON

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY
MORATORIUM ON NEW PERMITS OR LICENSES FOR
POWERED AND UNPOWERED ULTRA-LIGHT VEHICLES**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON, MINNESOTA DOES HEREBY
ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. MORATORIUM

(a) Preamble

The City currently has an ordinance that allows take-offs and landings of powered and unpowered ultra-light vehicles, but the city does not have written standards and regulations regarding the use, permitting, and licensing of powered and unpowered ultra-light vehicles. Ultra-light vehicles can negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of City residents.

(b) Findings

The City Council finds it necessary for the City to take time to study and consider: (1) Potential local regulations to govern the use and permitting of powered and unpowered ultra-light vehicles including permitting, licensing and other measures to ensure compliance with state law and to assure the health, safety, and welfare of City residents; and (2) the efficacy of allowing the use of ultra-light vehicles in particular locations within the City and whether zoning ordinance changes and other regulations are needed to assure the health, safety, and welfare of City residents

Upon completion of the foregoing study, the City will consider the need and options for amendments to City Code to regulate the permitting, licensing and usage of powered and unpowered ultralight vehicles.

(c) Moratorium Established; Scope

The City hereby establishes a moratorium prohibiting new permits or licenses for powered and unpowered ultra-light vehicles within the City while the study and implementation of potential regulations and zoning changes is ongoing.

(d) Enforcement

Any person, corporation, or other entity found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The City may enforce this Ordinance by mandamus, injunction, or other appropriate criminal or civil remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) Term

Unless earlier rescinded by action of the City Council, the moratorium established by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until August 19, 2026. The moratorium may be extended as provided in State Statute.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the City Council.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2025, by the City of Afton City Council.