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3 ORDINANCE NO.  
4 SERIES OF 2015

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB15 0692  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Infrastructure & Culture

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8 A BILL

9 **For an ordinance amending sections of Chapter 54 of the Revised**  
10 **Municipal Code to provide definitions and enforcement of bicycle**  
11 **lanes accompanied by a buffer area.**

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13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

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15 **Section 1.** That new subsections (7.5) and (46.5) of Section 54-1, D.R.M.C.,  
16 Definitions, shall added by the language underlined, as follows:

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18 **Sec. 54-1. Definitions.**

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20 Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the following  
21 meaning respectively ascribed to them:

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23 (7.5) **Buffer** shall mean a pattern of standard longitudinal pavement markings  
24 that is wider than a normal lane line marking. The buffer area may include channelizing  
25 devices such as tubular markers, curb, or planters.

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27 (46.5) **Parking lane** is the dedicated portion of a roadway reserved for  
28 parallel parking of vehicles.

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31 **Section 2.** That Section 54-435, D.R.M.C., Standing or parking close  
32 to curb, shall be amended by adding the language underlined, as  
33 follows:

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35 **Sec. 54-435. Standing or parking close to curb.**

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37 (a) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except a motorcycle, low-power  
38 scooter or electric assisted bicycle, in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the  
39 roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement in which such vehicle could  
40 proceed if it were to move forward, and with the curb side wheels of the vehicle in the  
41 roadway within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except as  
42 otherwise provided in this division.

1 (b) A person may stand or park a motorcycle, low-power scooter or electric  
2 assisted bicycle at an angle to the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful  
3 traffic movement in which such vehicle could proceed if it were to move forward; except:

4 (1) Any person may stand or park a motorcycle, low-power scooter or electric  
5 assisted bicycle in a metered space already occupied by a parked  
6 motorcycle, low-power scooter or electric assisted bicycle, provided,  
7 however, that no such vehicle may be parked in excess of the time limit  
8 indicated by the sign accompanying the parking meter and further  
9 provided that all vehicles in a metered parking spot may be ticketed if the  
10 time on the meter has expired; and

11 (2) That it shall be unlawful for any person to stand or park a motorcycle, low-  
12 power scooter or electric assisted bicycle at such an angle with the edge  
13 of the roadway, that any part of such vehicle protrudes into the roadway at  
14 a distance from the edge of the roadway greater than the width of any  
15 motor vehicle that is lawfully parked parallel with the edge of the roadway.

16 (c) If a segment of roadway includes a bicycle lane adjacent to the curb with a  
17 buffer, followed by a parking lane, subsection (a) shall not apply. When there is a  
18 bicycle lane adjacent to the curb with a buffer, followed by a parking lane, a vehicle shall  
19 parallel park headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and the vehicle shall be  
20 entirely within the designated parking lane.

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22 (d) It shall be unlawful for a vehicle or low-power scooter to stand or park in a  
23 buffer or bicycle lane unless otherwise authorized.

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26 **Section 3.** That Section 54-542, D.R.M.C., Prohibited crossing of  
27 roadways, shall be amended by adding the language underlined, as  
28 follows:  
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30 **Section 54-542, Prohibited crossing of roadways.**

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32 (a) It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to cross a roadway at any place  
33 except in a crosswalk, between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals  
34 are in operation; except that pedestrians may cross on area designated as a bike lane  
35 or pedestrian and transit mall at any point between intersections but shall yield the  
36 right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the area designated as a bike lane or  
37 pedestrian and transit mall.

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39 (b) It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to cross a roadway that is a  
40 through street or through highway at any place other than a crosswalk.

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42 (c) Except on a local street, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to enter a  
43 roadway and to cross all or any portion of the same in any manner other than from  
44 the nearest roadway edge; except that pedestrians alighting from stopped vehicles

1 shall proceed by a direct route to the nearest roadway edge before crossing the  
2 roadway as provided herein.

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4 (d) Except on a local street, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to cross  
5 a roadway directly to a vehicle stopped, parked or standing on the opposite side of  
6 the roadway.

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9 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: October 8, 2015.

10 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: October 13, 2015.

11 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_,  
12 2015.

13 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

14 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR  
15 2015.

16 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
17 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
18 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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20 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ 2015; \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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22 PREPARED BY: Michael J. Joyce, Assistant City Attorney September 30, 2015.

23 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the  
24 office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal  
25 objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the  
26 City Council for approval pursuant to §3.2.6 of the Charter.

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28 D. Scott Martinez, City Attorney

29 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney DATE:  
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