NO. 13-006

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC-POWERED VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this Bylaw is to eliminate a two-year expiration clause, to permit low-speed electric-powered vehicles to be driven or operated on certain streets in the City of Victoria

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Under its statutory powers, including section 24.06(2)(b) of B.C Reg. 26/58, the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations under the Motor Vehicle Act, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts the following provisions:

Title

1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC-POWERED VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION BYLAW".

Definitions

2 In this Bylaw,

“City” means the area contained within the geographical limits of the City of Victoria;

“low-speed electric-powered vehicle” means a neighbourhood zero emission vehicle as defined in Division 1 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C.Reg. 26/58;

“street” includes a highway, as defined in section 1 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Permitted on Certain Streets

3 (1) A person may drive or operate a low-speed electric-powered vehicle on streets in the City that have a posted speed limit of over 40 km/h but no more than 50 km/h.

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(2) As permitted by section 24.06(2)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, a person may drive low-speed electric-powered vehicle on a street where the posted speed is 40 km/h or less.

Exceptions

4 (1) Despite section 3, a person must not drive or operate a low-speed electric-powered vehicle on Blanshard Street between Caledonia Avenue and Tolmie Avenue.

(2) A person may drive or operate a low-speed electric-powered vehicle across Blanshard Street between Caledonia Avenue and Tolmie Avenue at intersections only.

Right Lane Only

5 (1) For the purposes of this section, the operation of a low-speed electric-powered is considered to be extraordinary traffic.

(2) A person must drive or operate a low-speed electric-powered in the lane nearest to the right hand side of the roadway, except when passing another vehicle or making a left turn.

Severability

6 If any section of this bylaw is found to be illegal, void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that section may be severed without affecting the validity of the remainder of the bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME the 17th day of January, 2013
READ A SECOND TIME the 17th day of January, 2013
READ A THIRD TIME the 17th day of January, 2013
ADOPTED on the 31st day of January, 2013

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