

**TOWN OF BOW MAR, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 345**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BOW MAR
AMENDING THE 2020 ADDITION OF THE “MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR
COLORADO” TO INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF TICKETS FOR EXPIRED LICENSE
PLATES AND UNREGISTERED VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bow Mar (the “Town”) is a statutory town organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado;

WHEREAS, the Town has the authority to adopt ordinances to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Town adopted by reference the 2020 edition of the “Model Traffic Code,” codified in section 8-1-10 of the Town of Bow Mar Municipal Code (“Code”);

WHEREAS, the Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 25-1112 during the 2025 legislative session to allow municipalities to issue tickets for expired license plates and unregistered vehicles into municipal courts to allow for more streamlined enforcement of these offenses;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Town of Bow Mar, Colorado, finds and determines that it is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town’s residents and guests to amend the Model Traffic Code to include the ability of police to issue tickets for expired license plates and unregistered into municipal court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BOW MAR, COLORADO:

Section 1 The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Adopt Section 8-11. Chapter 8, Article I of the Code is amended by the inclusion of a new Section 8-11 to read as follows:

8-11. – Registration required – dismissal upon compliance – notice required.

(a) It shall be unlawful:

(1) For any person to drive, operate, stop, or park any vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle on any street or highway within the town or any property owned by the town unless the vehicle’s license plate or plates are for the current registration year and are properly attached to and displayed on the vehicle in accordance with Colorado law.

- (2) To display license plates other than those of the registration period to which they pertain on any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle operated on any street or highway within the town.
 - (3) Fail to display the number plates assigned to any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle operated on any street or highway within the town.
- (b) A court may dismiss a violation for failing to register a vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle in violation of this section if:
- (1) The vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle was unregistered for no more than four months at the time of the violation;
 - (2) The owner registered the vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor vehicle before the owner's first court date as listed on the citation or summons; and
 - (3) The owner pays to the court a thirty-dollar administrative dismissal fee.
- (c) A peace officer who charges a person for a violation described in subsection (a) of this section must notify the defendant of the opportunity to have the charge dismissed by the court, if the registration that led to the citation or summons is expired for four months or less at the time of the violation and if registration is renewed prior to the first court date listed on the citation or summons, by either:
- (1) Oral means if notification by electronic means on the citation is not implemented; or
 - (2) Electronic means on the citation if implemented.
- (d) This Section does not apply to a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or other human-powered vehicle, any vehicle specifically exempted by Section 42-3-104 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, or to any vehicle whose owner is permitted to operate it under provisions of this article concerning lienholders, manufacturers, dealers, nonresidents, and fleet owners.

Section 3. Safety Clause. The Board of Trustees hereby finds, determines, and declares that this ordinance is necessary and proper for the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents.

Section 4. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof,

irrespective of the fact that one or more part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase is declared invalid.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

Section 6. Codification Amendments. The codifier of the Town’s Municipal Code, Municipal Code Corporation, is hereby authorized to make such numerical and formatting changes as may be necessary to incorporate the provisions of this Ordinance within the Bow Mar Municipal Code.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 16th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST: Signed by:

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TOWN OF BOW MAR: Signed by:

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By: _____

By: _____

Sue Blair, Town Clerk

Bryan Sperry, Mayor

Compliance with Section 1-46 of the Bow Mar Municipal Code:

INTRODUCED BY TRUSTEE MEASE

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE PETERSON