

THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE  
ADDING PROPOSED CHAPTER 8.90 TO THE  
FULLERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, REGULATING E-  
BIKES AND OTHER ELECTRIC  
TRANSPORTATION DEVICES IN THE CITY

Fullerton Police Department

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# Background

- The 2023-24 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “E-Bikes Friend or Foe,” revealed a lack of uniform regulations across the county’s 34 cities. The Grand Jury recommended that cities adopt specific policies that define the rules for use of E-bikes.
- This draft ordinance aims to fulfill the Grand Jury’s recommendation by updating the Fullerton Municipal Code with E-Bike regulations.



# Proposed Ordinance Components

- Clearly defines E-Bikes and other motorized devices by class and sets operational standards.
  - Legal E-Bikes:
    - **Class 1:** Pedal-assist only, limited to 20mph
    - **Class 2:** Pedal-assist plus throttle, also limited to 20mph
    - **Class 3:** Pedal-assist only, up to 28mph

**CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC BICYCLE POLICY**



VEHICLE TYPE	VEHICLE		USER		BIKEWAY ACCESS					
	PEDAL OPERATED	MAXIMUM MOTOR-ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	MINIMUM AGE (YEARS)	DRIVER'S LICENSE	LICENSE PLATE	HELMET	CLASS I BIKE PATH	CLASS II BIKE LANE	CLASS III BIKE ROUTE	CLASS IV PROTECTED LANE
BICYCLE	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	17 AND UNDER	YES	YES	YES	YES
TYPE 1 E-BIKE*	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	17 AND UNDER	YES	YES	YES	YES
TYPE 2 E-BIKE*	NO	20	N/A	NO	NO	17 AND UNDER	YES	YES	YES	YES
TYPE 3 E-BIKE*	YES	28	16	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
MOPED	NO	N/A	16	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO

\*PENDING AB-1095



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- Prohibits unsafe operation of these devices on public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, parks, and accessible private property.
- Defines unsafe operations.
- Provides and exemption to pedestrians who, due to physical disabilities, use self-propelled wheelchairs, motorized tricycles, or motorized quadricycles to move about.



# Unsafe Operations

- Swerving or bypassing stopped or slowed traffic intentionally.
- Misusing a motorized device, such as carrying passengers on single-person conveyances.
- Disregarding posted signs or signals.
- Purposely lifting wheels off the ground while riding on public pathways.
- Performing acrobatic tricks or stunts.
- Operating in a way that endangers oneself or others.
- Using public drainage facilities, ditches, or channels.
- Not yielding to pedestrians.
- Exceeding 10 mph on sidewalks.
- Riding while hitched to a moving vehicle.
- Allowing others to cling to the device while riding.
- Ignoring posted signs that regulate device operation.
- Riding in public parks as restricted by local code.
- Exceeding 10 mph on unpaved trails meant for hiking, equestrian use, or walking.
- Exceeding 15 mph on paved trails.
- Using a handheld device while riding, unless hands-free.



# Results of Proposed Ordinance

- These revisions would establish clear rules for E-Bike use in Fullerton and provide the Police Department with the necessary municipal code to enforce safety regulations, ensuring the well-being of both residents and visitors.
- Adopting an ordinance that defines these conveyances would also help reduce confusion and consolidate unsafe practices into clear, straightforward guidelines.
- Furthermore, this ordinance would empower officers to issue civil or criminal citations as appropriate based on the situation.



# Questions?