



E-Bikes in Parks

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

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Objective

Objective: Clarify use of e-bikes and e-motorcycles in Camas Parks through an amendment to Camas Municipal Code 12.32.110

Strategic Priority: Safe & Accessible Community

Classifications

E-Bike Classifications (RCW 46.04.169):

Class 1: Electric-assisted bicycle in which the *motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling* and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of *twenty miles per hour*

Class 2: Electric-assisted bicycle in which the *motor may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle* and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of *twenty miles per hour*

Class 3: Electric-assisted bicycle in which the *motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling* and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of *twenty-eight miles per hour and is equipped with a speedometer*

E-Motorcycles are equipped with *battery powered motors and foot pegs* (no pedals)

Camas Municipal Code 12.32.110

Current Camas Municipal Code Section 12.32.110 – Motor driven vehicles.

It is unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind in any park except on roads or designated parking areas;
- B. Operate a motor-driven vehicle in any park at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour;
- C. Operate any motor-driven sled or snowmobile on any park property except where permitted by posted notice;
- D. Drive a motor-driven vehicle in any park for the purpose of having a speed contest. This section does not apply to any event for which a permit has been applied for and granted by the city;
- E. Operate a motor vehicle in any park without having a valid operator's license and motor vehicle registration;
- F. Operate any vehicle in any park contrary to posted traffic signs, symbols, rules or regulations;
- G. Operate any vehicle in any manner in any park property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace of other persons using the area.

Proposed Ordinance

Proposed Amendments to Camas Municipal Code 12.32.110:

Amend Subsection 12.32.110G to state that it is unlawful for any person to “Operate any vehicle, including any motor or electric driven vehicle or personal transportation device of any type, in a manner within any park which results in excessive noise, disturbs the peace of other persons using the area, or which endangers, or is likely to endanger, property or another person.”

Add Subsection 12.32.110H to read, “For purposes of this Section 12.32.110, ‘motor driven vehicle’ shall include class 3 electric-assisted bicycles as defined under RCW 46.04.169(3).”

Benefits & Challenges

Benefits:

- Clarifies use of e-bikes & e-motorcycles in parks
- Provides Police with more leverage for enforcement
- Reduces risk of pedestrian/motorized bike collisions

Challenges:

- Difficult to enforce
- Public messaging

Recommendation

Staff recommends this Ordinance be placed on the July 6, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.