



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

Item Title: Additional discussion on amending Chapter 98 of city ordinance to add and regulate e-bikes, e-scooters, EPAMD's (electric personal assistant mobility device) and similar vehicles.

Submitted By: Dennis Weiner, Chief of Police

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

I spoke at the August 5, 2026 council meeting on this topic and have a draft ordinance amendment written as identified above. I am participating in a Webinar presented by the League of Municipalities on this topic as it has become an issue in many communities. I have identified some questions that warrant further discussion and consensus before finalizing the draft ordinance. These include but are not limited to:

- Ages: Do we want to set a minimum age to operate an e-scooters or e-bikes?
- Helmets: Confirm the requirement for helmets for those under 16.
- If helmets are mandated, discuss period of promotion and education with implementation January 1, 2027.
- Confirm bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters shall be walked in the downtown area on sidewalks and identify what we want to define as the downtown area. James and Ludington Streets 1 block each direction from stop lights, or that and adding 1 block each direction of E. Harrison Street, W Harrison Street, S. Dickason Blvd, N. Dickason Blvd, W Mill Street, E. Mill Street, N. Water Street and S. Water Street as the downtown area is defined for snow emergency parking.
- Any additional questions/issues learned from the webinar, which I am attending after the agenda deadline, but before this council meeting.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

None.

Action Requested of Council:

Discussion on regulations in amended ordinance. This will help create a final draft for the city attorney's review and presentation at the next council meeting.