



STAFF REPORT
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**Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Date:** January 15, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council an ordinance update to Article 16.02. Parks and Recreation, regarding electric bicycles in parks.

Summary/Background: As electric bicycles are becoming more and more popular and are seen more frequently within our parks system, staff would like to recommend putting limits on the type of electric bikes (e-bikes) that are allowed within certain parks.

Staff recommends no power assisted modes of transportation, including electric bikes, be allowed in Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Charro Ranch Park. The amount of vehicle traffic and equestrian/livestock present from events at DSRP creates an unsafe environment for e-bikes. Charro Ranch Park trails are considered pedestrian only because it is a nature park.

Founders Park and Sports & Recreation Park trails are considered more multi-purpose trails, and these are the trails staff is seeing more e-bike activity. Staff is recommending allowing e-bikes on these trails but with a limit on the speed to 10 miles per hour and with no use of a throttle if the e-bike is equipped with one.

Staff

Recommendations: Approval of the ordinance update as presented.

Attachments: Ordinance No. 2025 – XX – E-Bicycles Amendment to Parks Rules

Next Steps/Schedule: Place this item on the January 21st City Council agenda for approval.

