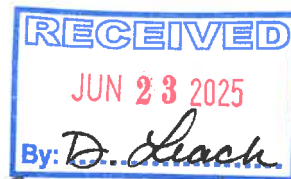


City Clerk

From: Fire Department
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 9:05 AM
To: City Clerk; Mayor's Assistant
Cc: jaymon25@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: E-bike speed enforcement



*Submitted to
the 6.25.25
Council mtng*

Please send to Council. Sorry its late, I just went through the emails.

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From: Mackinac Island Michigan <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 8, 2025 5:49 PM
To: Fire Department <mifd@cityofmi.org>
Subject: E-bike speed enforcement

Name: Todd Anderson
Email: tanderson7895@gmail.com

Message: Good afternoon Jason. I don't know if this email can be considered a letter to city council. I'd like it to be read and filed. I wanted to share an experience I had today that could have ended up with my 10 year old daughter seriously injured. My daughter and I were heading to Douds when a Grand Hotel employee in uniform passed us doing at least 30 mph. He wedged himself between my daughter and I and came within inches of wiping her out. I know he was doing at least 30mph, because I also use an ebike and our speed downhill was 15mph. I followed him into Grand Hotel employee parking and confronted him regarding his speed and almost taking out my daughter. Instead of apologizing or taking ownership of his actions, this young seasonal employee was extremely confrontational. Why ? Because he isn't being held accountable. We have a speed law. We have a careless operating law. We have the ability to write tickets and impound bikes. I know there is consideration to change the ebike ordinance to include a doctor's note in order to operate an ebike on Mackinac Island. Obviously something has to happen to curtail the extraordinary and rapid increase in the amount of ebikes being used by perfectly healthy seasonal workers here. I also acknowledge it isn't just seasonal workers. I take personal responsibility for adding to the misuse of ebikes when I allowed my 14 year old son to start taking my ebike to school. I'm happy to report he is begrudgingly back to peddling a regular bicycle. As we navigate ebike usage as a community, I think it's important to support the Mackinac Island Police Department enforcement of existing ordinance and law. We need immediate enforcement with real, tangible accountability measures to curtail the existing threat to the island character and safety...SPEED. Every day, I watch employees fully throttling down Cadotte, Annex, Market and Main Street at high speeds...swerving in and out of traffic. We will have our island children injured or a visiting family injured. Please work with our law enforcement to allocate overtime if needed so that enforcement begins now. Overtime will be much cheaper than the attorney bills when someone challenges the considered new ordinance that requires a doctor's note. Thanks for listening. Todd Anderson