



CITY OF MARSHALL

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

COUNCIL 9/22/26

Presenter:	Ilya Gutman
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Introduction of Ordinance amending Sections 74-86 Speed Limits, 74-91 Operation on Sidewalks, 74-92 Bicycle Lanes and Paths, 74-151 Skateboards, Roller Skates, Roller Blades, and Roller Skis, and 74-168 Manner of Riding, and deleting Sections 74-169 Speed and 74-170 Usable Path to Be Utilized.
Background Information:	These proposed changes were brought up by a recent concern about vehicular traffic on downtown sidewalks. In particular, it was noticed that bicycles and scooters utilize downtown sidewalks, which creates safety hazards for pedestrians. Staff reviewed State Statutes and revised the Ordinance to meet the objective while aligning with the Statutes. In summary, scooters were added to the definition of motorized vehicles, which are already prohibited from driving on any sidewalk, and bicycles were included into a definition of non-motorized vehicles, which have been prohibited from the downtown sidewalks. However, the extent of the prohibition area of non-motorized vehicles on sidewalks was reduced from Downtown to the Heritage District, mostly because the new pool is partially located in Downtown, and many kids do ride bikes to get there. Additionally, a few other minor changes were made to reflect current speed limits on Channel Parkway and remove the requirement that bicycles cannot utilize a roadway if an adjacent bike path or trail is provided. At its September 15, 2026, meeting, the Legislation and Ordinance committee reviewed this change and recommended approval
Fiscal Impact:	None.
Alternative/ Variations:	None recommended.
Recommendations:	Staff recommend that the Council introduce the revisions amending Sections 74-86 Speed Limits, 74-91 Operation on Sidewalks, 74-92 Bicycle Lanes and Paths, 74-151 Skateboards, Roller Skates, Roller Blades, and Roller Skis, and 74-168 Manner of Riding, and deleting Sections 74-169 Speed and 74-170 Usable Path to Be Utilized.