AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 11/09/2026

PREPARED BY: Brent LeMerise, Police Chief

AGENDA ITEM CONTENT: E-Bike Ordinance #2216 – First Reading

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Ordinances

BUDGETED AMOUNT: N/A **FUNDS REQUESTED:** N/A

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The increasing use of E-bikes, E-motos, and mopeds has created public safety concerns involving collisions, injuries, and unsafe operation around pedestrians, motorists, and other pathway users. These concerns are compounded by rapid technological advancements that have outpaced state vehicle classifications, creating a regulatory gap for high-powered electric dirt bikes that exceed e-bike limits but may not meet the requirements for registration as mopeds or other motor vehicles. The proposed ordinance establishes clear operating requirements, age restrictions, speed limits, and rules governing the use of streets, sidewalks, parks, and shared-use pathways, while remaining consistent with Michigan law.

The ordinance is needed to address unsafe riding behaviors, reduce conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users, and provide clear guidelines for the public and law enforcement. It establishes enforceable operating standards and penalties to help protect public safety.

RECOMMENDATION:

Police Chief Brent LeMerise recommends approval of the first reading and scheduling the second and final reading at the City Council meeting scheduled for November 23, 2026.