



TOWN ATTORNEY

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Terrence S. Welch, Town Attorney

Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Doug Kowalski, Chief of Police

Re: Electric Bicycles in Parks

Town Council Meeting – July 22, 2025

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a definition of “Electric Bicycle” to Section 1.09.001, “Definitions”; amending Section 1.09.008, “Bicycle Riding and Skating in Parks and on Bike Trails” and Subsection (5) of Section 1.09.023, “Outdoor Areas and Facilities,” all contained in Article 1.09, “Parks and Recreation,” of Chapter 1, “General Provisions,” to include the operation of electric bicycles.

Description of Agenda Item:

On April 8, 2025, the Town Council amended the Code of Ordinances to address electric bicycles in its traffic regulations. In conjunction with the Police Department, it was determined that existing ordinances addressing park operations should be similarly amended to regulate electric bicycles on park property. Consequently, this ordinance provides for the regulation of electric bicycles in parks and on bike trails as well as in outdoor areas and facilities. This ordinance provides another tool for addressing the proliferation of electric bicycles in the Town. The April 2025 amendment and this amendment are in addition to possible Penal Code violations that may be charged in the event that criminal activity exceeds the jurisdictional levels of Class C misdemeanors that are prosecuted in Prosper Municipal Court.

Budget Impact:

There is no budgetary impact affiliated with this item.

Legal Obligations and Review:

Terrence Welch of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has approved the attached Ordinance as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Ordinance

Town Staff Recommendation:

The Town Attorney recommends that the Town Council adopt the attached Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a definition of "Electric Bicycle" to Section 1.09.001, "Definitions"; amending Section 1.09.008, "Bicycle Riding and Skating in Parks and on Bike Trails" and Subsection (5) of Section 1.09.023, "Outdoor Areas and Facilities;" all contained in Article 1.09, "Parks and Recreation," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," to include the operation of electric bicycles.