



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 and Electric Motorcycles

Town Council Meeting – October 28, 2025

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 1.09.008, "Bicycle and Electric Bicycle riding and skating in Parks and on Bike Trails," of Article 1.09, "Parks and Recreation," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," to provide for a speed limit for electric bicycles in Parks and on Bike Trails; Amending Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles," by adding a new Article 12.10, "Regulations Specific to Electric Bicycles, Pocket Bikes or Mini Motorbikes".

Description of Agenda Item:

There is a proliferation of E-motorcycles and E-bicycles that are being driven unsafely and illegally causing serious safety concerns to other pedestrian and vehicular traffic, as well as several reported accidents with injuries. Additionally, there have been several instances of costly damage done to public and private property caused by these devices.

On April 8, 2025, the Town Council amended the Code of Ordinances to address electric bicycles in its traffic regulations.

On July 22, 2025, it was determined that existing ordinances addressing park operations should be similarly amended to regulate electric bicycles on park property. That ordinance provides for the regulation of electric bicycles in parks and on bike trails as well as in outdoor areas and facilities.

On October 14, the Police Department made an updated presentation to the Council regarding this situation and made several recommendations for additional safety regulations and increased penalties.

These amendments provide additional tools for addressing the proliferation of electric bicycles in the Town. 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.

(In addition, the Prosper PD and Communications Team will work on an education campaign that can be shared with PISD-PD and request that they pass these changes on to the parents and school administrators. We are also coordinating our efforts with the Celina Police Department.)

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 documents as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Ordinance

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommend that the Town Council approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 1.09.008, "Bicycle and Electric Bicycle riding and skating in Parks and on Bike Trails," of Article 1.09, "Parks and Recreation," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," to provide for a speed limit for electric bicycles in Parks and on Bike Trails; Amending Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles," by adding a new Article 12.10, "Regulations Specific to Electric Bicycles, Pocket Bikes or Mini Motorbikes."

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 1.09.008, "Bicycle and Electric Bicycle riding and skating in Parks and on Bike Trails," of Article 1.09, "Parks and Recreation," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," to provide for a speed limit for electric bicycles in Parks and on Bike Trails; Amending Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles," by adding a new Article 12.10, "Regulations Specific to Electric Bicycles, Pocket Bikes, or Mini Motorbikes".