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To: Gregory E. Buckley, City Manager
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Ref: Bike Ordinance Amendments

Two Rivers Municipal Ordinance 8-3: Bicycles Adopted by the City Council of the City of Two Rivers (Title 8, Ch. 3, of the 1981 Code. Prior amendments have been made to the code and are noted where applicable within. With the creation of new and innovative modes of non-vehicular travel, such as e-bikes, motorized gas-powered bikes, and various types of scooters, citizens and staff of the City of Two Rivers have recognized a gap in regulation and enforcement of issues relating to these new devices.

Several similar ordinances were reviewed in preparation for this recommendation, including the City of Manitowoc, the **City of, and the City**. Because the City of Two Rivers has a number of trails that extend beyond our jurisdiction, namely the Mariner's Trail and Rawley Point Trail, a concerted effort was made to make sure the recommended changes do not conflict with the adjoining jurisdictions thereby creating a compliance conundrum for users of those trails. The following items are suggested to be included in an ordinance amendment:

- Notation that the applicability of this ordinance does not apply to vehicles or devices used in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or in regard to play vehicles as defined by Wisconsin Statute.
- Expansion of the term bicycle to better delineate a traditional bike from other types of bicycles and to note that a bicycle may have more than two wheels.
- Add definitions for "Bike Lane," "Public Recreational Trail," "E-Bike or Electric Bike," "Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device," "Electric Scooter," "Operator," "Owner," "Pedestrian," "Rental Agency," "Roadway," "Sidewalk," and "Vehicle."
- Where applicable, where the term bicycle is located, the addition of language to also include "e-bike, electric scooter or electric personal assistive mobility device."
- Regulate where certain devices may be operated, in what manner, and at what speed, particularly on City owned property and recreational trails.
- Under 8-3-3 **Responsibility**, add rental agency to this section. Include waiver of City liability.

The aforementioned recommendations have been added to a draft revised ordinance for presentation to the City Council.



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