

# **Proposed Ordinance for Electric Bikes and Scooters**

## **Purpose**

- To regulate the use of electric bikes and scooters in public spaces
- To ensure safety for riders and other users

## **Definitions**

- **Electric Bike (e-Bike):** A vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor, powered by a rechargeable battery
- **Electric Scooter (e-Scooter):** A vehicle with a platform for standing and a set of wheels, powered by a rechargeable battery

## **Regulations**

1. **Age Restrictions:** Riders must be at least 16 years old to operate an e-Bike or e-Scooter
2. **Helmet Requirements:** Riders must wear a properly fitted helmet at all times while operating an e-Bike or e-Scooter
3. **Speed Limitations:** E-Bikes and e-Scooters must not exceed 20 mph in urban areas and 25 mph in rural areas
4. **Right-of-Way:** E-Bikes and e-Scooters must yield to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles at intersections and crosswalks
5. **Parking:** E-Bikes and e-Scooters must be parked in designated areas, such as bike racks or scooter stations

## **Safety Guidelines**

1. **Rider Education:** Riders must complete a safety course or online tutorial before operating an e-Bike or e-Scooter
2. **Vehicle Maintenance:** E-Bikes and e-Scooters must be regularly inspected and maintained to ensure safe operation
3. **Additional Safety Features:** E-Bikes and e-Scooters must be equipped with working brakes, lights, and reflectors

## **Enforcement**

- **Fines:** Riders who fail to comply with regulations and safety guidelines will be subject to fines and penalties
- **Education:** Educational programs will be implemented to raise awareness about e-Bike and e-Scooter safety and regulations