

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-26-0022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH RELATING TO AMENDING TITLE
10 OF THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE
DEFINITIONS RELATED TO ELECTRIC BICYCLES,
PROHIBIT CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON
SIDEWALKS, DELETE OUTDATED BICYCLE-RELATED
PROVISIONS, AND MAKE RELATED CLEANUP CHANGES

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 10.48.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is
amended to read as follows:

10.48.010 Bicycle defined.

A. A bicycle is every device propelled by human power which
any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels either of which is
twenty inches (20") or more in diameter.

B. The term "bicycle" also includes all classes of electric bicycle
or "e-bike" defined in California Vehicle Code section 312.5.

Section 2. Section 10.48.070 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is
amended to read as follows:

10.48.070 Riding on sidewalks.

A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within any
business district; upon the sidewalks of bridges; in pedestrian underpasses;
on pedestrian overpasses; upon sidewalks adjacent to any school building,
church, recreation center, playground, or senior citizens' residential
development; within the area south of Ocean Boulevard between the Long

1 Beach Museum of Art on the west and Bluff Park on the east; on the
2 northerly side of the Downtown Marina mole which directly abuts said
3 marina, between Gangway A and Gangway P.

4 B. No person shall ride a Class 3 electric bicycle upon any
5 sidewalk.

6 C. Any person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the
7 right-of-way to any pedestrian, and when overtaking and passing a
8 pedestrian, shall give an audible signal and shall pass to the left of the
9 pedestrian only under conditions permitting such movement in safety.

10 D. The speed limit for bicycles on a sidewalk is fifteen (15) miles
11 per hour unless otherwise posted. The speed limit where pedestrians are
12 present is five (5) miles per hour. Signs specifying the speed limit shall be
13 placed by the Traffic Engineer in locations which will provide notice to
14 significant concentrations of sidewalk bicycle riders or where bicycle speed
15 problems are found to exist on sidewalks.

16 E. For the purpose of this Section, the following public ways shall
17 be considered sidewalks:

18 1. Seaside Walk south of Ocean Boulevard between Fifty-
19 Fifth Place and Sixty-Ninth Place, known as the Boardwalk;

20 2. Bay Shore Walk north of Ocean Boulevard between
21 Fifty-Fifth Place and Sixty-Ninth Place.

22 F. This Section shall not apply to a bicycle operated by any
23 officer employed by the City while acting within the course and scope of his
24 or her employment, having peace officer powers pursuant to Penal Code
25 Section 830 or are employed in positions as provided under Sections
26 16.16.080, 16.08.340 and 16.08.341 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

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28 Section 3. Section 10.38.120 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is

1 repealed.

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3 Section 4. Section 10.48.110 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is
4 repealed.

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6 Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by
7 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of
8 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the
9 Mayor.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of August 18, 2026,
12 by the following vote:

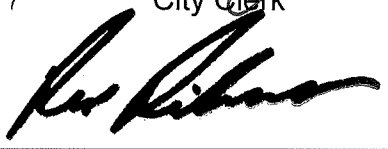
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14 Ayes: Councilmembers: Allen, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr, Saro,
15 Ricks-Oddie, Uranga.

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18 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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20 Absent: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Thrash-Ntuk.

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22 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

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27 Approved: 8/25/26
28 (Date)


City Clerk

Mayor