



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Recreation Department*

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City Council Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Andrea Miller, Recreation Director  
**Date:** April 27, 2026

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**SUBJECT:** Draft E-bike Registration Policy

**BACKGROUND:**

Review of 2025 – 2026 E-Bike Discussions

At the November 4, 2025, City Council meeting, Councilmember Johnson requested that the City Council consider holding another discussion on the use of Class 2 e-bikes on the Shared Use Path (SUP). After a brief discussion, the City Council agreed to discuss e-bikes again after the 2025-2026 “season” concludes.

During City Council discussion at the December 16, 2025, City Council meeting, Mayor Miller requested that the topic of e-bike use on the SUP be placed as an agenda item prior to the end of season. After a brief discussion, the City Council agreed and the City Manager stated he would target the e-bike discussion for the February 2026, City Council meeting.

At both the November 4, and the December 16, 2025, City Council meetings, Councilmember DeBruce informed the City Council that she would recuse herself from City Council discussions on e-bikes as she owns a business that rents e-bikes.

At the February 3, 2026, City Council meeting, after reviewing the information provided by staff including the history of Ordinance 24-014 and Council discussion, staff was directed to draft Ordinance 26-003 reflecting the additional operation of Class 2 & Class 3 e-bikes on the SUP for first reading at the March 3, 2026, meeting.

During the March 3, 2026, Council reviewed and discussed draft Ordinance 26-003 which expanded the allowance for Class 2 & Class 3 e-bikes on the SUP. At the conclusion of the discussion, Council unanimously decided to not proceed with first reading of Ordinance 26-003 and instead directed staff to bring a draft E-bike registration policy back to a future Council meeting for discussion.

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## 2026 Proposed Florida Legislation Related to Electric Bikes (E-Bikes)

The 2026 Legislative Session has seen two Bills filed that, if approved, would regulate the use of electric bikes.

The current version of [House Bill 243](#) – Electric Bicycles (HB 243) and current version of [Senate Bill 382](#) – Electric Bicycles – (SB 382) proposes to:

- Require persons operating an e-bike on a shared pathway to yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrians.
- Prohibit persons operating an e-bike on an area designated for pedestrians from exceeding 10 mph when riding within 50 feet of a pedestrian.
- Create an Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force that is to recommend improvements to state law for the regulation of e-bikes to encourage the safe operation of e-bikes to prevent accidents/injuries.
  - The Task Force will be required to produce a report to the Governor and Legislature by October 1, 2026, with their recommendations.
- Establish requirements for law enforcement agencies/departments to record/report traffic crashes involving e-bikes. Reports are to include:
  - Date/time of crash.
  - The e-bike class that was involved in the crash.
  - The age of the operator.
  - If the operator had a valid driver’s license or permit at the time of the crash.
- Require each law enforcement agency/department to submit a report for all e-bike crashes that occurred within the jurisdiction from the time the law is enacted through September 30, 2026. The report must be submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles by October 15, 2026.

### Next Steps

Below are next steps for Council consideration:

- No changes at this time - continue with E-bike regulations as outlined in Ordinance 24-014.
- Implement E-bike registration program. Draft attached.
- Wait until [House Bill 243](#) – Electric Bicycles (HB 243) and [Senate Bill 382](#) – Electric Bicycles – (SB 382) are adopted at the State level before proceeding with any local policy and/or regulation changes.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMENDED ACTION:** Direction to staff on next steps listed above.

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