



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Recreation Department*

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**City Council Meeting Date: July 16, 2024**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Andrea Miller, Recreation Director  
**Date:** July 2, 2024

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**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee E-Bike Recommendations

**BACKGROUND:** At the May 16, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, members were provided sample e-bike policies from other communities, a shared use path incident report summary, Ordinance 19-011, as well as current e-bike and bike safety information from the City website. This information provided background and a basis for committee members to discuss the following six areas related to e-bikes:

1. Should the City continue to allow Class I e-bikes on the shared use path?
2. Should Class II and Class III e-bikes also be allowed on the paths?
3. Should e-scooters [electric personal assistive devices] be allowed on the shared use path?
4. Should the Shared Use Path have speed limits knowing that speed limits could cause some cyclists to move to the roads creating other safety issues?
5. If yes, on Speed limits in general, should different limits apply in different areas? (For example: 20 MPH on Sanibel Captiva Road, 15 MPH everywhere else)
6. Should the City continue the current requirement that e-bike riders have to be eighteen years of age or older?

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendations were then presented to City Council at the June 4, 2024, meeting for review and discussion. Council came to consensus on items 1, 3, and 6, and concluded that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee should revisit items 2, 4, and 5 at the June 20, 2024 meeting and provide recommendations at the July 16, 2024 City Council meeting.

The agenda packet contains the recommendations on items 2, 4, and 5 from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee as well as a draft ordinance for discussion.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMENDED ACTION:** Council discussion and direction on draft ordinance.

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