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E-Bikes Discussion & Direction

Reasons For Review

WHY THE WORKGROUP WAS FORMED

- Five reported e-bike accidents since January 2026
- Increase in public concerns regarding e-bike safety
- Review state law and municipal regulations
- Evaluate local safety concerns
- Gather community input
- Develop recommendations for Council consideration

Discussion Only

No action is requested today



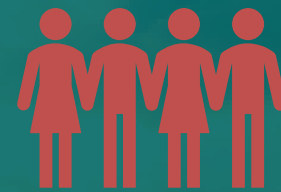
What We Did



Reviewed
Arizona law



Researched other
municipalities



Conducted a
community survey



Evaluated
accident trends



Drafted a proposed
Town Code

WHAT IS A “DEVICE”?

"Device" means a bicycle, electric or motorized bicycle, electric standup scooter, skateboard or lightweight wheeled vehicle that may or may not be ridden upon a roadway, multiuse path, bicycle lane or sidewalk pursuant to this code and the Arizona Revised Statutes.



Community Survey

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Recreation is the primary use of e-bikes.
- Most riders use multi-use paths.
- 88% support helmets for riders under 16.
- Most respondents support a speed limit on shared paths.
- Education and trail etiquette were recurring themes.

COMMON THEMES

- Improve rider education
- Increase trail etiquette awareness
- Install more signage
- Improve connectivity and infrastructure
- Distinguish e-bikes from electric motorcycles
- Enforce existing rules

Draft Town Code 1

PROPOSED E-BIKE REGULATIONS

The draft ordinance would:

- Define E-Bike Classes: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3
- Establish Where E-Bikes May Operate
- Class 1 & 2: sidewalks, bike lanes, roadways and multi-use paths
- Class 3: bike lanes and roadways; not sidewalks or multi-use paths
- Posted signs may prohibit devices in specific areas





Draft Town Code 2

PROPOSED E-BIKE REGULATIONS

The draft ordinance would:

- Establish Safe Riding Requirements
- Reasonable and prudent speeds
- No reckless operation
- Yield to pedestrians
- Audible signal when passing
- Require Helmets for Riders Under 18

Establish Violations & Penalties: Civil traffic offense; \$25–\$75 fine

In addition: Parental responsibility for minors & required nighttime equipment

Workgroup Recommendation

EDUCATION FIRST

- Public Education
- Trail Etiquette
- Signage
- Establish Rules

Prevent unsafe behavior, not just regulate it

An aerial photograph of Prescott Valley, Arizona, taken at dusk. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, with a hint of orange and yellow light from the setting sun visible on the horizon. The landscape features rolling hills and a mix of developed areas with buildings and parking lots, and more natural, undeveloped land. The text 'PRESCOTT VALLEY' is prominently displayed in the center.

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