

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/19/26	AGENDA ITEM: 5.B. PD - Ordinance No. 15-26 amending the City Traffic Code related to electric bicycles, scooters, micromobility devices, and electric motorcycles/motor-driven cycles
DATE PREPARED: 05/15/26	DISTRICT NO.: All Districts
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DEPARTMENT: Police	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Public Hearing and Non Consent - New Business Items

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on Ordinance No. 15-26 declaring as public records those documents on file with the City Clerk entitled "E-Bike 12-2-10" and "E-Bike Retailer 12-2-11;" adopting the same by reference; amending the Buckeye City Code Chapter 12, Traffic Code, Article 12-2, Traffic Regulations, to add Section 12-2-10 Electric Bicycles, Electric Standup Scooters, Micromobility Devices, and Electric Motorcycles/Motor-Driven Cycles and Section 12-2-11 Retailer Education; Electric Bicycles, Electric Standup Scooters, Micro-mobility Devices, and Electric Motorcycles/Motor-Driven Cycles; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances and provisions; providing for severability; and setting forth penalties for violations.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye Police Department believes that the updates to the City Code proposed in Ordinance No. 15-26 are necessary to make our city safer for our children and residents. As electric bikes and scooters have rapidly grown in popularity across our community, so have safety concerns, especially involving young riders, high speeds, and increased interactions with vehicles and pedestrians. The City is taking a proactive, common-sense approach to ensure everyone can continue to enjoy these devices safely by establishing clear rules, promoting responsible riding, and increasing awareness of basic safety practices. This effort focuses on education first, working with schools, parents, and local retailers to make sure riders, along with parents, understand where and how to ride safely while also setting reasonable expectations around age, helmets, and behavior. The goal is not to take anything away, but to protect riders, prevent serious injuries, and create a safer environment for everyone who shares our streets, sidewalks, and neighborhoods.

BENEFITS:

Adopting Ordinance No. 15-26 regulating e-bikes and requiring retailer-provided education is a proactive, balanced approach to a rapidly growing public safety issue. Our data and community feedback clearly show increasing concerns about youth riders operating high-speed devices without helmets, without knowledge of traffic laws, and in ways that pose real risks to themselves, pedestrians, and drivers. This ordinance establishes clear, consistent rules—age limits, helmet requirements, and where these devices can be operated while giving officers the tools needed for fair, objective enforcement.

FUTURE ACTION:

Upon adoption of Ordinance No. 15-26, the Buckeye Police Department will implement a three-phase

plan, including a community education and awareness program, a warning phase, and an enforcement phase targeting reckless behavior.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is minimal financial impact. Any fines are expected to be negligible.

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N/A

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

There are no projected financial costs for the current Fiscal Year 2026.

BUDGETED:

No

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Council Executive Summary](#)

[E-Bike 12-2-10.docx](#)

[E-Bike 12-2-11.docx](#)

[Ordinance No. 15-26 Regulating e-bikes, etc.pdf](#)

[E-Bike Ordinance Presentation.pptx](#)