

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Council Workshop Agenda
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/05/26	AGENDA ITEM: 2.B. PD - Buckeye Police Department - Electric Bicycles, Electric Standup Scooters, and Micromobility Devices Council Workshop
DATE PREPARED: 04/30/26	DISTRICT NO.:
STAFF LIAISON: Robert Sanders, Chief of Police, rsanders@buckeyeaz.gov, 623-349-6435	
DEPARTMENT: Police	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Workshop Item

TIME NEEDED: 30 Minutes

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Presentation and discussion by the Buckeye Police Department to seek the Council's feedback regarding the formal adoption of city ordinances regulating the use and sale of Electric Bicycles, Electric Standup Scooters, Micromobility Devices, and Electric Motorcycles/Motor-Driven Cycles. (Approximate time: 30 minutes)

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye Police Department, based on significant community input, believes that a city ordinance regulating the use and a city ordinance requiring retailer education pertaining to Electric Bicycles, Electric Standup Scooters, Micromobility Devices, and Electric Motorcycles/Motor-Driven Cycles 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 a city ordinance 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. Just as important, the retailer education component addresses the problem at its source by ensuring that purchasers and parents understand the rules before these devices are ever used. This is not about over-regulation; it is about setting reasonable guardrails, promoting shared responsibility, and implementing an education-first, enforcement-second model that will ultimately reduce injuries, improve compliance, and protect the community as a whole.

FUTURE ACTION:

On May 19, 2026, the Council will be asked to consider approving the adoption of a resolution amending City of Buckeye Ordinances, Section 12-2-10 relating to 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, Micromobility Devices, and Electric Motorcycles/Motor-Driven Cycles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

These city ordinances will not fiscally impact police department operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A

BUDGETED:

No

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[Buckeye Know Your Ride - Ebike Poster.pdf](#)

[E-BikeOrdinance12-2-10 final.docx](#)

[E-BikeRetailerOrdinance12-2-11final.docx](#)

[CouncilExecSummary.docx](#)

[EbikeordinanceCouncilPresentation - May 5, 2026.pdf](#)