



Agenda Item No: 3.b

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: June 30, 2026

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From: Police Department

Subject:

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLACENTIA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING TO PLACENTIA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.77 (ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND OTHER MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICES) TO TITLE 13 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)

Financial Impact:

None.

Summary:

The proposed ordinance adds Chapter 13.77 to the Placentia Municipal Code to regulate the operation of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other motorized mobility devices within the City. The ordinance is intended to address increasing safety concerns related to the growing use of these devices, particularly in parks, school zones, sidewalks, and commercial areas. The ordinance provides clear definitions, establishes operational rules, sets speed limits, designates permissible areas of use, and outlines enforcement mechanisms, including the potential seizure and release requirements.

This ordinance was initially presented to the City Council on May 5, 2026. At the direction of the City Council, the ordinance was brought back for further review and revision, including consideration of consistent terminology related to motorized mobility devices throughout the ordinance.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council:

Waive full reading, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. O-2026-07, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Placentia, California, adding Chapter 13.77 (Electric Bicycles and Other Motorized Mobility Devices) to Title 13 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Placentia Municipal Code.

Strategic Plan Statement:

This item conforms to Strategic Plan Goal No. 2: Public Safety, to provide a safe, family-friendly environment through proactive policing, efficient fire and emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, and strong community partnerships that protect residents, businesses and visitors.

Discussion:

The use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other motorized mobility devices has increased significantly throughout the City, providing transportation and recreational benefits while also creating safety concerns related to speed, unsafe riding behavior, and conflicts with pedestrians and motorists.

The proposed ordinance establishes clear, locally enforceable regulations governing the operation of electric bicycles and other motorized mobility devices within the City, including operational requirements, speed limits, permitted areas of operation, helmet requirements, and prohibitions on unsafe riding behavior. The ordinance also clarifies regulations applicable to motorized scooters and the various classes of electric bicycles. The classification, equipment, and operational requirements applicable to motorized scooters and electric bicycles will remain consistent with and subject to the provisions of the California Vehicle Code.

Additionally, the ordinance includes enforcement provisions, administrative citations, and limited seizure authority involving minors operating devices in an unsafe manner. The proposed regulations are intended to improve public safety while remaining consistent with applicable state law.

Following review and public discussion of the proposed Electric Bicycles and Other Motorized Mobility Devices Ordinance, revisions were made to further clarify the ordinance's applicability to motorized scooters and other motorized mobility devices in addition to electric bicycles. Terminology throughout the ordinance was also revised to ensure consistency and better encompass the range of devices subject to regulation.

The updated language adds a specific definition for "motorized scooter," consistent with California Vehicle Code terminology, and revises the definition of "electric mobility device" to expressly include motorized scooters. Additionally, a definition for "electrically motorized board," which includes electric skateboards, has been added. This definition is likewise consistent with California Vehicle Code terminology.

Additional revisions clarify where motorized scooters may operate within the City. The ordinance now specifies that motorized scooters must comply with applicable California Vehicle Code requirements when operated on roadways, bicycle facilities, and sidewalks.

Language was also added regarding the permitted areas of operation for Class 3 electric bicycles to ensure consistency with the applicable provisions of the California Vehicle Code.

The revised ordinance further expands enforcement provisions involving minors by extending seizure authority from electric bicycles to all motorized mobility devices, including motorized scooters, when operated in a manner that creates an immediate or substantial public safety risk.

These revisions are intended to provide clearer operational standards, improve enforceability, and ensure that motorized scooters and other motorized mobility devices are regulated consistently throughout the City.

Financial Summary:

The adoption of this Ordinance has no fiscal impact on the City of Placentia.

Attachments

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