



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 27, 2025

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 10.60 (BICYCLES) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO DEFINE ELECTRIC BICYCLES, REMOVE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, AND UPDATE RIDING REGULATIONS

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the actions proposed herein are not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b); and
2. Adopt an ordinance amending Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 10.60 (Bicycles) of the Pasadena Municipal Code as further described in this fact sheet.

PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE:

This ordinance amends Municipal Code Chapter 10.60 of Title 10 relating to bicycles as directed by City Council on September 9, 2025. The ordinance makes changes to the existing ordinance concerning bicycles to incorporate the expanded definition of electric bicycles, and remove sections requiring any licensing and mandatory registration for a

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person to operate a bicycle, both changes promulgated by Assembly Bill 1909 (2022). This ordinance also provides a general language cleanup for Chapter 10.60.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The ordinance is needed because of changes promulgated by Assembly Bill 1909 (2022) regarding electric bicycles and bicycle licensing and registration to make changes to existing Municipal Code provisions concerning bicycles.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Transportation Department will implement the proposed ordinance with the assistance of Pasadena Police Department for continued enforcement of bicycle safety.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The amendments to the Pasadena Municipal Code are consistent with the City Council's goals of addressing various safety improvements like bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and roadway efficiency as articulated in the adopted General Plan. The fee will partially fund City transportation infrastructure, and transportation projects identified in adopted plans such as Capital Improvement Program, Local Roadway Safety Plan, and the Pedestrian Transportation Action Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

CEQA excludes, from environmental review, actions that are not "projects" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 21065 and within the meaning of Section 15378(b). Sections 21065 and 15378(b) define a project as an action which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Section 15378 excludes from the definition of "project" organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The actions proposed herein, adoption of an ordinance to amend requirements related to bicycles, is an administrative activity, and therefore is not a "project" as defined by CEQA. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action, and it will not have any indirect or support cost requirements as the activities required to implement the PMC changes are already incorporated in the operating budgets of the affected departments. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be minimal.

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