

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item # 15 A 2

Amend LAMC 56.15-No Riding E-Bicycles on Sidewalks

Motion

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians.

“To accomplish this objective, the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in *italics/underlined*):

“1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.
(Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) *No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard.(Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) *(Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“3. No person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle use, any bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. *(Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above.”

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