

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL,
TEXAS, REQUESTING THAT THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SEEK
LEGISLATION PROVIDING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REGULATE
OR PROHIBIT THE USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS,
TRAIL SYSTEMS, AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY.**

WHEREAS, under current Texas law, electric bicycles (e-bikes) are classified as bicycles and subject to the same regulations as traditional bicycles, limiting the ability of municipalities to address their unique safety and operational concerns; and

WHEREAS, the increasing popularity and speed of e-bikes has created conflicts with persons utilizing ambulatory assistance aides or pedestrians on sidewalks, trails, and shared-use paths, raising significant safety concerns in Coppell and communities across Texas; and

WHEREAS, Coppell has already enacted local ordinances restricting e-bikes from sensitive areas such as the Biodiversity Education Center Trail System and requiring helmets for youth riders, but broader regulation is constrained by state law; and

WHEREAS, municipalities must have clear statutory authority to regulate or prohibit e-bikes on sidewalks, trail systems, and pedestrian facilities in order to protect public safety, preserve infrastructure, and balance the needs of all users; and

WHEREAS, legislative action is needed to explicitly grant municipalities authority to regulate or prohibit them at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Coppell hereby requests that the Texas Municipal League seek sponsor and support legislation providing municipalities with authority under the Texas Transportation Code or Texas Local Government Code to reasonably distinguish traditional bicycles and e-bikes regulations and/or the use of e-bike and/or prohibit e-bikes on sidewalks, trail systems, and pedestrian facilities.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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Sponsoring Entity (City, TML Affiliate, and/or TML Region): City of Coppell

Brief Background:

Section 102.005 of the Texas Local Government Code requires a proposed municipal budget to be filed 30 days before the governing body adopts the budget and tax rate. Because appraisal districts do not deliver certified values until July 25, cities are forced to file an “initial” proposed budget based on estimated values and estimated tax rates. This initial budget can be misleading to the public and governing body since it does not incorporate certified values or official tax calculations.

What the Resolution is Intended to Accomplish:

Amend Section 102.005 of the Local Government Code to reduce the required posting period for a proposed budget from 30 days to 21 days, allowing cities to file a proposed budget that incorporates certified values and official No-New-Revenue (NNR) and Voter-Approval Rate (VAR) calculations.

How the Resolution is City-Related/How it Addresses a Municipal Issue:

The current timeline requires Coppell and other cities to publish preliminary budgets that can confuse residents, elected officials, and stakeholders. Reducing the posting period ensures that the public hearing and adoption process is based on accurate, certified financial data, improving transparency and decision-making.

Statewide Importance:

All municipalities in Texas face the same appraisal and tax rate timelines. Adjusting the posting requirement to 21 days would improve accuracy, consistency, and public trust statewide, ensuring cities provide clear and reliable budget information to their residents and governing bodies.

Category: Seek Introduction and Passage

The League will attempt to find a sponsor, provide testimony, and actively pursue passage.

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