



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Kent Collins, P.E., Deputy City Manager

**Date:** September 9, 2025

**Reference:** Consider approving a Resolution Requesting That the Texas Municipal League (TML) Seek Legislation Providing Cities Authority to Regulate the Use of Electric Bikes on Sidewalks, Trail Systems, and Other Pedestrian Facilities; Providing an Effective Date; and Providing for Severability.

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### Introduction:

The proposed resolution requests TML support for legislation that would allow the regulation of electric bikes on sidewalks, trails, and other pedestrian facilities in a manner separate from non-electric bikes.

### Background:

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. The increasing popularity and speed of e-bikes has created conflicts with pedestrians on sidewalks, trails, and shared-use paths, and motor vehicle traffic on public roads raising significant safety concerns. Cities have 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 prohibited by state law. Municipalities need statutory authority to regulate or prohibit e-bikes on sidewalks, trail systems, pedestrian facilities, and certain roadways with speed limits exceeding that of an e-bike to protect public safety and balance the needs of all users. This resolution requests TML support of legislative action to explicitly grant municipalities authority to regulate them separate from traditional bicycles.

### Benefit to Community:

The proposed resolution supports legislation to allow cities to regulate e-bikes in ways separate from traditional bikes, improving public safety and balance the needs of all users.

**Legal Review:**

The City Attorney prepared the resolution.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Recommendation:**

This is a Council-initiated item.