



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Danny Barton, Chief of Police

**Date:** July 22, 2025

**Reference:** Consider approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Traffic Regulations, Article 8-6, section 8-6-1, Definitions; amending Protective Head Wear, of Chapter 8, Traffic Regulations, by adding a new definition, “E-Bicycle”; and amending section 8-6-2 “Bicycle Helmet Required”, to include new terms to subsections A, B, and D(1), as well as, amending subsection C, to increase the helmet age requirement from 14 years of age to 16 years of age; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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### Introduction:

This agenda item will change the requirement of bicycle helmets to include electric bicycles. The amendment also changes the age requirement for those who are required to wear bicycle helmets to anyone under the age of 17.

### Background:

The bicycle helmet requirement has always been for persons under the age of 15. There were no electric bicycles when this ordinance was enacted. Many communities require all children to wear a bicycle helmet when operating a bicycle. The State of Texas defines a child as anyone under the age of 17.

### Benefit to the Community:

Improved safety to those children who operate electric and non-electric bicycles.

### Legal Review:

This amendment was prepared by the City Attorney.

### Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact

### Recommendation:

The Coppell Police Department recommends approval of this agenda item.