

# CITY OF LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHAPTER 9.28 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BICYCLES, E-BIKES, SCOOTERS, POCKET BIKES, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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# PURPOSE



- Address increased use of e-bikes and motorized devices
- Improve pedestrian and roadway safety
- Clarify local enforcement authority
- Align with California Vehicle Code definitions

# SUMMARY



- Amends §9.28.010 – Adds updated definitions
- Amends §9.28.020 – Expands enforcement authority
- Amends §9.28.030 – Expands impound authority
- Adds §9.28.040 – Alternative enforcement/safety course option
- Adds §9.28.050 – Sidewalk operation restrictions
- Updates Chapter title to include additional devices

# ORDINANCE



## DEVICES ADDED TO THE ORDINANCE:

- Electric Bicycles
- Motorized Scooters
- Motorized Bicycles / Mopeds
- Pocket Bikes
- Similar Motorized Devices

# ORDINANCE



## WHAT WAS ADDED:

- California Vehicle Code-based definitions
- Authority to impound additional devices
- Restrictions for unsafe sidewalk operation
- Pocket bike restrictions on sidewalks and trails
- Traffic safety course option for first-time violators

# ORDINANCE



## SIDEWALK SAFETY PROVISIONS:

- Prohibits unsafe operation on sidewalks
- Restricts motorized scooter sidewalk riding except as allowed by state law
- Prohibits pocket bikes on sidewalks, trails, and pedestrian pathways
- Focuses on pedestrian safety and nuisance reduction

# ORDINANCE



## ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

- Chief of Police or designee may impound devices used in violations
- Impound period up to 30 days
- Applies to violations of California Vehicle Code and local ordinance
- Provides administrative enforcement option through safety courses

# ORDINANCE



## BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Improves pedestrian safety
- Provides clear rules and expectations
- Supports consistent enforcement
- Addresses complaints regarding reckless riding
- Enhances safety in parks, trails, and commercial areas

# COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED



- Adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 9.28
- Approve updated definitions and enforcement authority
- Authorize codification into the Lathrop Municipal Code

# QUESTIONS?



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