

ORDINANCE NO. 3000

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS AMENDING CHAPTER 10.56 ("BICYCLES") OF TITLE 10 OF THE REDLANDS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES

Section 1. The Table of Contents of Chapter 10.56 of the Redlands Municipal Code, titled "Bicycles," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 10.56
BICYCLES

SECTION:

10.56.010: License Required
10.56.020: License; Issuance
10.56.030: License; Condition Of Bicycle
10.56.040: License; Effect
10.56.050: License Plate And Registration
10.56.060: License; Bicycle Attachment
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10.56.080: License; Recordation
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10.56.130: Fees; Transfer
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10.56.170: Registration Transfer; Application
10.56.180: Impoundment
10.56.190: Citation; Issuance
10.56.200: Bicycle Operation
10.56.210: Electric Bicycles
10.56.220: Electric Bicycles Operation
10.56.230: Electric Bicycles Penalty for Violation"

Section 2. Chapter 10.56 of the Redlands Municipal Code, titled "Bicycles," is hereby amended by adding Sections 10.56.200 through 10.56.230 to read as follows:

"10.56.200: BICYCLE OPERATIONS:

- A. Riding in group. Persons operating bicycles within a bicycle lane or upon a bicycle path shall ride in single file except as provided for in Vehicle Code § 21202(a).

- B. Direction of travel. Persons riding or operating a bicycle on a bicycle trail or path may proceed in either direction except on those trails or paths designated for one-way traffic by appropriate markings or signs defined by the direction of adjacent vehicular traffic.
- C. Walking bicycles. Bicycles may be walked subject to all provisions of law applicable to pedestrians.
- D. Yielding right-of-way. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield right-of-way to any and all pedestrians. A person riding a bicycle, upon entering a roadway or driveway from a sidewalk, shall yield to all traffic.
- E. Riding on sidewalks. Bicycles may be ridden on all sidewalks, at a speed not to exceed five miles per hour, except upon sidewalks within a business district, upon sidewalks adjacent to any public school building when school is in session, upon a sidewalk at a recreation center when in use, upon a sidewalk at a church during services, over any pedestrian overcrossing or upon any other sidewalk where prohibited by posted signs.

10.56.210: ELECTRIC BICYCLES:

An electric bicycle, or "E-Bike," which is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and is categorized by the following:

- A. Class 1 – an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
- B. Class 2 – an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
- C. Class 3 - an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour and is equipped with a speedometer.

10.56.220: ELECTRIC BICYCLES OPERATION:

All references to this section 10.56.220 shall include section 10.56.200. These requirements are in addition to the other regulations for bicycle operation set forth in section 10.56.200.

- A. No person shall ride an electric bicycle in an unsafe manner on any publicly owned property, including but not limited to a public roadway, highway, sidewalk, park; nor on any private property open to the public.
 - 1. "Unsafe manner" means any act or acts in violation of the Redlands' Municipal Code, California Vehicle Code, or other existing law. An "unsafe manner" can also

be defined as operating an electric bicycle in such a way as to constitute a danger to the operator, a passenger, other motorists, other riders, or pedestrians in the area.

2. Examples of riding in an unsafe manner may include, but are not limited to, the following actions:
 - a) Intentionally lifting one or more wheels into the air while riding on a highway, sidewalk, bicycle lane, or bike path. It is not a violation of this subsection if one or more wheels lose contact with the ground briefly due to the condition of the road surface or other circumstances beyond the control of the rider.
 - b) Riding on the sidewalk without due caution for pedestrians.
 - c) Riding on the highway, or bicycle lane against the flow of traffic.
 - d) Intentionally swerving or riding around stopped or slowed traffic.
 - e) Operating an electric bicycle in a manner it was not designed for, including carrying passengers when not designed for carrying passengers, or standing on the seat of the bicycle.
 - f) Not obeying posted signs or traffic lights.
 - g) A person under the age of 18 riding without a properly fitted and fastened helmet.
- B. No person shall operate an electric bicycle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications device unless the wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation, and it is used in that manner while riding.
 1. An "electronic wireless communications device" includes, but is not limited to, a broadband personal communication device, a handheld device, or pager.

10.56.230: ELECTRIC BICYCLES PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:

Any violation of this article is deemed an infraction punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A second or subsequent violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).”

Section 2. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application thereof to any entity, person or circumstance is held for any reason to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council of the City of Redlands hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. The Mayor shall sign this ordinance and the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and thereafter, this ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Mario Saucedo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk

I, Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk, City of Redlands, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council at the regular meeting thereof, held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Barich, Tejeda, Davis, Shaw; Mayor Saucedo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanne Donaldson City Clerk