



CITY of CALABASAS

Regulating Electric Mobility Devices

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Purpose

- Improve public safety for all users
- Reduce conflicts in public spaces
- Establish clear, enforceable local rules



Background – What’s Changed

- Increased availability of e-bikes and motorized devices
- Expanded use in parks, sidewalks, trails, and streets
- Complex California Vehicle Code (CVC) classifications causing confusion



Why This Matters

- **Speed:** Devices capable of higher speeds than traditional bikes
- **Demographics:** Increased use by minors
- **Safety Risks:** Unpredictable movements in mixed traffic



Observed Issues

- Operation in public streets alongside vehicles
- Use in parks and athletic fields
- Riding on sidewalks and trails
- Damage to turf and public facilities



Peer City Example (Westlake Village)

- Similar ordinance recently adopted
- Allows enforcement in parks and parking lots
- Positive safety outcomes reported
- Lessons learned incorporated in Calabasas approach

Westlake Village announces e-bicycle crackdown

Ban goes into effect—other cities 'all seeing similar problems'

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State Law Context

- California Vehicle Code governs public roadways
- Devices classified by type and speed
- Limited regulation of parks and recreational facilities
- Local authority to regulate public spaces

	 Pedal bike	 Class 1	 Class 2	 Class 3	 E-motorcycle*
Pedal assist		●	●	●	
Throttle			●		●
Max speed	Speed limit	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph	60 mph+
Minimum age	None	None	None	16	16
Driver's license	No	No	No	No	Yes
Helmet required	Under 18	Under 18	Under 18	All ages	All ages
Helmet recommended	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages
Allowed on sidewalks	No	No	No	No	No
Allowed on trails	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No



What the Ordinance Does

- Defines Electric Mobility Devices consistent with the CVC
- Prohibits operation in designated City facilities
- Prohibits unsafe operation in public spaces
- Allows enforcement of unsafe behaviors in public parking lots



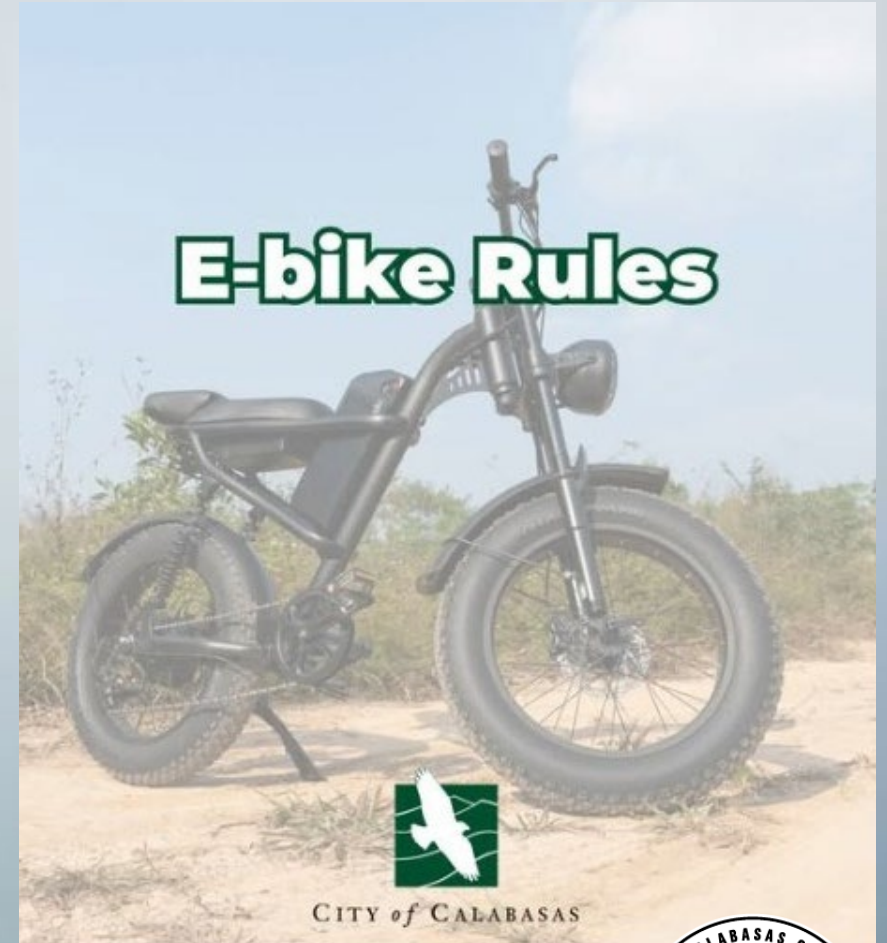
What the Ordinance Does *Not* Do

- Does not regulate operation on public roadways
- Does not affect ADA mobility devices
- Does not apply to private property not open to the public



Enforcement Approach

- Education-first approach, especially for minors
- Officer discretion based on behavior
- Escalation available for repeat or dangerous violations



Community Benefits

- Reduced conflicts in public spaces
- Clear expectations for users
- Consistency with state law



Next Steps

- Adopt ordinance and direct staff to implement



Recommendation

Recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance regulating electric mobility devices.



Questions?

