

ORDINANCE NO. 4344

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
AMENDING CHAPTER 10.84 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL
CODE RELATING TO BICYCLE REGULATIONS

The City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 10.84.140 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.84.140 Riding a Bicycle or Similar Conveyance in an Unsafe Manner

No person shall ride a conventional bicycle, electric bicycle, moped, motor-driven cycle, electric motorcycle, pocket bike, or any other electric conveyance not previously named in an unsafe manner on a public roadway, highway, sidewalk, park, or private property open to the public.

- A. Unsafe manner means a rider violating any existing Huntington Beach Municipal Code, California Vehicle Code, or other existing law. An unsafe manner can also be defined as operating the conveyance in such a way as to constitute a danger to the operator, a passenger, other motorists, other riders, or pedestrians in the area.
- B. Examples of riding in an unsafe manner may include, but are not limited to, the following actions:
 - 1. Riding on a sidewalk without due caution for pedestrians.
 - 2. Riding on a sidewalk, highway, bicycle path, or bicycle lane against the flow of traffic.
 - 3. Not yielding to vehicles or pedestrians when required to by the California Vehicle Code.
 - 4. Intentionally swerving or riding around stopped or slowed traffic.
 - 5. Operating in a manner not designed for, including carrying passengers when not designed for carrying passengers.
 - 6. Not obeying posted signs.
 - 7. A person under the age of 18 riding without a properly fitted and fastened helmet.
 - 8. Intentionally lifting one or more wheels into the air while riding on a highway, sidewalk, bicycle lane, or bicycle path.
 - 9. Riding on a bicycle path, bicycle lane, or sidewalk at a speed greater than 25 mph or any speed greater than is reasonable or prudent under the conditions then existing, or at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.

SECTION 2. That Section 10.84.160 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

10.84.160 Riding on Sidewalk and in Crosswalk

- A. No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle:
 - 1. On any sidewalk within Downtown Huntington Beach (District 1, 2, and 3 of the Huntington Beach Downtown Specific Plan), unless explicitly allowed by signage.
 - 2. On any pedestrian overcrossing.
 - 3. On any sidewalk, crosswalk, event area, or other area open to the public for pedestrian travel where signage expressly prohibits such use.
 - 4. Upon a sidewalk within any business district, or upon the sidewalk adjacent to any public school building, church, recreation center, playground or over any pedestrian overcrossing, or within any crosswalk.
- B. Where sidewalk or crosswalk riding is permitted, operators shall:
 - 1. Yield the right-of-way to pedestrian and exercise due care to avoid collisions.
 - 2. Provide a clear audible sign (e.g. bell, horn, verbal announcement) before overtaking and passing others.
 - 3. Travel at a speed not exceeding ten (10) miles per hour, reducing to five (5) miles per hour when overtaking others or when close enough to create a hazard.
- C. This section shall not apply to:
 - 1. Wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or other assistive mobility devices used by persons with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and state law.
 - 2. Law enforcement, emergency, or public works personnel acting within the course and scope of their official duties.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

City Manager

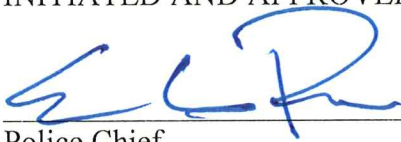
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney *re*

INITIATED AND APPROVED:



Police Chief