



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Council Meeting – Council Member Items Report

To: City Council
From: Chad Williams, Councilman
Andrew Gruel, Councilman
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Date: May 19, 2026
Subject: **Create a City Council Ad-hoc Committee on Juvenile E-Bike Safety and Enforcement**

ISSUE STATEMENT

The new statewide parental-liability provisions that took effect January 1, 2026, provide additional enforcement tools, yet our current municipal code lacks a mandatory parent/guardian education component and comprehensive policy guidance for HBPD.

A limited-scope Ad Hoc Council Committee would allow Council members to:

- Review HBMC Chapter 10.84 (Bicycle Regulations) and applicable California Vehicle Code sections.
- Meet directly with the Police Chief (or PD representative(s) of his choosing) and City Attorney to identify enforcement gaps, data trends, and specific support or resources the Department needs from the Council.
- Explore options such as mandatory safety education for parents/guardians, enhanced parental responsibility measures, targeted operational restrictions, or the possible creation of a broader task force.
- Return to the full Council with clear policy recommendations and any proposed ordinance language.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Create an Ad Hoc Council Committee on Juvenile E-Bike Safety and Enforcement, consisting of three Council members, to research current local and state laws regarding e-bike operation by minors, consult with the Huntington Beach Police Department on enforcement challenges and resource needs, develop recommended policy direction and potential amendments to HBMC Chapter 10.84, and report back to the full City Council within 90 days.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Not Applicable – Administrative Item