



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK BRENDEN, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE REPAIR AND SALE OF BICYCLES / BICYCLE PARTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

BACKGROUND

It was recently brought to my attention that the City of Long Beach has enacted regulations that prohibit the repair and sale of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property. That ordinance (see attached) was developed to address the following issues:

- To address a large number of annual bicycle thefts in their community.
- Long Beach identified that many stolen bicycles are dismantled in public areas and sold within days of being stolen.
- The regulation was developed to also address issues associated with open-air “bike chop shops,” which require additional enforcement tools to manage.
- By prohibiting the repair / sale of bicycles or bicycle parts on public property, Long Beach argued that public spaces would be cleared of unauthorized commercial activity, and would help facilitate the possible restoration of stolen item to their lawful owners.

Based on a review of the “bike chop shop” prohibitions developed in Long Beach, I believe that similar regulations here in Huntington Beach could be of benefit for our community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to prepare the regulations necessary to enact a prohibition on the repair and sale of bicycles / bicycles parts on public property in Huntington Beach.