



City of Huntington Beach

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MEETING DATE: 10/5/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

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Subject:

Approve for Introduction Ordinance No. 4219 Adding Chapter 10.49 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code (HBMC) Relating to the Prohibition on Repairs and Sales of Bicycles and Bicycles Parts on Public Property

Statement of Issue:

On September 8, 2020, the City Council approved a Council Member Item Report submitted by Council Member Brenden related to prohibitions on the repair and sale of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property. The item was introduced based on an increase of reported bicycle thefts in Huntington Beach, with many of these bicycles then being dismantled and sold on public property. In order to address the illegal activity and discourage the associated bicycle clutter on public property, it is recommended that the City Council approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4219 Adding Chapter 10.49 relating to a prohibition on the repair and sale of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property.

Financial Impact:

None.

Recommended Action:

Approve for Introduction Ordinance No. 4219, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach adding Chapter 10.49 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code relating to the prohibition on repairs and sales of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property."

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

There has been an increase in the number of stolen bicycles in the City. Many of these stolen bicycles are then dismantled and sold on public property. These types of illegal activity, commonly called "bike chop shops," have been difficult to prevent with the current enforcement tools the City has available.

On September 8, 2020, the City Council directed that staff draft regulations that that would prohibit the disassembly, sale, and distribution of bicycles and bicycles parts on public property. If approved, these new rules would be enforced when the following circumstances occur on any street, sidewalk, alley, or public property within the city:

1. Three (3) or more bicycles
2. A bicycle frame with the gear cables or brakes able cut
3. Two (2) or more bicycles with missing parts
4. Five (5) or more bicycle parts.

Of note, the prohibition would not apply in situations when individuals are operating with a valid City License or Permit that authorizes such activities, or when the owner of the bicycle or bicycle part is present.

Environmental Status:

Adoption of the ordinance is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and modernize public safety service delivery

Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 4219 Adding Chapter 10.49 to the HBMC Relating to the Prohibition on Repairs and Sales of Bicycles and Bicycles Parts on Public Property
2. Legislative Draft - Ordinance No. 4219 Adding Chapter 10.49 Relating to the Prohibition on Repairs and Sales of Bicycles and Bicycles Parts on Public Property