ORDINANCE NO. ORD-26-0022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH RELATING TO AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO ELECTRIC BICYCLES, PROHIBIT CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS, DELETE OUTDATED BICYCLE-RELATED PROVISIONS, AND MAKE RELATED CLEANUP CHANGES

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 10.48.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

10.48.010 Bicycle defined.

A. A bicycle is every device propelled by human power which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels either of which is twenty inches (20”) or more in diameter.

B. The term “bicycle” also includes all classes of electric bicycle or “e-bike” defined in California Vehicle Code section 312.5.

Section 2. Section 10.48.070 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

10.48.070 Riding on sidewalks.

A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within any business district; upon the sidewalks of bridges; in pedestrian underpasses; on pedestrian overpasses; upon sidewalks adjacent to any school building, church, recreation center, playground, or senior citizens' residential development; within the area south of Ocean Boulevard between the Long

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Beach Museum of Art on the west and Bluff Park on the east; on the northerly side of the Downtown Marina mole which directly abuts said marina, between Gangway A and Gangway P.

B. No person shall ride a Class 3 electric bicycle upon any sidewalk.

C. Any person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, and when overtaking and passing a pedestrian, shall give an audible signal and shall pass to the left of the pedestrian only under conditions permitting such movement in safety.

D. The speed limit for bicycles on a sidewalk is fifteen (15) miles per hour unless otherwise posted. The speed limit where pedestrians are present is five (5) miles per hour. Signs specifying the speed limit shall be placed by the Traffic Engineer in locations which will provide notice to significant concentrations of sidewalk bicycle riders or where bicycle speed problems are found to exist on sidewalks.

E. For the purpose of this Section, the following public ways shall be considered sidewalks:

1. Seaside Walk south of Ocean Boulevard between Fifty-Fifth Place and Sixty-Ninth Place, known as the Boardwalk;

2. Bay Shore Walk north of Ocean Boulevard between Fifty-Fifth Place and Sixty-Ninth Place.

F. This Section shall not apply to a bicycle operated by any officer employed by the City while acting within the course and scope of his or her employment, having peace officer powers pursuant to Penal Code Section 830 or are employed in positions as provided under Sections 16.16.080, 16.08.340 and 16.08.341 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Section 3. Section 10.38.120 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is

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repealed.

Section 4. Section 10.48.110 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is repealed.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of August 18, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Councilmembers:	Allen, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr, Saro, Ricks-Oddie, Uranga.
Noes:	Councilmembers:	None.
Absent:	Councilmembers:	Zendejas, Thrash-Ntuk.
Recusal(s):	Councilmembers:	None.

City Clerk

Approved: 8/25/26
(Date)

Mayor

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF LONG BEACH)

Marlene Tapias being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Department of the City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 20th day of August 2026, I posted three true and correct copies of Ordinance No. ORD-26-0022 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the lobby of City Hall in front of the Civic Chambers; one of said copies in the Billie Jean King Main Library; and one of said copies on the front counter of the City Clerk Department.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 20th day of August 2026.

CITY CLERK