

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Police Chief Rachel Johnson

MEETING: City Council Regular Meeting, July 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.1 – Discuss Electric Bike (E-Bike) Safety Update (Police Chief Johnson).

DATE: July 17, 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT

- PowerPoint Presentation

Electric bicycle (E-Bike) update

July 18, 2023



E-BIKE CLASSIFICATION

Class 1: pedal assisted, speeds up to 20mph

Class 2: throttle assisted, speeds up to 20mph

Class 3: throttle assisted, speeds up to 28mph, not allowed for those under 16 years of age



ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE

Electric Motorcycles: no pedals, throttle only. Not allowed on city streets, regardless of age



ENFORCEMENT

- MBPD Traffic Section has conducted five specific enforcement operations
- California Vehicle Code
 - Rules of the road (stop signs, turning restrictions, ride with flow of traffic)
 - Helmet for those under 18
- Manhattan Beach Municipal Code
 - Not on sidewalk, unless under 14
 - Not ride as a passenger/carry a passenger unless on seat other than that of operator



EDUCATION

- School Resource Officers hosted bicycle safety assemblies throughout the district, working with MBUSD and Beach Cities Health District
- Community Affairs Section utilized social media platforms to inform and educate the public on safe e-bike use
- Bicycle Safety event planned for August 2023



FUTURE

- E-bikes have presented unique challenges to coastal communities
- Staff is currently focused on enforcement efforts after an education campaign during the school year
- This is a community concern that requires many approaches to reach a lasting solution



