



AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: January 18, 2022

Agenda Item 9I

Approvals: _____

City Manager ES

Dept. Head _____

Attorney _____

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Department: Beaches, Parks & Recreation
Prepared By: Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: *INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE PROHIBITION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON MUNICIPAL TRAILS AND THE BEACH, BEACH TRAIL, AND PIER.*

Fiscal Impact: None.

Summary: Staff recommends that Council introduce two ordinances establishing the prohibition of electric bicycles on the beach, beach trail, pier, and municipal trails.

Background: At its December 21, 2021 meeting, the City Council approved the prohibition of electric bicycles on the beach, beach trail, pier, and municipal trails, directing staff to bring back an ordinance for first reading.

Discussion: Activities on the beach, beach trail, and pier are regulated by San Clemente Municipal Code ("SCMC") Chapter 12.32 entitled Beaches and Piers. Prohibiting the riding of electric bicycles in these areas requires an amendment to SCMC 12.32.130; this amendment also includes the prohibition of all bicycles on the pier, including walking, pushing, and parking.

Furthermore, staff recommends prohibiting the riding of bicycles along the Corto Lane section of the Beach Trail given the narrowness of this portion of the trail. This area of the trail is approximately 300 yards and ranges from 5-6 feet wide at various points posing safety concerns for multi-modal trail users.

Regulating the use of electric bicycles on all municipal trails requires the establishment of a new code section within SCMC Chapter 12.28 entitled Public Recreational Facilities. Staff has prepared an ordinance that supports the prohibition of electric bicycles on municipal trails, establishing a new code Section 12.28.040 entitled Municipal Trail Use. Additionally, the proposed ordinance specifically addresses the prohibition of off-road electric bicycles and further requires all pedal cyclists to stay on the designated trail pathway. A map of all City trails is provided in Attachment 3 and a complete listing by name is provided below:

1. Beach Trail
2. Cristianitos Regional Trail (North and South)
3. Forster Ranch Ridgeline Trail
4. Prima Deshecha Regional Trail (North and South)
5. Rancho San Clemente Ridgeline Trail
6. Sea Summit at Marblehead Trail

7. Talega Trail/San Clemente Summit

A blacklined and clean version of the draft ordinance is included in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, respectively.

Recommended

Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council introduce for first reading: Ordinance No. _____, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 12.28.040 TO THE SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON MUNICIPAL TRAILS, AND AMENDING SECTION 12.32.130 OF THE SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE PIER, BEACH, BEACH ACCESS ROAD, AND BEACH TRAIL.

Attachments:

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- 3.) City of San Clemente Bike and Trails Map

Notification: Interested Parties

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 12.28.040 TO THE SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON MUNICIPAL TRAILS, AND AMENDING SECTION 12.32.130 OF THE SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE PIER, BEACH, BEACH ACCESS ROAD, AND BEACH TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City of San Clemente established and maintains approximately twenty five (25) miles of trails located within designated open space intended for the public enjoyment of hiking, bicycling, and general recreational use; and

WHEREAS, section 312.5(a) of the Vehicle Code provides definitions for three classes of electric bicycles; and

WHEREAS, section 21207.5(b) of the Vehicle Code allows municipalities to prohibit the operation of Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles on municipal trails; and

WHEREAS, section 21207.5(a) of the Vehicle Code prohibits the use of Class 3 electric bicycles on municipal trails unless expressly permitted by a local jurisdiction or otherwise within or adjacent to a roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City's municipal trails, beaches, and the San Clemente Beach Trail have seen a substantial increase in the use of electric bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the San Clemente Beach Trail runs approximately between the North Beach/San Clemente Metrolink Station and San Clemente State Beach; and

WHEREAS, the San Clemente Beach Trail was established to promote mobility along the beach, providing a dedicated space for pedestrians and cyclists to traverse the beach terrain; and

WHEREAS, the widespread use of electric bicycles did not exist at the time the City's municipal trails, including the Beach Trail, were established and developed and is contrary to the original intent underlying the establishment and development of the City's municipal trails for passive, non-vehicular recreational fitness uses, and may be detrimental to the safety of electric cyclists and the general public; and

WHEREAS, given the number of pedestrians on the City's beaches, municipal trails, and Beach Trail, regulating the operation of motorized bicycles, motorized electric

boards, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, or any other motorized devices that California state law permits local agencies to regulate, will promote the safe and efficient use of the City's beaches, municipal trails, and the Beach Trail; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.32.130 of the Municipal Code permits the City Council to make modifications to its municipal code regarding the use of electric bicycles if the City Council determines that such modification will not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Clemente, California, hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1: Section 12.28.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of San Clemente, entitled "Municipal Trail Use," is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

12.28.040 Municipal Trail Use.

A. Definitions. The following definitions shall govern the construction of this section:

1. "Bicycle" shall mean any bicycle, tricycle, or other device having one or more wheels and designed for propulsion solely by means of human power through a belt, chain, and/or gears.
2. "Electric Bicycle" shall mean all bicycles and off-road bicycles equipped with operable pedals and/or an electric motor, and shall include Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 units as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 312.5.
3. "Electrically motorized board" has the same meaning as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 313.5.
4. "Motorized bicycle" has the same meaning as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 406.
5. "Motorized scooter" has the same meaning as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 407.5.
6. "Personal assistive mobility device" shall mean any battery powered mobility device that is used by a person with a mobility impairment for ambulation. A personal assistive mobility device does not include gasoline powered devices, golf carts, motorized bicycles, motorcycles, motorized skateboards, or other similar motorized vehicles.

7. "Municipal Trail" shall mean those trails identified in the City General Plan as being open to the general public from time to time for general recreational use.

B. Electric Bicycles Prohibited. No person shall drive, operate, or propel any Electric Bicycle, Motorized Scooter, Motorized Bicycle, or Electrically Motorized Board, or other similar motorized device upon any Municipal Trail within the City, except in areas specifically designated for such purposes or by special use permit issued by the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Department. This section shall not prohibit the use of such devices upon these areas by any officer, employee, or agent of the City, any City department, or any public safety officer, while engaged in their official duty, or any City-authorized person providing maintenance, repair, or emergency services on any Municipal Trail within the City.

C. Bicycles. It is unlawful to ride a Bicycle outside of any designated Municipal Trail pathway as depicted in the City Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, except; (1) where posted to authorize Bicycle riding; (2) on any designated bikeway; (3) on any road designated and established for automotive traffic; or (4) on paved and unpaved park roads used as fire or service roads by authorized motor vehicles, unless otherwise posted. Motorcycles or any other motorized vehicles are prohibited on Municipal Trails pursuant to Section 10.68 of this Code, "Motorized Vehicles on Municipal Trails."

D. Obstructions Prohibited. No person shall erect any barrier or lay, string, or join any wires, ropes, chains, or place any obstruction on or across any path, trail, or other way over or through which the public has a right to travel.

E. Littering Prohibited. No person shall throw, discard, or deposit, or cause to be thrown, discarded, or deposited upon any public right of way, any paper, rubbish, debris, ashes, dirt, bottles, cans, trash, or litter of any kind or nature whatsoever, except in receptacles specifically provided therefor.

F. Penalty. Violations of this chapter may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or infraction and are subject to the notice, hearing, and enforcement provisions of this Code, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 1.16.

G. Modification. In the event of special circumstances so warranting, the City Council may by resolution modify the requirements established herein. Modifications by the City Council shall only be made if the City Council determines that such modification will not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.

Section 2: Section 12.32.130 of the Municipal Code of the City of San Clemente entitled "Cycling, skateboarding and similar activities on Pier, Access Road, Beach, and Beach Trail," is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

12.32.130 Cycling, skateboarding and similar activities on Municipal Pier, Access Road, Beach, and Beach Trail.

A. Definitions. The following definitions shall govern the construction of this section:

1. "Access Roads" shall mean the pathway(s) between the base of the Municipal Pier and the Marine Safety Headquarters.
2. "Beach" shall mean all unpaved City property abutting the ocean.
3. "Beach Trail" shall mean the San Clemente Pedestrian Beach Trail, with trail end points at or near the San Clemente/North Beach Metrolink Station and San Clemente State Beach.
4. "Bicycle" shall mean any bicycle, tricycle, or other device having one or more wheels and designed for propulsion solely by means of human power through a belt, chain, and/or gears.
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10. "Municipal Pier" shall mean the San Clemente Municipal Pier.
11. "Service Road" shall mean the asphalt area west of the railroad tracks where they run parallel to Avenida Victoria, and encompassing the base of the Municipal Pier.

B. Prohibited Activities on Municipal Pier and Access Road. No person shall ride or permit to be ridden, drive, or permit to be driven, any Bicycle, Electric

Bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, or similar type device on the Municipal Pier, accesses to the Municipal Pier, Service Roads, or Beach Access Roads. Moreover, no person shall walk, push, carry, park, or permit to be parked any Bicycle, Electric Bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, or similar type device on the Municipal Pier. In addition, no person shall throw any "frisbee" or other similar devices on the Municipal Pier, Access Roads, Service Roads, or Beach Access Roads.

C. Permitted Uses of Bicycles on Beach and Beach Trail. Riding of Bicycles and Personal Assistive Mobility Devices is permitted on the Beach Trail, including those portions that overlay the Beach Service Road, subject to the restrictions of subsection (D) below. Bicycle owners are permitted to walk their Bicycles through such restricted areas and at such restricted times. When permitted to be ridden, Bicycles may be ridden at a maximum speed of ten miles per hour (10 mph) on all permitted portions of the Beach Trail. At all times, Bicycles must yield to pedestrians.

D. Prohibited Uses of Bicycles on Beach and Beach Trail. Riding of Bicycles on the Beach is prohibited at all times. Riding of Bicycles on the Beach Trail is not permitted between the Municipal Pier and the southern end of the Trafalgar Canyon Bridge from June 15 through Labor Day. Riding of Bicycles is not permitted on Riviera Beach Trail Bridge, Montalvo Beach Trail Bridge, and the portion of the Beach Trail between and including the Mariposa Bridge, and the asphalt area extending north and south of the base of the Municipal Pier at any time. Bicycle owners are permitted to walk their Bicycles through such restricted areas and at such restricted times. Reckless riding of Bicycles is prohibited, and at no time shall any persons allow their Bicycle(s) to be left unattended on the Beach or Beach Trail, nor block access thereto.

E. Electric Bicycles, Motorized Scooters, Electrically Motorized Boards, and Other Similar Motorized Recreational Devices Prohibited. No person shall drive, operate, or propel any Electric Bicycle, Motorized Scooter, Electrically Motorized Board, or other similar motorized recreational device, however powered, upon any portion of the Beach or Beach Trail. This section shall not prohibit the use of such devices upon these areas by any officer, employee, or agent of the City, any City department, or any public safety officer, while engaged in their official duty, or any City-authorized person providing maintenance, repair, or emergency services on the Beach or Beach Trail.

F. Unsafe Operation. Reckless riding of Bicycles is prohibited, and at no time shall any persons allow their Bicycle(s) to be left unattended on the Beach or Beach Trail, nor block access thereto. No person using the Beach or Beach Trail shall engage in any activity that creates an unreasonable risk of injury to any person.

G. Penalty. Violations of this chapter may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or infraction and are subject to the notice, hearing, and enforcement provisions of this Code, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 1.16.

H. Modification. In the event of special circumstances so warranting, the City Council may by resolution modify the requirements established herein. Modifications by the City Council shall only be made if the City Council determines that such modification will not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.

Section 3: The City Council finds the introduction and adoption of this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Section 4: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law, and the same shall take effect as provided by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of
San Clemente, California

Mayor of the City of San
Clemente, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss.
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE)

I, _____, City Clerk of the City of San Clemente, California, hereby certify that Ordinance No. _____ having been regularly introduced at the meeting of _____, was again introduced, the reading in full thereof unanimously waived, and duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2022, and said ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Clemente, California, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY CLERK of the City of
San Clemente, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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WHEREAS, given the number of pedestrians on the City's beaches, municipal trails, and Beach Trail, regulating the operation of motorized bicycles, motorized electric boards, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, or any other motorized devices that California state law permits local agencies to regulate, will promote the safe and efficient use of the City's beaches, municipal trails, and the Beach Trail; and

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F. Penalty. Violations of this chapter may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or infraction and are subject to the notice, hearing, and enforcement provisions of this Code, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 1.16.

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D. ~~Prohibited Activities on Pier and Access Road.Except as provided below in subsection (B) of this section, no person shall ride or permit to be ridden, drive, or permit to be driven, any bicycle, electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, or similar type device on the municipal pier, accesses to the pier, service roads, or beach access roads. In addition, no person shall throw any "frisbee" or other similar device on the municipal pier, accesses to the pier, service roads, or beach access roads.~~ Use Uses of Bicycles on Beach and Beach Trail. Riding of bicycles and electric bicycles is permitted on the beach and beach trail, including those portions that overlay the beach service road, subject to the restrictions of this subsection B. Riding of bicycles on the beach and beach trail. Riding of Bicycles on the Beach is prohibited at all times. Riding of Bicycles on the Beach Trail is not permitted between the pier Municipal Pier and the south/southern end of the Trafalgar Canyon Bridge from June 15 through Labor Day. Riding of bicycles Bicycles is not permitted on Riviera Beach Trail Bridge, Montalvo Beach Trail Bridge, and the portion of the Beach Trail between and including the Mariposa Bridge, or on and the asphalt area extending north and south of the base of the pier Municipal Pier at any time. Bicycle owners are permitted to walk their bicycles Bicycles through such restricted areas and at such restricted times. Bicycles may be ridden at a maximum speed of ten mph on all

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ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of
San Clemente, California

Mayor of the City of San
Clemente, California

San Clemente Trails

Trail Name, Mileage, Level of Difficulty

- Forester Ridge Trail**, 4.2 miles, Moderate to Difficult
- Talega Trail, San Clemente City Trail**, 2.8 miles, Moderate to Difficult
- Cristobalita North Regional Trail**, 7 miles, Moderate
- Cristobalita South Regional Trail**, 2.8 miles, Moderate
- Primo Desierto North Regional Trail**, 1.8 miles, Moderate
- Primo Desierto South Regional Trail**, 3.1 miles, Moderate
- Rancho San Clemente Trail**, 15 miles, Moderate to Difficult
- San Clemente Beach Trail**, 2.3 miles, Easy
- Sea Summit Trail**, 4 miles, Moderate to Difficult
- Riviera Trail**, 2.3 miles, Moderate to Difficult
- State Park Trails**
- San Juan Capistrano Trails**

Bike Ways

- Class II Bike Path - Off-road paved bike paths
- Class III Bike Lane - On-road striped bike lanes
- Class IV Bike Route - On-road shared lane signed bike routes



Trail Rules and Etiquette

- San Clemente's Trails, Parks and Beaches are Smoke-Free Environments. Thank You for Not Smoking!
- All shared trail users are Down or Down and Out!
- Beach Trail hours North of the T-Street RR Crossing - 4am - 5pm/6pm
- Beach Trail hours South of the T-Street RR Crossing - 4am - 5pm/6pm
- Don't touch the water!
- Photograph after your day!
- Stay on trail!
- No unattended motor vehicles
- Don't Touch the Trails: "Pack it in, Pack it out"
- Carry Water - Facilities may not be available
- Call Orange County Sheriff's for lost dog/licenses at 774-4013
- Call 911-ADCS to report graffiti!
- For an emergency - call 911!

Donna O'Neill
Land Conservancy
theconservancy.org
Call to
arrange access
949-489-9778



San Clemente Trail & Bike Ways Map



For more information, contact the City of San Clemente, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Department, 949-361-6263 or 949-361-6264, www.san-clemente.org

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Legend

- Parking
- Restrooms
- Trail Access Points
- Schools
- Water Reservoirs
- San Clemente Parks
- State Parks
- Golf Courses
- High Tension Power Lines
- Donna O'Neill Conservancy
- PROPOSED Major Roads

