



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**MEETING DATE:** May 1, 2023  
**PREPARED BY:** Chuck Stifter, Parks and Recreation Director  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Electric assist bicycle use - ordinance modification

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**  
None

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**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**  
Motion to modify City Code Sections 22-61 and 22-65 to allow operation of electric assist bicycles on any park or city trail.

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**COMMENTS:**  
At their April 17, 2023 meeting the Park Board approved a recommendation to the City Council to modify city code allowing electric assist bicycles the same privileges as traditional bicycles.

The popularity of electric assist bicycles has risen significantly over the last five years. The state of Minnesota has recognized electric assist bikes under the state definition of bicycle – Minn. Stats 169.011, subd.27. It is recommended the city follow the state definition thus allowing use of such bicycles where traditional bicycles have been allowed within the city.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**  
Attachment A – Amendment to city Code Sections 22-61 and 22-65