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Boulder City Helmet Requirement Starts Sept. 18

BOULDER CITY – The overwhelming popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters has changed personal mobility as well as recreation around Boulder City. Unfortunately, there have been major injuries and even deaths due to accidents with these devices throughout Clark County. As a result of these tragic incidents, many communities have adopted bike and e-bike safety ordinances in the past year.

This summer, Boulder City Council approved its own ordinance to establish strong, comprehensive regulations for the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, skates, toy vehicles, scooters and skateboards. Effective on September 18, 2025, this code covers circumstances that are not addressed in state law. Boulder City’s ordinance is the strongest in Clark County, as it makes helmets mandatory for all minors on regular bicycles, in addition to e-bikes and e-scooters. In addition, the ordinance:

- Adds definitions for bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, roller skates, scooters and skateboards;
- Establishes a speed limit of 15 miles per hour for all devices operating on the sidewalk or multi-use path (with the exception of the River Mountains Loop Trail);
- Prohibits all motorized forms of transportation, including electric bicycles and scooters from being ridden upon recreational facilities in City parks such as grass, fields, playgrounds, or courts;
- Adds non-motorized scooters to our code, and prohibits their use on roadways, instead requiring their operation to occur on sidewalks or similar paths, and giving them the status of pedestrians while in crossing areas similar to individuals on roller skates or skateboards under our current code;
- Prohibits the use of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, skates, toy vehicles, scooters and skateboards on sidewalks or other paths contiguous and adjacent to the public access of buildings in use for commercial purposes.

And more. Fines for violations are civil traffic infractions and are proposed at \$150.00 for the first violation, \$250.00 for the second, and \$600.00 for the third and subsequent. The ordinance also clarifies that parents are financially responsible for tickets given to minors. More about the ordinance is available at www.bcnv.org/bikesafety.

“The new requirements are intended to help parents keep their children safe,” said City Manager Ned Thomas. “We are grateful for grants that have made it possible for Boulder City Fire Department to provide free helmets to 150 kids so far this year.”

The Police and Fire Departments will be providing more free helmets during their Bike Rodeo at National Night Out, October 7, 2025 at Veterans Memorial Park from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. while supplies last. (Helmets are available to Boulder City residents only at this time.)

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