



## City of St. Augustine Beach

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### **City adopts Amended Beach Ordinance regarding Electric Bicycles**

**St. Augustine Beach, Florida, February 13, 2024** – At the February 5 City Commission meeting, the Commission voted to adopt St. Johns County Beach Code 2007-19, Section 3.15, an amended Beach ordinance regarding electric bicycles.

In the City of St. Augustine Beach, it is prohibited to operate an electric bicycle under the following conditions while on the beach:

- \* At a speed greater than reasonable for conditions (or above the posted speed limit)
- \* Fail to yield the right of way to pedestrians
- \* Weave in and out of pedestrians
- \* Operate with riders on the handlebars

Under Florida statute 316.2065, all e-bike and bicycle operators, when traveling on the roadway MUST:

- \* Wear a helmet (if under 16 years old)
- \* Have proper lighting (fixed white light in the front and red light in the rear)
- \* Obey all traffic control devices (stop signs, traffic lights, etc)
- \* Travel with the flow of traffic
- \* Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on sidewalks

Chief of Police for St. Augustine Beach, Daniel Carswell stated "Keeping our visitors on the beach safe is our agency's primary objective. This new ordinance will help reduce injuries to pedestrians and electric bicycle operators while they travel on our beach. We encourage everyone to continue to use electric bicycles as an alternative method of transportation, but to do so in a safe and lawful manner."

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