

# CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: July 1, 2025  
General Plan Element: *Public Services & Facilities*  
General Plan Goal: *Provide a safe environment for all citizens, visitors and private interests*

## **ACTION**

**Adopt Ordinance No. 4680** adding Sections 17-77.1, 17-77.2 and 17-77.3 to the Scottsdale Revised Code.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City has been experiencing issues with juveniles riding class three electric bicycles, similar devices and electric motorcycles in hazardous ways. The Scottsdale Police Department (SPD) believes that these devices are not suitable for people under the age of 16 and their riding should be prohibited for people under 16 to protect the public and the juveniles from serious injury and/or death.

SPD also believes that electric motorcycles should not be utilized by anyone on a city roadway unless they have been properly registered and titled with the State of Arizona, just like any other motorcycle.

SPD also believes that businesses within the City that sell the above-mentioned devices should put customers on notice regarding the proposed prohibitions and also provide City provided educational materials. SPD also believes that requiring businesses within the City that sell class three electric bicycles to affix a permanent label to them would greatly assist officers in the field with enforcement activities.

The proposed ordinance addresses the above concerns raised by SPD and will increase the safety of the City and its residents and visitors.

## **ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT**

Proposed Ordinance No. 4680 adds Sections 17-77.1, 17-77.2, and 17-77.3 to the Scottsdale Revised Code.

Proposed Section 17-77.1 prohibits persons under the age of sixteen from operating class three electric bicycles, similar devices that can meet or exceed twenty-one (21) miles per hour (mph)

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or electric motorcycles on city property. The proposed section also prohibits anyone from operating an electric motorcycle on a city roadway that has not been titled and registered with the State of Arizona.

Proposed Section 17-77.2 requires businesses within the City that sell class three electric bicycles, similar devices and electric motorcycles to notify customers that their use is prohibited by those under 16 and that electric motorcycles must be titled and registered with the State of Arizona before being used on City roadways. The proposed section also requires businesses to distribute City provided educational materials to customers.

Finally, proposed Section 17-77.3 requires businesses within the City that sell class three electric bicycles to affix a permanent label indicating that they are class three bicycle.

### **RESOURCE IMPACTS**

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None. Existing staff will be able to enforce the ordinance.

### **OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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City Staff recommends adding Sections 17-77.1, 17-77.2 and 17-77.3 to the Scottsdale Revised Code.

### **RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

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Police Department, City Attorney

### **STAFF CONTACTS (S)**

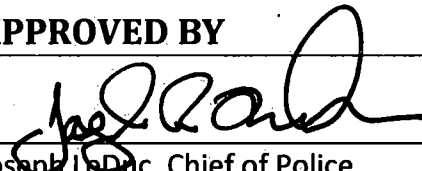
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**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance No. 4680

ORDINANCE NO. 4680

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE,  
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADDING SECTIONS 17-77.1, 17-77.2 AND 17-  
77.3 TO THE SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale as follows:

Section 1. Sections 17-77.1, 17-77.2 and 17-77.3 of the Scottsdale Revised Code are added as follows:

**Sec. 17-77.1 –Certain prohibitions on the use of class three electric bicycles, similar devices and electric motorcycles; penalties.**

(a) No person under the age of sixteen shall operate a class three electric bicycle, a similar device that can meet or exceed twenty-one (21) miles per hour (mph) or an electric motorcycle on city property.

(b) No person shall operate an electric motorcycle on a city roadway that has not been titled and registered with the State of Arizona.

(c) A violation of this section is a civil traffic offense and shall be punished by a minimum fine of one hundred (100) dollars.

**Sec. 17-77.2 – Posting of notice required by business that sell class three electric bicycles, similar devices and electric motorcycles; educational materials; penalties**

(a) Every business that sells class three electric bicycles, similar devices that can meet or exceed twenty-one (21) mph or electric motorcycles within the city shall post a written notice that their use is prohibited by anyone under the age of sixteen (16) and that electric motorcycles may only be used on a city roadway if properly titled and registered with the State of Arizona.

(b) The notice required by subsection (a) above shall be placed where the class three bicycles, similar devices that can meet or exceed twenty-one (21) miles per hour (mph) or electric motorcycles are displayed for sale.

(c) The city shall provide to businesses at no cost educational materials regarding the use of class three electric bicycles, similar devices that can meet or exceed twenty-one (1) miles per hour (mph) and electric motorcycles that shall be provided to customers at the time of sale.

(d) A violation of this section is a petty offense and shall be punished by a minimum fine of one hundred (100) dollars.

**Sec. 17-77.3 – Labeling of class three electric bicycles prior to sale; penalties**

(a) Every business that sells class three electric bicycles shall affix a permanent label in a prominent location indicating that the bicycle is a class three bicycle prior to offering it for sale.

(b) It shall be unlawful to remove the label required by subsection (a) once affixed.

(c) A violation of this section is a petty offense and shall be punished by a minimum fine of one hundred (100) dollars.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona  
municipal corporation

ATTEST:

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Ben Lane, City Clerk

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Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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