

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 19, Section 19.12.1340 – Bicycles and Motorcycles, of the Los Angeles County Code, to allow and establish standards for the use of bicycles on sidewalks in unincorporated Marina del Rey. The amendment would also establish when signs prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks are authorized, exceptions to compliance, temporary restrictions prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks, and responsibilities of a bicyclist riding on or from a sidewalk. This amendment is consistent with amendments made to Los Angeles County Code, Title 15, Chapter 15.76 (Miscellaneous Regulations) to allow bicycle riding in unincorporated areas of the County, not including unincorporated Marina del Rey, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 27, 2023.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending the Los Angeles County Code, Title 19, Section 19.12.1340 – Bicycles and Motorcycles, to allow and establish standards for the use of bicycles on sidewalks in the unincorporated areas of Marina del Rey. The amendment would also establish when signs prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks are authorized, exceptions to compliance, temporary restrictions prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks, and responsibilities of a bicyclist riding on or from a sidewalk. This amendment is consistent with amendments made to Los Angeles County Code, Title 15, Chapter 15.76 (Miscellaneous Regulations) to allow bicycle riding in unincorporated areas of the County, not including unincorporated Marina del Rey, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 27, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19.12.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19.12.240 Department.

"Department" means the ~~d~~DePARTMENT of ~~b~~Beaches and ~~h~~Harbors, ~~e~~County of Los Angeles.

SECTION 2. Section 19.12.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19.12.250 Director.

"Director" means the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, ~~his/her~~their Chief Deputy, or any other person authorized or designated by the Director or the Chief Deputy to act in ~~his/her~~their stead.

Section 3. Section 19.12.1340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19.12.1340 Bicycles and motorcycles.

A. ~~Confined to Roads~~Definition of Bicycle. ~~No person shall ride a bicycle or motorcycle on other than a paved vehicular road or path designated for that purpose. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any area normally reserved for pedestrian use.~~In this Chapter, the term bicycle has the same definition as California Vehicle Code section 231.

B. ~~Immobile.~~ No person shall leave a bicycle ~~or motorcycle~~ lying on the ground or pavings, or set against a building or tree, or in any place or position that may cause a person to trip over or be injured by it.

C. ~~Bicycle Paths.~~ The Director or the Director of the County Department of Public Works may ~~from time to time~~ designate, by sign or postings, certain areas to be used exclusively by persons riding bicycles upon bicycle lanes or paths set aside for that use in Marina del Rey.

D. Bicycle Riding on Sidewalk – Prohibited When. Bicycles may be ridden on any sidewalk in Marina del Rey, except in locations where a sign is posted indicating that bicycling is prohibited thereon.

E. Bicycle Riding on Sidewalk – Signs Specifying When Prohibited.
Notwithstanding County Code Section 15.76.084 (Bicycle Riding on Sidewalk – Signs Specifying When Prohibited), whenever the Director finds that any portion of a sidewalk maintained or operated for the public by the Department is not suitable for bicycling

based upon concerns for the protection of the public, signs shall be erected and maintained specifying the prohibition of bicycle riding.

F. Bicycle Riding on Sidewalk – Exceptions to Compliance with Signs Prohibiting. County of Los Angeles employees, who are acting within the course and scope of their employment, may ride bicycles on sidewalks maintained by the Department where signs are posted prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks, pursuant to Section 19.12.1340.D, above, in a manner that is consistent with Section 19.12.1340.G, below. This includes, but is not limited to, peace officers, emergency medical personnel, and parking enforcement officers.

G. Bicycle Riding on Sidewalk – Temporary Restrictions. Whenever the Director finds that traffic congestion or a traffic hazard is likely to result from bicycle riding on sidewalks maintained by the Department during the holding of public or private assemblages, gatherings or functions, or during the construction, alteration, repair, sweeping or improvement of any highway, or for other reason, the Director may place or cause to be placed temporary signs prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks during the period such condition exists.

H. Bicyclist Riding on or from Sidewalk – Responsibilities. Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk maintained by the Department, such person shall:

1. Yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and other sidewalk users, including, but not limited to, animals and vendors;

2. Travel with due care, at a speed and in a manner that is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for weather, visibility, the users of, and for the surface and width of the sidewalk; and, in no event, travel at a speed or in a manner that endangers the safety of persons or property; and

3. Yield to all traffic upon entering a roadway from a sidewalk, taking caution to avoid disruptions to the flow of traffic.

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