



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Gustavo J. Romo, Deputy City Manager
DATE: November 4, 2025
SUBJECT: Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 10.35 – Use of Protective Helmets, et al. to the Beaumont Municipal Code

Description: Second Reading of ordinance adding Chapter 10.35 – Use of Protective Helmets for Operators of Human-Powered and Electric-Assisted Devices, to the Beaumont Municipal Code.

Background and Analysis:

At the regularly scheduled meeting of October 21, 2025, the City Council introduced an ordinance to add Chapter 10.35 – Use of Protective Helmets for Operators of Human-Powered and Electric-Assisted Devices, to the Beaumont Municipal Code in an effort to reduce increased hospital visits, reports of traffic collisions, sidewalk injuries (including traumatic brain injuries), and unsafe riding behaviors, particularly involving individuals not wearing protective gear, that have been on the rise since the introduction of electric-powered devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters.

If enacted, the ordinance would be an exercise of the City's police power to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The City Council, therefore, has the authority to discuss extending the protective helmet safety requirements to all operators and passengers of human-powered and electric-assisted devices, including bicycles, nonmotorized scooters, skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, electric bicycles, and electric mobility devices, regardless of age.

Staff proposes that the City post clear signage in high-traffic areas and offer periodic safety courses. These measures aim to improve compliance and foster a culture of safety, especially among youth and first-time users.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated at \$150.

Approval of this ordinance will necessitate the installation of approximately 200 signs, each at an estimated cost of \$300, resulting in a total projected expenditure of \$60,000. Funding for this initiative will be drawn from the Public Works operational budget. The installation is anticipated to be completed over a 12-month period once started. However, if additional time is needed for purchase and installation of signage, it will not affect the enforcement of this ordinance per legal counsel.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full second reading and adopt by title only, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California Adding Chapter 10.35 – ‘Use of Protective Helmets for Operators of Human-Powered and Electric-Assisted Devices’ to the Beaumont Municipal Code”.

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance