

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.4
(ID # 27897)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Adoption of Ordinance No. 995 Establishing an E-Bike Safety Ordinance in Unincorporated Communities; Not a Project under CEQA per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 or CEQA Exempt per Section 15061 (b)(3); All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that Ordinance No. 995 is not a Project under CEQA per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and/or is CEQA Exempt per 15061 (b)(3);
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 995 regulating the use of Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes) in unincorporated communities for the purpose of ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of pedestrians; and,
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the ordinance within 15 days after adoption of the ordinance pursuant to California Government Code Section 25124.


ACTION:Policy


Michelle Paradise, ACEO 5/13/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended, and Ordinance 995 is adopted with waiver of the reading.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 20, 2025
xc: EO, COB/MC/NS/DL/AB

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

CEO Recommendation: Approve

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Summary

On September 17, 2024 (MO 3.4) Supervisor Washington directed the Executive Office to initiate an electric bicycle (e-bike) safety ordinance and to create regulations and enforcement mechanisms to ensure pedestrian safety in the unincorporated communities of Riverside County. In the months following, the Executive office worked with County Counsel to develop Ordinance No. 995, which regulates the use of electric bicycles on sidewalks and trails to improve safety for pedestrians and other non-motorized users in unincorporated communities.

Ordinance 995 establishes the following guidelines for e-bike riders:

- **Class 1 and 2 e-bikes** (low-speed pedal or throttle assisted - which assist up to 20 mph) are permitted on most sidewalks and trails, except in business districts, school zones, bridges, pedestrian underpasses, and where posted restrictions apply. Riders must yield to pedestrians and exercise caution.
- **Class 3 e-bikes** (which assist up to 28 mph and are usually equipped with a speedometer), **motorized bicycles, mopeds, and motor-driven cycles** are prohibited from all sidewalks and trails unless signage expressly allows them.
- All e-bikes and motorized bicycles are prohibited on equestrian trails and within Wine Country – Equestrian Districts to ensure the safety of horseback riders.

Ordinance 995 also outlines the enforcement and penalties associated with the violation of the ordinance:

- First offense: \$100 fine
- Second offense (within one year): \$200 fine
- Third offense (within one year): \$500 fine

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The provision of clear guidelines for e-bike usage is critical to the safety of all users of sidewalks and trails within unincorporated communities in Riverside County. The passage of this ordinance would promote responsible e-bike use while protecting pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

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Attachments: Ordinance 995

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