

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

### ELECTRIC BIKE (E-BIKE) POLICY

#### I. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to establish the practice and procedure for use of e-bikes on trails within the City's public parks and trails system.

#### II. PRACTICE.

The Parks & Trails Department, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be the lead department in the administration of this policy. Support and assistance shall be provided by the user departments.

#### III. POLICY.

Electric bikes, also known as e-bikes, are bicycles with an integrated electric motor not exceeding 750 watts of power. E-bikes are defined by Arkansas Statute (House Bill 2185 of 2017) as Class 1, 2, or 3. They are not considered motor vehicles under the law, and are permitted on city streets and roads. Local authority having jurisdiction over a bicycle path or multi-use path may prohibit the operation of electric bicycles on that path.

#### IV. PROCEDURE.

1. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:
  - a.) A city park is designated as any city owned property equipped with play structures, benches, picnic tables, walkways and/or greenspaces.
  - b.) A city trail is designated as any city owned property equipped with a multi-use concrete or asphalt trail.
2. Class 1 e-bikes are allowed for use on all city parks and trails.


A Class 1 e-bike is a low speed, pedal-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides a rider assistance only when pedaling, and ceases to provide the rider with assistance when the bicycle reaches 20 mph.
3. Class 2 and 3 e-bikes are prohibited for use on all city parks and trails.

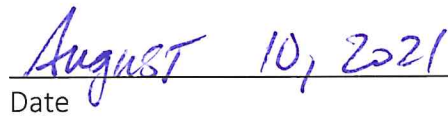
A Class 2 e-bike is a low speed, throttle-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and ceases to provide the rider with assistance when the bicycle reaches 20 mph.

A Class 3 e-bike is a pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides a rider with assistance only when pedaling, and that ceases to provide the rider with assistance when the bicycle reaches 28 mph.
4. All bicycles must follow basic trail etiquette and abide by posted signs and trail closures.
5. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will reasonably accommodate disabled persons using EABs as "other power-driven mobility devices" in city parks and on city trails.

V. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This administrative policy shall be effective from and after August 4, 2021. All previous editions are hereby suspended. Revisions and amendments, if necessary, shall be issued by the City Manager.

  
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City Manager

  
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