

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Hearing: An Ordinance Concerning Exempting Certain Law Enforcement Personnel from Bicycle Operating Rules and Amending Section 5.400 of the Eugene Code, 1971

Meeting Date: September 17, 2012
Department: Eugene Police
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Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Lt. Sam Kamkar
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ISSUE STATEMENT

Currently bicycles are prohibited on the sidewalks in the downtown core. This proposed ordinance clarifies that law enforcement personnel are exempt from this prohibition.

BACKGROUND

Section 5.400 of the Eugene Municipal Code specifies that “No person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk in that area bounded by the outer limits of Charnelton Street on the west, 6th Avenue on the north, Pearl Street on the east, and 11th Avenue on the south”. This ordinance clarifies that law enforcement personnel are exempt from this prohibition.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

This topic relates to the Safe Community Vision: A community where people feel safe, valued and welcome, and increased downtown development, as well as support for small and local businesses.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

No formal action is sought at this public hearing. Council action is scheduled for October 8, 2012.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION

This item is scheduled for public hearing only. No recommendation is being made at this time.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No motion is proposed for the public hearing.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Draft Ordinance

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EXEMPTING CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FROM BICYCLE OPERATING RULES AND AMENDING SECTION 5.400 OF THE EUGENE CODE, 1971.

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5.400 of the Eugene Code, 1971, is amended to provide as follows:

5.400

Operating Rules.

- (1) No person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk in that area bounded by the outer limits of Charnelton Street on the west, 6th Avenue on the north, Pearl Street on the east, and 11th Avenue on the south.
- (2) No person may park a bicycle in or near a public thoroughfare or place in such a manner as to obstruct traffic or endanger persons or property.
- (3) A person riding a bicycle
 - (a) In a lane for vehicular traffic or parking may ride only in the direction legally prescribed there for that traffic.
 - (b) In a lane for vehicular traffic or parking shall ride as closely to the curb as is safe, but when approaching an intersection where a curb lane is designated "Left Turn" or "Right Turn" shall avoid that lane within 50 feet of the intersection if intending to ride through the intersection without turning.
 - (c) On a street or alley shall ride in single file with other bicyclists whenever a motor vehicle is approaching within 100 feet to the rear.
 - (d) On a bicycle path or a sidewalk shall keep as far to the right as is safe, except when overtaking and passing pedestrians and other vehicles, which shall be overtaken and passed only on the left.
- (4) *Peace officers, police community service officers, police volunteers, and parole and probation officers performing official duties are exempt from the provisions of this section.*

Section 2. The City Recorder, at the request of, or with the consent of the City Attorney, is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein, or in other provisions of the Eugene Code, 1971, to the provisions added, amended or repealed herein.

Passed by the City Council this

Approved by the Mayor this

___ day of _____, 2012

___ day of _____, 2012

City Recorder

Mayor