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NEW CITY REGULATIONS PROHIBITING ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS NOW IN EFFECT

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills has implemented new regulations prohibiting electric bicycles (e-bikes) and motorized scooters on public sidewalks within City limits which are now in effect. The new ordinance is designed to enhance safety by adding public sidewalks to the list of restricted areas for e-bikes and motorized scooters, which already includes City-owned open spaces, trails, and parks. Riders could face fines ranging from \$100 for the first offense, and up to \$500 for additional violations.

The new regulations were created to improve safety for pedestrians and reduce the possibility of accidents caused by e-bikes and motorized scooters on sidewalks. Riders are now required to use bike lanes or streets instead of sidewalks when traveling through the City. This includes areas near schools, parks, and the Chino Hills Government Center.

The City partners with the Chino Hills Police Department to enforce these regulations. Failure to abide by the Chino Hills Municipal Code (CHMC) or the California Vehicle Code (CVC) may result in significant fines and towing. Possible fines include:

- Riding on Public Sidewalks - \$100, \$200, and \$500 (*CHMC 10.40.030*)
- Riding in City-owned Open Space - \$100, \$200, and \$500 (*CHMC 12.32.260*)
- Riding in a City Park - \$100, \$200, and \$500 (*CHMC 12.40.280*)
- Riding on a City Trail - \$100, \$200, and \$500 (*CHMC 12.32.260*)
- D.O.T. Required Helmet - \$193 (*CVC 27803(B)*)

E-bikes in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) are defined as bicycles with an electric motor of less than 750 watts and fully operable pedals, while motorized scooters are defined as two-wheeled devices with handlebars, a floorboard to stand on, and powered by an electric motor. E-bikes and electric motorcycles (e-motorcycles) are different, and e-motorcycles do not meet the requirements of e-bikes including not having pedals and having speed and power limits that exceed legal limits for e-bikes. E-motorcycles are subject to additional regulations and riders can face additional fines and possible towing charges. For questions regarding the new regulations, please contact the Chino Hills Police Department at (909) 364-2000.