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GLENDALE ENFORCES NEW E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER ORDINANCE

GLENDALE, AZ: New rules on electric powered bicycles (e-bikes) and scooters (e-scooters) in Glendale go into effect January 9, 2026. The ordinance, passed by the City Council in December, is intended to enhance rider safety and ensure responsible use of streets and sidewalks shared with pedestrians and vehicles.

E-bikes are categorized into three classes based on how they operate and their maximum speed.

- Class 1: Pedal-assist only (no throttle) with a top speed of 20 mph
- Class 2: Has pedals, a throttle and a top speed of 20 mph
- Class 3: Has pedals, a throttle and a top speed of 28 mph

Minimum age requirements apply to all riders:

- E-scooter riders must be at least 12 years old
- E-bike class 1 and 2 riders must be at least 14 years old
- E-bike class 3 riders must be at least 16 years old

All e-bikes and e-scooters operated at night must be equipped with a white front light, red rear light and reflectors. Riders must follow all traffic laws and ride responsibly. Reckless riding, traveling against traffic and intentionally lifting a wheel while moving are not allowed. Helmets are required for anyone under the age of 18.

The Glendale Police Department will begin enforcing the new ordinance January 9 and violations will result in fines starting at \$50 and increasing to up to \$500 for three violations within a 12-month period.

Full details of the ordinance are available on Glendaleaz.gov.

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