



City Council Presentation

1 June 2020

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Background

- **E-Bikes are currently prohibited on paved greenway trails (shared-use paths) and natural surface trails within city parks.**
 - City Code – Chapter 24, Article IV, Sec. 24-94
 - Administrative Policy – Ordinance No. 34579-120699
- **The General Assembly passed HB 543 earlier this year.**
 - Further defines e-bikes in three separate classes
 - Allows e-bikes on all trails and shared-use paths on July 1
 - Establishes a local option to prohibit under certain conditions

HB 543

- **Definition**

- Unless operated in public right of way, e-bikes are **NOT** considered motorized vehicles.

- **Classes of E-Bikes**

- Class I - pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.
- Class II – throttle assisted and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.
- Class III – pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 28 mph.

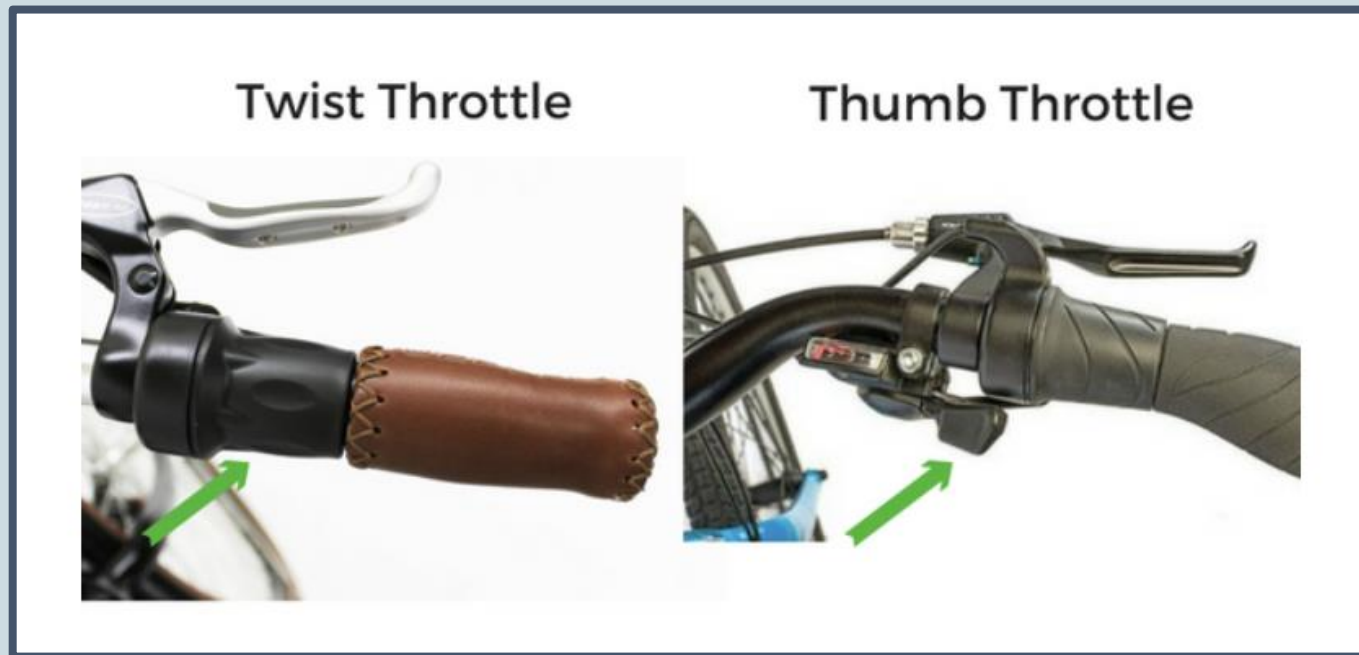
Examples of E-Bikes

CLASS I and CLASS III (with exception of max speed)



Examples of E-Bikes

CLASS II – Same as CLASS I and III but with a throttle



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• Permitted Uses

- Beginning July 1, all classes of e-bikes are allowed on all trails and shared-use paths unless prohibited by the locality.
- Class I and Class II prohibition on shared-use paths requires a public hearing and the locality must demonstrate that the restriction is necessary due to public safety or compliance with other laws.
- Class III prohibition **DOES NOT** require a public hearing.
- Prohibition of all classes of e-bikes on natural surface trails **DOES NOT** require a public hearing.

Available Council Actions

- **Take No Action**

- Beginning July 1, e-bikes will be permitted on all greenway trails and natural surface trails in city parks.

- **Receive Public Input**

- Hold a public hearing to help determine which class e-bikes should be allowed on greenway trails and natural surface trails, allowing citizens to voice their opinion on the continued prohibition of e-bikes.

Recommended Next Step

- **Public Hearing**

- Authorize the scheduling of a Public Hearing on June 15, 2020.

Questions?