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September 13, 2000

Agenda: September 19, 2000

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Re: Regulation of Motorized Bicycles and Scooters

Dear Members of the Board:

On August 8, 2000, your Board directed this Office to return with a proposed ordinance that would authorize the use of motorized bicycles and scooters powered by electric motors on bikeways within the unincorporated area of the County, and at the same time prohibit the use of motorized bicycles and scooters not powered by electric motors. The attached ordinance would permit the use of motorized bicycles and motorized scooters, defined by state law as being powered by an electric motor, to make use of bikeways within the unincorporated area of the County. In addition, the proposed ordinance would prohibit the use of motorized bicycles and scooters not powered by an electric motor from these bikeways. Finally, the ordinance provides that any violation would be deemed an infraction.

As your Board is aware, the Santa Cruz County Transportation Commission has been involved in attempting to achieve a coordinated scheme of regulation among the Cities and the County concerning this issue. Your Board's prior direction was that any draft ordinance be referred to the Transportation Commission for their review and comment prior to the County taking final action.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board consider the attached ordinance regulating motorized bicycles and motorized scooters, and thereafter forward any proposed ordinance to the Santa Cruz County Transportation Commission for their review and comments with regard to other jurisdictions' regulatory efforts prior to further consideration by your Board.

Very truly yours,

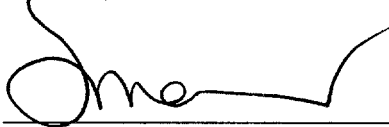
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By 

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RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO

County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office, Sheriff

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9.54 THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
MOTORIZED BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 9.54 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 9.54

**REGULATION OF MOTORIZED
BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS**

Sections:

- 9.54.010 Regulations.**
9.54.020 Violations--Penalty.

9.54.010 Regulations.

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a “motorized bicycle” as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 406 (b), and a “motorized scooter” as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 407.5 (a), are authorized to operate on any bikeway under the County’s jurisdiction.

B. A “motorized scooter” as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 407.5 (b), is prohibited from operating on any bikeway under the County’s jurisdiction.

9.54.020 Violations--Penalty.

Any person violating this chapter shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and shall be punished by a fine in accordance with section 1.12.040 of this code.

SECTION II

This ordinance shall take effect on the 3 1st day after the date of final passage.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2000, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the
Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DISTRIBUTION: CAO
Sheriff
Transportation Commission