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Mayor Sarah Presler and Flagstaff City Council

City Hall
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Honorable Mayor and City Council-

We would like to urge you to vote in favor of the proposed revisions to the Flagstaff City Code for Bicycles. These changes have been thoroughly reviewed by City Staff, the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Traffic Commission and met with these groups' approval. These changes are long overdue, as much of the current City Code for bicycles is at best unenforceable and confusing to law enforcement and the public.

With the increase in bicycle use that our community has enjoyed over the past several years, the need for clear and concise laws regarding bicycling is more important than ever. This year has seen an increase in bicycle-automobile accidents. The new code could be useful in helping to educate the public-at-large as to the appropriate use and placement of bicycles in traffic.

We understand that there has been concern from some on the Council about the need for regulations pertaining to electric bicycles. We agree that there will need to be clarification as to the definitions of electric bicycles as separate from motor vehicles and the appropriate use of these bicycles. We feel strongly that these considerations should be made in a separate process from the changes currently proposed to the City Code.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely-

s/Anthony Quintile
For the Board of Flagstaff Biking Organization