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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, May 5 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in regularly scheduled sessions at **1:00 P.M.** and **7:00 P.M.** The agenda for the meeting was published on Thursday:

<https://pub-raleighnc.escribemeetings.com/>

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to have pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, please send an e-mail to mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

INFORMATION:

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Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow-Up from the April 21 City Council Meeting

GoRaleigh Student Ridership (Mayor Cowell)

Staff Resource: David Walker, Transportation, 919-996-3942, david.walker@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, Council requested information on the percentage of ridership that is attributed to students riding within the GoRaleigh System. The following educational institutions have partnered with GoRaleigh to purchase passes for their students:

- Duke University
- North Carolina State University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Wake Technical Community College

Since reinstating fares in August of 2024, student ridership made up approximately 5.43% of GoRaleigh's ridership. GoRaleigh offers a free ride for children 12 years and under but must be accompanied by an adult. Youth ages 13-18 can qualify for a free Youth GoPass. These riders make up approximately 1.98% of GoRaleigh's ridership. More information on the program can be found at the following link:

<https://goraleigh.org/goraleigh-fares-passes?q=goraleigh-fares-passes-0>

(No attachments)

E-Bike Regulations (Council Member Patton)

Staff Resource: Chief Rico Boyce, Police, 996-3335, rico.boyce@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council referenced youth riding e-bikes on streets and greenways and requested that staff provide a report on the regulations and statutes on the difference between e-bikes, motorcycles and other motorized equipment. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum, a copy of SB 576 (CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION), as well as an educational flyer which describes the different types of e-bikes currently in the market.

(Attachments)

Human Service Agency Grant Recommendations (Council Member Harrison)

Staff Resource: Will Hartye, Housing and Community Development, 996-6944, william.hartye@raleighnc.gov; Katie Conyers, Budget and Management Services, 996-4276, kathryn.conyers@raleighnc.gov

During the April 21 Council meeting, staff received a request to provide the scoring for Human Service Agency grant applications in order to evaluate applicants that did not receive a grant recommendation. Complete applications that meet all eligibility criteria are reviewed and scored by the Human Relations Commission's Grants Committee. Reviewers score applications based on the following criteria: program impact, fiscal responsibility, and organizational capacity. Applicants must clearly explain their proposed program, submit a realistic budget, and demonstrate sufficient experience and financial stability to deliver services. The maximum score for an application is 56. Recommendations are then approved by the full Human Relations Commission before being presented to Council for adoption as part of the annual budget process.

In addition to the Human Relations Commission's review, organizations requesting \$25,000 or more are also subject to a review of their audited financial statements. The City's Finance Department completes this review, which includes audit opinion, liquidity, operating reserves, grant dependency, and additional analysis. The Housing and Community Development Department receives a copy of the Finance Department's report.

Included with the *Update* materials is a spreadsheet listing applicants' scores.

(Attachment)

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, May 1 – Thursday, May 7

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Permitted Special Events

[First Friday at The Times](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, May 1

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:30pm until 11:59pm.

[ThriveK](#)

Newton Road & E. Fork Mine Creek Trail

Saturday, May 2

Event Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed and the greenway will be used from 7:50am until 9:30am. Note that all cross-streets will be detoured during the event, and [view the 5K route map](#) for more details.

[Wilson's Wave 5K](#)

William Peace University & Route

Saturday, May 2

Event Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following route will be closed from 8:50am until 10:30am: Start on William Peace University Campus; Right onto Halifax Street; Right onto Haynes Street; Left onto Oak Chase Lane; Right onto Halifax Street; Right onto Cedar Street; Left onto Haynes Street; Right onto Harp Street; Left onto E. Franklin Street; Finish on William Peace University Campus. Note that all cross-streets will be detoured during the event.

[Rolling Together 2026](#)

Roberts Park Community Center

Saturday, May 2

Event Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Merrywood Drive between E. Martin Street and E. Davie Street will be closed from 8:00am until 2:00pm.

[NCDAC Fallen Heroes Memorial](#)

Morgan Street

Tuesday, May 5

Event Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Associated Road Closures: Morgan Street between Tryon Hill Drive and Mayo Street will be closed from 7:30am until 11:00am.

[CityVision 2026 Conference](#)

Raleigh Convention Center & Warehouse District

Tuesday, May 5 - Thursday, May 7

Event Time (for road closure only): 6:00pm - 8:00pm on 5-6-26

Associated Road Closures: W. Davie Street between S. Harrington Street and the 318 W. Davie Street parking lot, and Commerce Place between W. Davie Street and the 322 Commerce Place parking lot will be closed from 2:00pm until 10:00pm on 5-6-26.

Other Upcoming Events

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, May 1
Downtown Raleigh

[First Friday Market & Movie Night: *The Incredibles*](#)

Friday, May 1
Moore Square

[Green Road Family Sneaker Ball](#)

Friday, May 1
Green Road Community Center

[Bike Bonanza](#)

Friday, May 1
Harvey Hill at Dix Park

[First Friday Craft Night](#)

Friday, May 1
City of Raleigh Museum

[An Evening with October London & Lalah Hathaway](#)

Friday, May 1
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

[Woody Platt & The Bluegrass Gentlemen – PineCone](#)

Friday, May 1
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Jurassic Park in Concert – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3
Meymandi Concert Hall

[RPD Hiring Event](#)

Saturday, May 2
Raleigh Policy Academy

[Stream Monitoring Workshop](#)

Saturday, May 2
Sertoma Arts Center

[Divas! 2026](#)

Saturday, May 2
Raleigh Little Theatre

[Game 1: Flyers vs. Hurricanes](#)

Saturday, May 2
Lenovo Center

[Kathy Griffin](#)

Saturday, May 2
Fletcher Opera Theater

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[The Hobbit](#)

Saturday, May 2 – Sunday, May 10
Raleigh Little Theatre

[Shankar Ehsaan Loy: Dil Chahta hai](#)

Sunday, May 3
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

[Downtown Mobility Projects Open House](#)

Wednesday, May 6
Chavis Community Center

[Kids Bike Rodeo](#)

Wednesday, May 6
John Chavis Memorial Park

[REFUGE Film Screening & Panel](#)

Thursday, May 7
City of Raleigh Museum

Public Resources

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure & Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dix Park.

New Amplified Noise Ordinance Takes Effect January 2026

The City Council approved a [new amplified noise ordinance](#), which went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. Stadiums, arenas, and outdoor sports or entertainment venues, including amphitheaters, are exempt. Parades, outdoor events, races, festivals, and concerts that receive a permit from the Office of Special Events are also not subject to the ordinance.

Council Member Follow Up

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Rico Boyce, Chief of Police
From	Derek Ford, Deputy Chief of Police
Department	Police
Date	April 28 th , 2026
Subject	Council Response – E-Bike Enforcement

This memorandum is submitted in response to Councilmember Patton’s request for a report outlining the applicable regulations and statutes that distinguish e-bikes, motorcycles, and other motorized equipment, as well as the Raleigh Police Department’s enforcement efforts.

E-bikes have experienced significant growth in Raleigh and across the nation, creating regulatory and enforcement challenges due to rapidly evolving technology and the absence of clear statutory definitions. Current Raleigh City Code and North Carolina General Statutes address various vehicle categories, including bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles; however, the lack of a specific legal definition for e-bikes results in interpretive ambiguity. Pending state legislation seeks to clarify e-bike classifications and potentially expand local regulatory authority, though its final outcome remains uncertain.

At present, North Carolina law requires law enforcement officers to classify these devices within existing statutory categories. A primary determining factor is the presence of operable pedals. Devices without pedals are generally classified as mopeds or motorcycles, depending on speed and power output. Devices equipped with operable pedals may qualify as bicycles, motor-driven bicycles, or electric-assisted bicycles, subject to statutory limitations on motor power and speed. However, many commercially available e-bikes exceed these thresholds, further complicating consistent enforcement. Until such time as legislative changes are enacted, officers are required to apply current statutory definitions as written.

Under Raleigh City Code, non-motorized vehicles are permitted on greenways, including bicycles equipped with auxiliary motors of less than 750 watts, provided they are equipped with operable pedals, operate at speeds not exceeding 10 mph, and yield to pedestrians. Motorized vehicles, including mopeds and motorcycles, are prohibited on greenway systems. Accordingly, enforcement is dependent upon accurate classification of the device. If an e-bike does not meet the statutory definition of a bicycle, it is classified as a motorized vehicle and is not permitted on greenways. Additionally, mopeds operated on public roadways are subject to applicable state requirements, including age restrictions, registration, insurance, and helmet use.

The Raleigh Police Department addresses e-bike-related violations through a balanced approach that emphasizes education, enforcement, and guardian accountability, with a primary focus on voluntary compliance and public safety. The Department also employs proactive patrol strategies, including bike and greenway patrols, to enhance visibility, deter violations, and foster community engagement.

The Department has observed a steady increase in e-bike usage on both greenways and city streets, a trend expected to accelerate with improved weather conditions and the onset of summer break. Notably,

the majority of e-bikes and other motorized conveyances encountered by the Greenway Unit and Patrol Units this year involve juveniles between the ages of ten and fourteen. During these encounters, officers make contact with juveniles to provide education on applicable laws and advise that motorized vehicles are prohibited on greenways pursuant to Raleigh City Code Section 9-2011. Officers also notify parents or guardians of the interaction and strongly encourage them to ensure their children do not operate motorized conveyances on greenways or public streets.

Overall, the Raleigh Police Department's approach prioritizes education and voluntary compliance while maintaining the ability to take enforcement action when warranted by safety concerns or repeated violations. While current laws present interpretive challenges, pending Senate Bill 576 may provide needed clarity. In the interim, the Department will continue to monitor legislative developments and ensure officers are trained to properly identify and classify these devices under existing regulations. Lastly, the use of a targeted public service announcement could further enhance community awareness and improve voluntary compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 576

Short Title: E-Bike Definition and Local Regulation. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee and Lazzara (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE AND TO
3 AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-4.01(7a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(7a) Electric Assisted Bicycle. – A bicycle with two or three wheels that is
7 equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider, fully operable pedals for
8 human propulsion, and an electric motor of no more than 750 ~~watts, whose~~
9 ~~maximum speed on a level surface when powered solely by such a motor is~~
10 ~~no greater than 20 miles per hour.~~ watts that meets the requirements of one of
11 the following three classes:

- 12 a. Class 1 electric assisted bicycle. – A bicycle equipped with a motor
13 that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to
14 assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
15 b. Class 2 electric assisted bicycle. – A bicycle equipped with a motor
16 that may propel the bicycle without pedaling but ceases to assist once
17 the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
18 c. Class 3 electric assisted bicycle. – A bicycle equipped with a motor
19 that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to
20 assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour."

21 **SECTION 2.** Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
22 a new section to read:

23 **"§ 20-171.3. Electric bicycles.**

24 (a) Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 160A-300.2 and G.S. 153A-245.1, the operation
25 of an electric assisted bicycle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01 shall be permitted on all roadways,
26 bicycle lanes, and shared-use paths.

27 (b) A person operating or riding as a passenger on a Class 3 electric assisted bicycle shall
28 wear a helmet that meets federal safety standards."

29 **SECTION 3.(a)** Article 15 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by
30 adding a new section to read:

31 **"§ 160A-300.2. Electric bicycles.**

32 (a) A city may regulate the use of electric assisted bicycles on any street, road, or highway
33 within municipal limits. This authority shall include the following:

- 34 (1) Restricting the use of a class or classes of electric assisted bicycles on multiuse
35 paths, sidewalks, or trails.
36 (2) Establishing speed limits on greenways or shared-use paths.



1 (b) A city may require the use of a helmet by a person operating or riding as a passenger
2 on a Class 1 or Class 2 electric assisted bicycle.

3 (c) A city may impose penalties for violations of this section."

4 **SECTION 3.(b)** Article 12 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
5 adding a new section to read:

6 **"§ 153A-245.1. Regulation of electric bicycles.**

7 A county may regulate the use of an electric assisted bicycle in accordance with
8 G.S. 160A-300.2. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to restrict or repeal the authority of a
9 city to regulate the use of an electric assisted bicycle."

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation shall develop educational materials
11 on the proper use and safety considerations of electric assisted bicycles.

12 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all electric
13 assisted bicycle riders and passengers on or after that date.

With the increase in electric assisted bicycles sales in our area, it is important to understand state laws and city ordinances that apply to the use of these vehicles. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has classified permissible low speed electric bicycles as:

1. Low speed electric bicycles that have a maximum power output of 750 watts.
2. Low speed electric bicycles that have a maximum speed limit of 20 mph.
3. Low speed electric bicycles that are equipped with **operable pedals**.

What does operable pedals mean? Simple put, an electric assisted bicycle must be equipped with pedals and a working gear system that an operator can propel the electric assisted bicycle without its electric assistance.

Class 1 E-bikes

- These e-bikes are equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling.
- The motor assistance cuts off at a speed of 20 miles per hour.
- Class 1 e-bikes are allowed on most multi-use paths and trails where traditional bicycles are permitted.

Class 2 E-bikes

- Class 2 e-bikes are equipped with a motor that can provide assistance, even without pedaling, using a throttle.
- Like Class 1 e-bikes, their motor assistance also cuts off at a speed of 20 miles per hour .
- These e-bikes can also travel on most multi-use paths and trails where traditional bicycles are allowed.
- Depending on local regulations, they may require additional licensing or registration due to the presence of a throttle. *****Awaiting statewide legislation to inform city policy*****

Class 3 E-bikes

- Class 3 e-bikes have a motor that assists the rider only when pedaling, similar to Class 1 e-bikes.
- However, the motor assistance for Class 3 e-bikes can continue up to a speed of 28 miles per hour (45 kilometers per hour).
- Due to their higher speed capabilities, Class 3 e-bikes may have more stringent regulations regarding where they can be ridden. *****Awaiting statewide legislation to inform city policy*****
- They may not be permitted on certain bike paths or trails that are designated for slower-moving traffic. *****Awaiting statewide legislation to inform city policy*****
- Depending on local laws, they might require additional licensing or registration. *****Awaiting statewide legislation to inform city policy*****



Class I = up to 750 watt (models of 500 also)

Class 1 electric assisted bicycle. – A bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.



Class II = up to 750 watts without pedaling. (E-throttle)

Class 2 electric assisted bicycle. – A bicycle equipped with a motor that may propel the bicycle without pedaling but ceases to assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.



Class III = up to 750 watts when pedaling.

Class 3 electric assisted bicycle. – A bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour."

A top speed of **28 mph** in its highest pedal-assist mode. It also has lower speed settings, such as Class 1 (20 mph) and Class 3 (limited to 25 mph), and the ability to reach 20 mph via the throttle alone in some modes.

Human Services Grant Agencies	Avg Score	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Adopted	FY26-27 Requested	FY26-27 Recommended
Activate Good*	39.00	\$0	\$0	\$24,214	\$5,811
Active Adventure	29.00	\$0	\$3,750	\$2,000	\$0
Advance Community Health	46.00	\$0	\$46,550	\$74,200	\$42,500
Alliance Medical Ministry	43.00	\$15,000	\$18,750	\$25,000	\$15,000
Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina	47.00	\$0	\$18,000	\$22,500	\$19,125
Alliance of Disability Advocates*	41.50	\$0	\$0	\$65,000	\$30,000
Autism Society of North Carolina	44.00	\$0	\$19,051	\$50,000	\$30,000
Boys & Girls Clubs	49.00	\$13,200	\$18,750	\$25,000	\$21,250
Communities In Schools of Wake County	34.00	\$23,200	\$26,015	\$40,000	\$0
Community Partnerships	39.00	\$13,200	\$33,250	\$37,050	\$8,892
Darkness RISING Project	42.00	\$20,200	\$23,275	\$24,910	\$14,946
Designed For Joy*	44.00	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$14,400
Diaper Train*	46.00	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$42,500
Family Promise of Wake County	50.00	\$21,200	\$0	\$58,450	\$42,500
FIGS of Wake County	39.50	\$11,200	\$8,539	\$9,000	\$4,050
First Tee — Triangle	23.00	\$13,200	\$22,500	\$30,000	\$0
Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC*	44.50	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$30,000
Habitat for Humanity of Wake County	42.00	\$0	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
Haven House Inc.	40.75	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$24,000	\$10,800
Healing Transitions, Inc.	42.50	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$150,000	\$4,500
InterAct	50.00	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$278,543	\$4,500
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle	38.00	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$100,000	\$4,500
Learning Together	32.50	\$21,200	\$46,400	\$127,992	\$0
Loaves and Fishes	39.50	\$0	\$23,275	\$24,500	\$11,025
Made4Me*	33.00	\$0	\$0	\$16,200	\$0
Meals on Wheels of Wake County	45.00	\$26,200	\$0	\$75,000	\$30,000
NAMI Wake County*	45.50	\$0	\$0	\$24,999	\$21,249
North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance	41.50	\$11,200	\$11,890	\$50,000	\$22,500
Note in the Pocket	46.50	\$21,200	\$26,000	\$40,000	\$34,000
Oak City Cares*	43.00	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$24,000
Planned Parenthood South Atlantic	41.00	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$6,750
PLM Families Together	31.00	\$21,200	\$28,500	\$30,000	\$0
SAFEchild	46.00	\$13,200	\$0	\$25,000	\$21,250
Ship Outreach and Community Center*	31.00	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Southeast Raleigh Promise*	44.50	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$30,000
SouthLight Healthcare	49.50	\$23,824	\$46,025	\$75,000	\$42,500
StepUp Ministry	46.00	\$28,825	\$46,400	\$100,000	\$42,500
The Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education*	47.00	\$0	\$0	\$24,863	\$21,134

The Green Chair Project	46.50	\$13,200	\$0	\$50,000	\$42,500
The Hope Center at Pullen	51.50	\$48,200	\$41,000	\$60,000	\$43,068
The Salvation Army of Wake County	50.00	\$13,200	\$43,765	\$125,000	\$42,500
TLC	46.00	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$100,000	\$4,500
Triangle Family Services	41.00	\$31,824	\$0	\$24,000	\$10,800
Urban Ministries of Wake County	45.00	\$13,200	\$29,000	\$48,000	\$28,800
Women's Center of Wake County	44.00	\$38,200	\$46,400	\$75,000	\$30,000
YMCA of the Triangle	43.00	\$11,200	\$33,750	\$45,000	\$27,000
Major Audit Concerns**					
Fellowship Home of Raleigh	43.00	\$21,200	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Prevent Blindness NC	44.50	\$13,500	\$12,375	\$18,000	\$0
Raleigh Area Land Trust*	23.00	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Wake Smiles	41.00	\$0	\$12,500	\$50,000	\$0
SOAR Outreach	43.00	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Total				\$3,072,421	\$911,350

Human Services Agencies - Combined Funding Totals - Legacy	Avg Score	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Adopted
CASA	35.00	\$89,000	\$89,000
Healing Transitions, Inc.	42.50	\$100,000	\$100,000
InterAct	50.00	\$75,000	\$75,000
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle	38.00	\$100,000	\$100,000
Legal Aid of North Carolina	38.50	\$50,000	\$50,000
TLC	46.00	\$100,000	\$100,000
Wake Legal Support Center	47.50	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total		\$564,000	\$564,000

*Denotes new applicant.

**Major audit concerns are identified through a rigorous financial analysis and include issues such as going-concern audit opinions, liquidity and operating reserve concerns, undesignated cash reserves greater than the current year's expenses, concentration of risk concerns, or providing audited financial statements completed by an auditor not registered with the State of North Carolina. These applicants are not recommended for City grant funding.