CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 06/27/2019
Agenda Item: 6B4

ACTION: Introduce and hold the first public hearing to adopt an ordinance repealing Chapter 7, Bicycles and Light Motorized Vehicles from the Tempe City Code. Due to substantive changes made to Ordinance No. O2019.22 between the initial hearing held on June 6, 2019 and this hearing, a second and final public hearing has been scheduled for July 31, 2019. (Ordinance No. O2019.21) (Related to Item 6B5)

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the City.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This ordinance repeals Chapter 7, Bicycles and Light Motorized Vehicles from the Tempe City Code to eliminate repetition.

Over the last 12 months, new types of mobility devices have emerged. On January 10, 2019 City Council approved Resolution No. R2019.02 establishing a license for shared active transportation vehicles in the right-of-way. This was in response to the companies with bicycle, electric bicycle and scooter sharing technology.

During this time, a City Manager working group was formed to examine Tempe’s bicycle regulations and determine if any changes should be made to Tempe City Code to make the roads in Tempe safer for bicyclists. As the group formed and began to meet, the focus expanded to include a review of the ordinance language as it related to bicycles, e-bicycles, human powered vehicles, non-human powered vehicles, and electric personal assistive mobility devices. The working group was comprised of Tempe Councilmembers, Tempe staff and Arizona State University (ASU) representatives.

Most recently, the Arizona State Legislature passed SB1398 relating to miniature scooters and electric standup scooters. The Tempe Police Department and Engineering & Transportation Department reviewed and revised City Code to adapt to these new state laws and emerging devices.

It was determined during the evaluation of Chapter 7, Bicycles and Light Motorized Vehicles and Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, there was overlap in language and topics, therefore repealing Chapter 7 and combining certain section with Chapter 19 would simplify Tempe City Code.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance No. O2019.21

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