

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND BICYCLE VIOLATIONS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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INTRODUCTION



Short-Term Rental Ordinance

- The Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) does not allow short-term rentals within the City.
- The proposed new chapter is being added to the LMC to provide clarity and prevent any uncertainties in regard to the permissibility of short-term rentals.

Bicycle Violation Ordinance

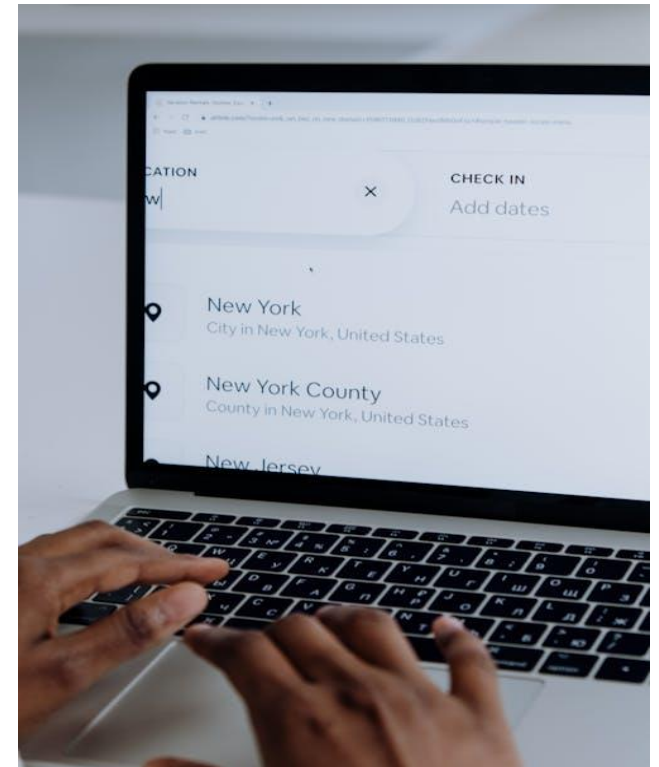
- Community members have encountered individuals and groups riding bicycles recklessly and causing traffic issues that could lead to accidents, injuries, and even death.
- The proposed new chapter will allow the Lathrop Police Department to impound bicycles that are being used recklessly in violation of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) in City streets and other public places.

PROPOSED NEW CHAPTER 5.10



Chapter 5.10 Short-Term Rental Prohibition

- Prohibit short-term vacation rentals to ensure the protection of public health, safety, general welfare, and reduce the costs associated with addressing service calls.
- Negative consequences associated with short-term vacation rentals include generating complaints about traffic, parking, noise, and refuse.
- Supports the traditional lodging industry where short-term occupancy is appropriate and allowed and promotes the safety and character of residential neighborhoods.



PROPOSED NEW CHAPTER 9.28



Chapter 9.28 Bicycles Used in Violations of the California Vehicle Code

- Serve as a deterrent and educational tool emphasizing the importance of respecting traffic regulations and the safety of all road users.
- Address the frequent recurrence of careless and unsafe bicycle riding in our community.
- Authorize the Lathrop Police Department to impound bicycles for 30 days that are used to violate the CVC.
- Ensure accountability and discourage repeat offenses.



RECOMMENDATION



City Council to Consider the Following:

- Hold a Public Hearing; and
- First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) to Regulate Short-Term Rentals and Bicycle Violations by Adding New Chapters to Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulations, and Title 9, Public Peace and Welfare.