



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. X.A.
1/27/2015

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilman Ryan, Ward 8

Ordinance on final hearing, relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic, amending Chapter 32 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2010, Section 32-479 Riding on roadways, bicycle routes, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths generally.

Councilman Ryan

Purpose To amend Article XIV. of Chapter 32, which will establish regulations for riding on roadways, bicycle routes, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths generally.

Background The proposed ordinance is the result of work by the Public Works Department with the support of the Municipal Counselor's Office in direct response to concerns expressed by Councilman Ryan for regulations to govern riding on roadways, bicycle routes, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths. At the regular meeting on November 4, 2014, the Oklahoma City Council approved referral of a draft ordinance amending Section 479 of Chapter 32 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2010, (Item X.A.) for review and recommendation by the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

In summary, the draft ordinance submitted at the request of Councilman Ryan, Ward 8, would prohibit any bicyclist from riding between lanes of traffic that are traveling in the same direction and require bicyclists to maintain a distance of no less than three feet between themselves and motor vehicles in operation.

A complete copy of Item X.A. from the City Council's November 4, 2014, agenda is included for reference.

At the regular meeting on November 17, 2014, the Oklahoma City Traffic and Transportation Commission voted in favor of forwarding a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed ordinance.

This ordinance was introduced on January 13, 2015, at which time amendments to Sec. 32-479 (d) and (e) were approved.

Review Public Works Department

Recommendation: Ordinance be adopted.

Attachment