

ATTACHMENT 3 – SUMMARY OF CALIFORNIA E-BIKE LAWS

California E-Bike Law Overview

Definition (CVC 312.5):

- Electric motor < 750 watts
- Fully operable pedals

Three Classes:

- **Class 1:** Pedal assist, max 20 mph
- **Class 2:** Throttle assist, max 20 mph
- **Class 3:** Pedal assist, max 28 mph

Key Laws:

- Class 3 riders must be **16+**
- Class 3 requires a **helmet (all ages)**
- All riders under 18 must wear helmets
- E-bikes are allowed where bicycles are allowed unless restricted locally

Enforcement Authority:

- Cities may regulate operation (CVC 21206)
- Cannot conflict with state definitions or age laws

New Law (2026):

- CVC 22651.08 allows **impound of illegal/unregistered electric vehicles**