

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
MERCED MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.44, "BICYCLES"

A public hearing will be held by the Merced City Council on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the City Council Chambers located at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, concerning proposed amendments to the Merced Municipal Code Section 10.44, "Bicycles", initiated by the Merced City Bicycle Advisory Commission. The Bicycle Advisory Commission has recommended the amendment of the Merced Municipal Code Section 10.44, "Bicycles," to modernize the bicycle registration process while continuing to preserve the Police Department's enforcement ability.

At the meeting, the City Council will also consider the introduction of the Ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44,  
'BICYCLES,' OF THE MERCED MUNICIPAL CODE"

If enacted, this ordinance would modify the Merced Municipal Code with a number of changes related to bicycling in the City of Merced. The proposal includes provisions to remove the \$2 bicycle license fee, the annual renewal of said license, the requirement that a bicycle be brought to the Police Station for licensing, and the requirement that a license sticker be displayed on all bicycles operating on public ways in the City of Merced. The proposal also includes a requirement that bicycles be registered on a national electronic registry and that some form of proof of this registration be kept with the cyclist to be presented upon request; this proof can be in digital or paper format. A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Merced, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, and on the City's website at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org).

On April 24, 2018, the Bicycle Advisory Commission considered this matter. After weighing all the issues and taking public testimony, the Bicycle Advisory Commission recommended, by a 5-0-2 (5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent) vote, that the ordinance be recommended to the City Council as proposed.

