

# COUNCIL AGENDA

## NEW BUSINESS

To: Members of City Council

Date: February 17, 2008

Council Date: February 19, 2009

RE: *Bicycles on Sidewalks*

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**Rationale:** Recently the Council changed our ordinances to allow “public utility bicycles.” In doing so, we eliminated the prohibition to bicycles riding on sidewalks. Instead, we added to Sec. 26-179. No person shall ride a bicycle over and upon any side walk “WITHIN THE CITY IN A MANNER WHICH IMPEDES PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.” Downtown sidewalks have the most foot traffic and the most bicycles. While allowing public utility bicycles is a good thing, allowing bicycles for generally use on our downtown sidewalks may well be dangerous.

**Requested Action:**

Refer to Public Service and Infrastructure committee for a review of bikes on side walks policy in an effort to weigh the relative rights and dangers of walkers, riders and diners on our down town sidewalks.

Karl Nurse  
City Council Member