

**CITY OF MERCED
Development Services**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Michael Hren, AICP, Principal Planner
DATE: April 24, 2018
SUBJECT: Proposed Update to Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44

BACKGROUND

At the Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) meeting of October 24, 2017, a subcommittee was created with the purpose of making recommendations to the BAC regarding updated language for Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44. At the BAC meeting of December 12, 2017, the subcommittee provided the BAC with a draft ordinance update. To resolve potential differences between the proposed revisions and the needs of the Merced Police Department, the subcommittee met with Lt. Struble of the Police Department on January 22, 2018. At the BAC meeting of February 27, 2018, the BAC gave staff direction to move forward with the proposed language for an update to the Merced Municipal Code.

DISCUSSION

The proposed revision to Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44 is provided as Attachment A. The current, adopted version of Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44 is provided for comparison purposes as Attachment B. The proposed language proposes removing the local registration system in favor of utilizing national electronic registries, while continuing to require proof of licensure to allow for the Police Department to continue to utilize registration as an enforcement tool. Specific language related to parking bicycles in such a way that they do not impede passage of pedestrians has also been added. The Draft Ordinance revising Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44 is provided as Attachment C.

ACTION

The BAC should make a formal recommendation of the proposed revisions and the Ordinance to the Merced City Council. A representative from the BAC should attend the City Council meeting at which the Ordinance will be reviewed to provide an explanation and details.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Proposed language to revise Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44
- B. Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44, current version.
- C. Draft Ordinance revising Merced Municipal Code Chapter 10.44