



## Item No. 5B. Town of Atherton

**TO:            PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**FROM:        STEVE TYLER – PARK SUPERINTENDENT**

**DATE:        MARCH 2, 2016**

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEM – BICYCLES IN THE PARK**

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC**

The Park and Recreation Committee to review suggested changes to municipal ordinance 12.24.085 and consider affirming changes to the Atherton City Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the February 3, 2016 Park and Recreation (P&R) meeting, it was suggested that an item be placed on the agenda to discuss bicycle usage at Holbrook Palmer Park. Staff was asked to supply the current Municipal and/or Park ordinances and other rules so committee could understand the usage and look forward to suggest possible changes.

At the March 2, 2016 P&R meeting, it was suggested that the current ordinance should be left as is with the addition of a second exclusion which would allow bicycle usage on the park path between the pedestrian bridge and the Felton Gables gate.

Other ideas such as widening of the path and additional signage were considered but felt unnecessary for this change.

Staff was tasked by the committee to accommodate such verbiage to the ordinance and bring back in April for review.

### **ANALYSIS**

- Current Verbiage: activity in Holbrook-Palmer Park:  
**12.24.085** Restrictions on use of walking paths.  
A. It is unlawful to ride any horse, and to use or operate any motorized vehicle, bicycle, scooter, roller blades, roller skates or skateboard on any designated walking path within Holbrook-Palmer Park, excluding mechanized wheelchairs.  
  
B. Violation of this section shall be an infraction and punishable as such pursuant to Section 1.20.050 of this Code. (Ord. 495 § 1, 1998)

- Suggested verbiage (highlighted):
  - A. It is unlawful to ride any horse, and to use or operate any motorized vehicle, bicycle, scooter, roller blades, roller skates or skateboard on any designated walking path within Holbrook-Palmer Park.
    - a. Exclusions:
      - Motorized wheelchairs
      - Bicycles restricted to the section of path between the pedestrian walking bridge and the Felton Gables gate.

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