



FAQ

1. When do the new rules take effect?

The new e-bike rules in Chula Vista begin on September 4, 2025.

2. Why are these rules changing?

The changes are designed to improve safety for riders, pedestrians, and drivers – especially near schools, parks, and high-traffic community areas.

3. What is California AB 2234?

A new pilot program under California’s AB 2234 gives local governments in San Diego County the power to restrict Class 1 and 2 e-bike use by children under 12. The pilot program will end on January 1, 2029.

4. What are “unusual conditions” that affect speed limits?

Certain locations may have special speed limit rules due to safety concerns, such as:

- Intersections near schools, fire stations, playgrounds, senior centers, or amusement parks.
- Areas with visibility obstructions or steep downhill grades greater than 6%.
- Streets where approach speeds exceed the posted speed limit.

5. Why can’t speed limits be posted lower than 25 mph everywhere?

Under California law, the unposted speed limit for residential streets is 25 mph and can be enforced as is. Lower speed limits (15–20 mph) can only be posted along narrow streets and near schools, parks, and senior centers.

6. How will the new e-bike rules be enforced?

The City is prioritizing education and warnings through December 2, 2025. Enforcement begins December 3, 2025, with the following penalties:

- A violation of Section 10.73.040(a) is considered an infraction and carries a \$25 fine. In some cases, this fine may be waived if the individual completes a [safety course](#).
- For all other violations:
 - First conviction: \$50 fine
 - Second conviction: \$100 fine
 - Subsequent convictions: Up to \$250 fines
- Three or more violations may result in a permanent ban from City-owned facilities.
- E-bikes and other electric micromobility vehicles may be seized and stored at the owner’s expense.
- If the rider is a minor, parents/guardians will be notified, and the vehicle may be impounded.

7. How do I report unsafe e-bike use?

Report incidents involving e-bikes, e-motorcycles, or other electric micromobility vehicles to the Chula Vista Police Department using this form: [Report an Incident](#)

8. How can parents help?

Talk with your child about these rules, ensure they have a properly fitted helmet, and encourage them to attend a safety class before riding.