



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission**

Local Ordinances Regulating Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks

California law provides the rights and responsibilities of vehicle drivers to bicyclists, except in situations where those responsibilities can have no application (CVC 21200), such as riding in a shoulder, sidewalk, or crosswalk (21650).

California law also allows local jurisdictions to choose to pass laws restricting the use of bicycles on sidewalks.

	Code	Text	Link to Website
City of Capitola	10.44	A. No e-bikes or e-scooters on sidewalks B. No bikes on sidewalks in the village area C. No bikes on sidewalks outside the village area except children under 10	https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Capitola/#!/Capitola10/Capitola1044.html#10.44
City of Santa Cruz	10.68.030	No person shall ride a bicycle or electric bicycle upon sidewalks fronting and adjacent to commercial establishments, stores, or buildings used for business or commercial purposes. Every person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a sidewalk where permitted shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrians on such sidewalk.	http://nt2.scbbs.com/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=397985229&infobase=procode-1&softpage=Browse_Frame_Pg
County of Santa Cruz	9.54	No person shall operate an electric bicycle on any sidewalk on unincorporated county streets, unless that sidewalk is a bikeway, or unless either: -no pedestrians are present and there is no bikeway along the route -the sidewalk is authorized for ebike usage and is posted by signage	https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/SantaCruzCounty/html/SantaCruzCounty09/SantaCruzCounty0954.html
City of Scotts Valley	No prohibition		http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=13736&sid=5
City of Watsonville	4-1.02 Bicycles prohibited on sidewalks.	It shall be unlawful to ride a <i>bicycle</i> upon any sidewalk. The rider of a <i>bicycle</i> upon a public street shall ride as nearly as practicable within five (5') feet of the right-hand curb or edge of the street, except when passing a standing or other vehicle or making a left-hand turn at an intersection.	http://www.ordlink.com/codes/watsonville/

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