

**Amber Noworatzky**

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**From:** Nick Reimer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 3:16 PM  
**To:** 'Brian Kohlmeier'; John Brunner; Bill Schlei; Amber Noworatzky  
**Cc:** Lee Kummer; Kevin Crawford; Judy Corrado; Judy Goodchild; Mike Cavanaugh; Theresa Kronforst; Sue Elliott; BUCKLEY, GREG; Mike Mathis; Benjamin Meinnert  
**Subject:** RE: External: Re: Motorized bikes on Mariners Trail

Hello,

Although Two Rivers is logistically set up better to enforce this (based on the number and location of waysides), it makes sense to have Manitowoc and Two Rivers be consistent (rules and ordinance) on a path that runs through both cities.

Nick

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Good Morning John,

Thank you for reaching out; we have also received complaints about general speed on the trails. Some of what we are hearing involves both e-bikes and what some might call your "professional" riders. We share your concerns and have already taken some steps to address some of the issues. Earlier this year, the City of Two Rivers made sweeping changes to our long-standing bike ordinance. Among other things, this new ordinance incorporates regulations for trails within the City of Two Rivers and imposes a 15 mph restriction for any bicyclists. It also prohibits class III e-bikes which have higher top speed capabilities and also prohibits motorized (gas powered) bikes which we have also seen an uptick of. We took this action in response to complaints and to provide enforcement authority. While the trail did have signs stating various regulations and restrictions, most of which were not enforceable without the laws to back them up.

I have also been in close contact with the City Manager who has been speaking with a representative from the Friends of Mariners Trail about improving signage on the trail, and I know that Mike, our Parks & Rec. Director, was also at the last Friends meeting and addressed the topic as well. We do plan to increase enforcement in tandem with sign improvements.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss anything further. Thank you, Brian

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On Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 7:10 AM John Brunner <[john@thefitnessstore.com](mailto:john@thefitnessstore.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Chief Reimer and Chief Kohlmeier,

The Friends of Mariners Trail has received an uptick in complaints involving fast moving electric-assist bikes on Mariners Trail. Most of these complaints have come from gardeners who are working in close proximity to the trail surface.

The Friends group has taken the position of allowing "electric-assist" bikes on the trail, but enforcing the 15mph posted trail speed limit. We believe it would be difficult to enforce an all-out ban of these types of bikes, but that if riders are encouraged to maintain a reasonable speed, dangerous situations could be avoided. We also believe that with the recent popularity of e-Bikes, we would be alienating a great many trail users by restricting them.

We still support prohibiting gas-motorized bikes on the trail.

We would respectfully like to request an increase in speed limit (15 mph) enforcement on the trail. If there is a need to seek council approval to establish a trail speed limit ordinance, I would be happy to work with you on getting this accomplished as well.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

John

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