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SUNNYVALE APPROVES BICYCLIST ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE

Sunnyvale, Calif. — Beginning August 17, bicyclists in Sunnyvale will have extra protection on the road. The Sunnyvale City Council passed the [Bicycle Anti-Harassment Ordinance \(2972-12\)](#) after the required second reading during the July 17 Council Meeting.

The ordinance, which creates a right of civil action for cyclists who are harassed by force or distraction while riding in the City, empowers cyclists to seek treble damages and attorney's fees in civil court in addition to standard criminal and civil protections.

The latest in a line of actions the City has taken to promote bicycling, this ordinance underscores the City's commitment to bicycle safety. Other recent actions include the adoption of a strong policy supporting complete streets, expansion of the City's bicycle network by more than 70 miles, initiation of four Safe Routes to School projects to promote biking and walking by students and completion of two bicycle bridges that eliminated freeways as barriers to bicycle travel. As a result of actions like these, Sunnyvale is designated a *Bicycle Friendly Community* by the League of American Bicyclists through 2016.

For more information about bicycle safety initiatives, visit the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) page at *Biking.inSunnyvale.com*. To apply to be a BPAC member, visit *BoardsandCommissions.inSunnyvale.com*.

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