



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: John Betten, Chief of Police
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: March 7, 2005
Subject: Rescind Ordinance 98.08 Vehicle on Sidewalks

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Safety

Background: The current Ordinance prohibits the operation of bicycles on the sidewalk. State law allows bicycles on the sidewalk so long as they yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal prior to overtaking and passing pedestrians. Many cyclists, particularly children, use the sidewalk as a safer alternative to riding on the street. The Illinois Vehicle is adopted in its entirety by section 70.02 of the Code of Ordinance and 625 ILCS 5/11-1512 *Bicycles on Sidewalks* should be allowed to stand as the more reasonable governance of bicycle traffic.

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact: None

Staff recommendation: Approval