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Bikers limited to 10 mph in city parks

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The Ames City Council initially discussed a micromobility ordinance in March to regulate use and a potential

The Parks and Recreation Commission sought public input and discovered most residents were worried about a speed limit and safety on city trails and paths within the park system.

The new speed limit is for manual and e-bicycles only.

The parks and recreation department informed the Ames City Council of the new park speed limit during Tuesday's regular meeting, Nov. 18.

The council was also presented with proposed updates to the Ames municipi-

How will the new Ames park speed limit be enforced?

What personal transportation devices are allowed under Ames code?

The Ames Municipal Code has a chapter for bicycles, tricycles or unicycles, but it does not specifically address electric-assisted bicycles, tricycles, unicycles or other power-assisted devices. The code states that all traffic laws apply to bicycles on the roadway and maximum speed must be “reasonable and

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ANALYSIS



President Donald Trump is battling lower approval ratings with the Jeffrey Epstein documents and affordability being the issues at the forefront. EVELYN HOCKSTEIN/REUTERS

Group seeks funds to back Summit pipeline case

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The Iowa State Association of Counties is seeking financial assistance from counties for a friend-of-the-court brief in support of Story and Shelby counties' request for U.S. Supreme Court review of a case against Summit Carbon Solutions.

The association said, in a letter addressed to county boards of supervisors, the case before the court "highlights the importance of local control" and "has the potential to impact all counties nationwide."

Iowa State Association of Counties is a nonprofit organization with elected and appointed officials from all 99 counties, with a mission to promote effective and efficient local government.

Leadership with the county association were unable to share up-to-date figures Tuesday, Nov. 18 as to how many counties have pledged financial support on the amicus brief.

Second term at crossroads

Iowa counties seek \$25K for Supreme Court amicus brief

According to the letter, dated Oct. 20, 2025, it will cost the association \$25,000 to submit the amicus brief to the court, which is why it is soliciting suggested donations of \$500 from counties to help “cover the cost.”

The association submitted the brief, according to the docket, Nov. 6.

The letter said the brief would be submitted on behalf of the association’s membership and would stress the importance of local control. The letter explained to supervisors that a brief can help the court to “better understand” different arguments and the importance of a case. The briefs can also help in “improving a case’s chance” of being taken up by the Supreme Court.

Story and Shelby counties were each sued by Summit Carbon Solutions — a company that seeks to build a carbon sequestration pipeline across Iowa and several other surrounding states — over local ordinances the counties enacted.

The ordinances included setbacks from structures and local permitting requirements to which Summit would

Affordability woes, Epstein saga affect approval ratings

Francesca Chambers and Joey Garrison
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – The Epstein saga was dragging him down.

President Donald Trump wanted to talk about the economy and what he was doing to lower prices for Americans after his party was walloped in off-year elections that were defined by higher prices. Instead, he was staring down a revolt from inside his party over the release of the Jeffrey Epstein files.

Realizing that he was on the losing side of a looming House vote to compel the Justice Department to release the records it had been holding back, Trump switched sides and told Republican lawmakers to vote with Democrats.

“All I want is I want for people to recognize the great job that I’ve done on pricing, on affordability,” Trump said Nov. 18 in the Oval Office, a few hours before a bill forcing the release of the Epstein files passed the House by an overwhelming 427-1 margin and then later won unanimous approval in the Senate.

“We’ve done a great job, and I hate to see that deflect from the great job we’ve done.”

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A man holds a sign calling for the release of the Jeffrey Epstein files during a news conference on Nov. 18. A bill forcing the release of the files passed the House by 427-1 margin and then later won unanimous approval in the Senate.

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Why Iowa's GOP Congress members voted to release Epstein files. **5A**

