



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Village Board Workshop Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026
6:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

Meeting Procedures Statement

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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call**
- D. Audience Participation**

- 1) Open:

Members of the public are welcome to speak to any item not specifically listed on tonight's agenda for up to (3) three minutes. For those items which are on tonight's agenda, the public will have the opportunity to comment when the item is discussed. Please complete the Audience Participation form and turn it in to the Village Clerk. It is requested that one spokesperson for a group be appointed to provide comment for the entire group. When recognized, please step to the microphone and state your name and provide your comment. Individuals wishing to address the Board shall exercise proper decorum and respect for the proceedings and the business of the Village Board, and shall refrain from abusive demeanor and language. The practice of ceding time to other speakers shall be prohibited, except in the discretion of the presiding officer of the meeting. Public officials are not obligated to respond to questions.

- E. Presentation**
 - 1) Discussion of Electric Mobility E-Bike/E-Scooter Device Regulations
- F. Adjourn**



Glen Ellyn Village Board
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting 1/12/2026 6:00 PM
Department: Police
Department Head: Phil Norton
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Phil Norton

**AGENDA ITEM (ID
2025-1060)**

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Discussion of Electric Mobility E-Bike/E-Scooter Device Regulations

Statement of the Issue:

The Board will discuss possible amendments to the Village Code regarding electric mobility devices.

Analysis:

In December 2024, the Board began discussions concerning the issue of electric mobility devices, commonly referred to as e-bikes and e-scooters. After four public Board discussions, an ordinance was drafted and ultimately adopted by the Board on April 28, 2025. As the Police Department began an education program working with schools utilizing social media platforms, written materials, signage and minimal enforcement levels, electric mobility devices garnered more attention. The Village heard concerns from business owners, school personnel, and residents regarding poor driver behavior, accidents and many near-accidents where people had become quite alarmed. Police Officers issued over 300 verbal warnings before transitioning to written warnings, of which 45 were issued.

In anticipation of additional discussion with the Village Board, the Police Department initiated a meeting with stakeholders, including the Downtown Alliance, the Glen Ellyn Public Library, the Glen Ellyn Park District, School Districts 41, 87 and 89 and Administrative representatives from the Village. This meeting occurred on December 9, 2025 in the Police Department Community Room. The discussion covered the growing number of complaints concerning poor driver behavior, safety of pedestrians, alteration of the electronics of such devices to change manufacturer settings which allow for higher speeds, and destruction of grassy areas where make-shift trails were forming. As part of the discussion, there was acknowledgment of the benefits of such mobility devices, such as reduction in electronic screen time, outdoor exercise and mobility assistance, particularly for older riders.

The group discussed and reached clear consensus on a number of issues to be considered in a modification of the Village's existing ordinance. These include:

- Making e-bikes illegal for riders under 16 years of age. This would assume greater decision-making, some exposure to the rules of the road and potentially, driver's education.

- A comprehensive ban of electric mobility devices on all sidewalks, rather than just in the Central Business District. A comment was made that this idea works well with the age restriction, as it would not allow or cause younger children to ride in the streets.
- Increased penalties for modifications of devices, which would alter the manufacturers setting regarding speed limits.
- An incremental increase in fines for continued non-compliance. In the event the initial fines do not gain cooperation, a tiered fine system could be adopted to encourage compliance.
- Exploration of creating a potential helmet mandate.

The group also discussed that some components of the existing ordinance should be emphasized, such as:

- No tandem riding.
- Consequences of distracted driving.

The group discussed collaboration between the schools and the Police Department to enforce modifications to the ordinance. It was also desired by the group to have a final, revised ordinance before spring 2026, to allow time for educational efforts both at the schools and Village-wide. Finally, the following issues were considered but not recommended for adoption by the group for a variety of reasons:

- Rules of the road training for persons under 16 years of age.
- Scooter licensing/registration and/or training. This is not recommended because licensing would create additional work for little to no gain and expose the Village to liability issues.
- Complete prohibition of all electric mobility devices. This is not recommended due to the recognition of significant investment by residents in electric mobility devices and their popularity for transportation and recreational needs.
- School parking permits.

Based on this feedback and ongoing internal discussion and debate, an ordinance was drafted. The draft ordinance contains the following amendments:

1. The definition of a bicycle is updated to correspond to the recently updated State Statute definition per Section 9-8-1.
2. The Police Department may remove unattended bicycles from the Central Business District if left for 72 hours or more per Section 9-8-3(J).
3. A person must be 16 years of age or older and have a driver's license to operate a class 3 low-speed bicycle per Section 9-8-3(M).
4. Low-speed electric bicycles would be prohibited on all sidewalks within the Village per Section 9-8-4(A).
5. Electric bicycles cannot be modified to increase their speed from a previously assembled or manufactured bicycle per Section 9-8-5(C).

6. A first offense is subject to a \$50 fine, a second offense if subject to a \$100 fine and a third or subsequent offense if subject to a \$500 fine per Section 9-808.

Staff looks forward to the ongoing discussion and obtaining direction from the Village Board with respect to maintaining the status quo or amending the ordinance as directed by the Village Board.

Budget Impact:

Not applicable

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Consideration of further developments regarding modification to existing ordinance by Board.

Attachments:

1. Mobility Devices Ordinance - Draft



Village Of Glen Ellyn

Ordinance No. 7186-VC

**An Ordinance Amending Title 9 (“Traffic”),
Chapter 8 (“Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles,
and Personal Mobility Devices”) of the Glen Ellyn Village Code**

**Adopted by the
Village President and the Board of Trustees
of the Village of Glen Ellyn
DuPage County, Illinois**

This ____ Day of _____, 2026

Published in pamphlet form by the authority of the
Village President and Board of Trustees
of the Village of Glen Ellyn, DuPage County,
Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Ordinance No. 7186-VC

**An Ordinance Amending Title 9 (“Traffic”), Chapter
Chapter 8 (“Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles,
and Personal Mobility Devices”) of the Glen Ellyn Village Code**

WHEREAS, the Village of Glen Ellyn (“Village”) is a home rule unit of government as provided by the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit of government, the Village is expressly empowered to perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-80-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-80-2, grants to Village the power to regulate the use of streets or other municipal property; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1518(a) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1518(a), empowers the Village to authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters within the Village on any or all highways, sidewalks, trails or other public right-of-way where the operation of bicycles is permitted; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Ordinance to amend the Village’s current regulations originally adopted on April 28, 2025 per Ordinance Number 7186-VC regarding the operation of low-speed electric scooters and electric bicycles within the corporate limits of the Village as authorized by Section 11-1518(a) of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN, DUPAGE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as though fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Title 9 (“Traffic of the Glen Ellyn Village Code is amended to add a new Chapter 8 (“Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles, and Personal Mobility Devices”) as follows:

Chapter 8 - BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES

9-8-1. – Definitions.

Bicycle: ~~Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels except scooters and similar devices.~~ Every human-powered device and every low-speed electric bicycle, as defined in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1-140.10, as amended, with 2 or more wheels not less than 12 inches in diameter, operable pedals, and designated seats for the transportation of one or more persons as set forth in Section 1-106 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1-106, as amended.

Low-speed electric bicycle: A bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and that meets the requirements of one of the three (3) classifications set forth in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1-140.10, as amended.

Multi-use path: A paved or gravel pathway for bicycles and pedestrians either paralleling a roadway and located within the right-of-way of said roadway or located within a public easement or right-of-way other than that of a roadway and designated by signage.

Personal mobility device: An electric-powered or electric-assisted device designed to transport only one person with an electric propulsion system of less than 750 watts and that limits the maximum speed of the device to ten (10) miles per hour or less, including a low-speed electric scooter as defined in Section 1-140.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1-140.11, as amended, and a motorized or motor-assisted skateboard, or any other similar devices. The following shall be exempt from this definition: (1) personal assistance mobility devices as defined below; (2) personal mobility devices used by the United States Postal Services to deliver United States mail; and (3) personal mobility devices used by governmental entities for public safety purposes or by a Village employee in the performance of the employee’s official duties.

Personal assistance mobility device: Manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, and electric scooters and manually powered mobility aids such as a walkers, crutches, cane, braces, and other similar devices used by a person ~~with~~ due to a disability.

9-8-2. – Obedience to traffic-control devices.

Any person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device shall obey official traffic signals, signs, and other traffic control devices applicable to vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Wherever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except when such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

9-8-3. – Operation of bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, and personal mobility devices.

(A) *Riding on bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, and personal mobility devices:* A person operating a bicycle or low-speed electric bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor carry any other person or persons upon such bicycle or low-speed electric bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat designed and intended for such purpose. No bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device shall be used to carry more than one (1) person unless specifically designed and equipped for more than one (1) person. A bicycle rider eighteen (18) years of age or older may carry a child securely attached to their person in a backpack, sling, bike trailer, child seat, or other similar device.

(B) *Speed:* No person shall operate a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the then existing conditions. A person may not operate a personal mobility device on a highway with a posted speed limit thirty-five (35) miles per hour or greater outside a crosswalk.

(C) *Riding on right:* Every person operating a bicycle or low-speed electric bicycle upon a public street or roadway shall ride as near to the right side thereof as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(D) *Emerging from alley or driveway:* The operator of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device emerging from an alley, driveway, parking area, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians and other persons operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, personal mobility device, or personal assistance mobility device ~~approaching on said sidewalk area~~ and upon entering the public street or roadway, shall yield the right of way to all vehicles and other persons operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, personal mobility device, or personal assistance mobility device approaching on said street or roadway.

(E) *Emerging from multi-use paths:* Any person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device upon a multi-use path shall yield the right of way to all vehicles, pedestrians, and other persons operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, personal mobility device or personal assistance mobility device prior to riding into a sidewalk area extending across

any intersecting roadway or a roadway if there is no sidewalk area, as applicable.

(F) *Clinging to vehicles*: No person riding upon any bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device shall attach said bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device, or themselves, by clinging or otherwise, to any other vehicle.

(G) *Riding in a group*: Persons operating bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, or personal mobility devices shall ride in single file.

(H) *Carrying articles*: The use of handheld cell phones, or similar devices, while operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bike, and/or personal mobility device is prohibited. The operator of a bicycle, low-speed electric bike, and/or personal mobility device with handlebars shall always keep both hands on the handlebars.

(I) *Parking*: No person shall park a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device upon a public street, roadway, or sidewalk except as follows:

1. On a sidewalk in a rack designed and installed for that purpose.
2. On a sidewalk adjacent to a building with the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device resting on its own standard, provided no part of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device shall be more than two and one-half feet (2 1/2') from the adjacent building.

(J) *Parking in Central Business District*: Bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, and personal mobility devices in the Central Business District may be parked only in bicycle racks provided by the Village whenever possible. Any person who is in violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25). Any bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, and personal mobility device left unattended in the Central Business District for seventy-two (72) hours or longer is subject to removal by the Village.

(K) *Other vehicles prohibited*: Electric bicycles other than low-speed electric bicycles, or devices that do not meet the definition of personal mobility devices as defined in Section 9-8-1 above due to being equipped with a motor of 750 watts or more, or capable of a maximum speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour, shall not be permitted to be operated on any public right-of-way or on any other public property within the Village.

(L) *Low-speed electric scooters prohibited on State highways*: A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter on any State public highway in the Village as set forth in Section 11-1518(k) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1518(k), as amended.

(M) *Low-speed electric scooters age restriction*: A person under the age of ~~eighteen (18)~~ sixteen (16) may not operate a low-speed electric scooter. A person must have a valid State of Illinois driver's license to operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle.

(N) *Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle age restriction:* A person who is under the age of sixteen (16) may not operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle as set forth in Section 11-1517(h) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1517(h), as amended. A person must have a valid State of Illinois driver's license to operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle.

9-8-4. – Location restrictions.

(A) *Bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, and personal mobility devices:* ~~Bicycles, low-speed~~ Low-speed electric bicycles, and personal mobility devices may be operated on any street ~~or sidewalk~~ in the Village ~~except and shall not be operated~~ on sidewalks in the ~~Central Business District Village.~~ Bicycles other than low-speed electric bicycles may be operated on any street or sidewalk in the Village except on sidewalks in the Central Business District.

(B) *Duty to yield:* Whenever a person rides a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian or person operating a personal assistance mobility device and shall give an appropriate signal clearly audible to such pedestrian or operator of a personal assistance mobility device.

(C) *Special events:* The provisions of this Chapter shall not be applicable to special events approved by the Village pursuant to this Code involving the use of bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, or personal mobility devices.

(D) *Village immunity:* Any person who rides or operates a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or personal mobility device on a sidewalk in the Central Business District in violation of this section shall not be an intended and permitted user of such sidewalk pursuant to Section 3-102(a) of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, 745 ILCS 10/3-102(a), as amended.

9-8-5. – Equipment.

(A) *Lamps and reflectors:* Every bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, and personal mobility device operated at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet (500') to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet (50') to three hundred feet (300') to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from five hundred feet (500') to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(B) *Brakes:* Every bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, and personal mobility device shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement.

(C) *Modification of equipment:* No person shall add, subtract or modify a previously assembled or manufactured low-speed electric bicycle or personal mobility device to increase the speed limit

at which they may travel.

9-8-6. – Duty of parent or guardian.

It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to permit any minor child seventeen (17) years of age or younger of which they are a parent or guardian to violate any provisions of this chapter.

9-8-7. – Penalty.

Any person who violates a provision of this Chapter shall be ~~punished by~~ subject to a fine of not less than ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)~~ nor more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense and \$500.00 for the third offense except as provided elsewhere in this chapter. Any offense after the third offense shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$750.00. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section 4. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

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Passed by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois
this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Voting	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Desai Bhagwakar				
Christiansen				
Duncan				
Kalinich				
Simon				
Thompson				
Burket (in case of a tie)				

Approved by the Village President of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois this ____ day of
_____, 2026.

James Burket, Village President

ATTEST

Caren Cosby, Village Clerk