Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Village Board Workshop Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Gallilgan 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 Electronic Mobility E-Bike/E-Scooter Device Regulations

F. Adjourn

Civility Pledge - In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are striving to support and improve our community, and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective.

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

Meeting 1/26/2026 6:00 PM
Department: Police
Department Head: Phil Norton, Paul Stephanides
Category: Amendment
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2026-76)

DOC ID: 2026-76

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

Statement of the Issue:
The use of electronic mobility devices has seen a marked increase in recent years. This increased use coupled with a proliferation of such devices has caused residents to complain about various aspects of their use. After an initial ordinance was adopted by the Village Board, the community noticed increased use, modification of devices to increase speed and some disregard for safety. The draft ordinance seeks to address those issues.

Attached to this item are the following materials: (1) the Northwest Municipal Conference's e-bike survey; (2) the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference e-bike survey; (3) the state statute, 625 ILCS 5/11-1517(g), that prohibits low-speed electric bicycles from being operated on a sidewalk, which was discussed by the Board at the last workshop on January 12, 2026; and (4) a memo from Police Chief Norton.

Analysis:

Budget Impact:
N/A

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:
Consider adoption of the draft ordinance at a regular meeting in the future.

Attachments:
1. Mobility Devices Ordinance - Updated Draft
2. Northwest Municipal Conference E-bike survey
3. DMMC E-Bike and E-Scooter Survey - 12.4.2025
4. 625 ILCS 5/11-1517
5. Police Chief Memo Dated January 21, 2026

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.

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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:

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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 or 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 themself, 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) 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.

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(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

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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)~~ sixteen (16) 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

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Municipality	1. Does your community currently have an ordinance or policy regarding e-bikes and/or e-scooters?	2. If no, are you planning to develop one? Why or why not?	3. If yes, please provide a link to the ordinance and help summarize your ordinance by answering the questions below.	4. What were the key factors that influenced the ordinance in your community? (e.g., safety concerns, speed limits, roadway classifications, zoning, etc.)	5. What is the maximum speed limit allowed for e-bikes and/or e-scooters in your community?	6. Are certain classifications written into your community ordinances? (Class 1-3)	7. What specific restrictions do you enforce? (e.g., helmet requirements, sidewalk bans, designated zones)	8. Does your ordinance include any insurance requirements for riders or operators?	9. Is there an age restriction for e-bike or e-scooter use? If so, what is it and what prompted that decision?	10. What penalties or enforcement measures are included for ordinance violations?	11. Are e-bikes and/or e-scooters allowed to operate at night? If yes, are there specific requirements (e.g., lights, reflective gear)?	12. What recommendations would you offer to other municipalities considering their own e-bike/scooter ordinances?
Arlington Heights	Not yet. Presenting to the COW on 8/11 for consideration.	Yes. A work in progress.	Not yet adopted.	General public safety concerns. 911 complaints are trending in the wrong direction.	Following the class 1, 2 and 3 regulation, 28mph.	No. All forms of conveyance are described as micromobility vehicle/device, toy device or medical mobility device.	Must wear a helmet. No e-bike, scooter or toy device in a designated Village sponsored Special Event zone. No riding on sidewalks.	No.	All riders must be16yoa. No DL required.	1st offense = $75, 2nd offense = $150, 3rd or Reckless Operation = $250.	Yes. Must follow IVC regulations for lighting.	There is limited regulation within the IVC. Legislation is not keeping pace with the growing industry. A lot is unregulated, especially when it comes to OCEVs and e-moto devices. Local regulations are needed to address the booming use of these devices. Specifically, who they can ride and where they can be safely operated.
Barrington PD	No.	Gathering information now.										
Buffalo Grove	No.	Not at this time.										
Deerfield PD	Yes.		https://www.deerfield.il.us/962/Motor-Driven-Vehicle-Regulations	Safety concerns of young riders being reckless. Several issues with sidewalk riding and some street riding.	E-bikes are per Illinois Vehicle Code - must obey posted speed limits.	No.	No sidewalks, helmets, must follow regulations set forth in 625 ILCS 11-1501 through 11-1518, must have a valid drivers license.	No.	Yes - must have a valid drivers license unless with an adult.	$100.00 there is also a parental responsibility clause where parents can also be issued ticket.	They must have proper lighting and safety equipment.	
Glenview	Yes.		See attached.	Safety concerns.	No speed limit allowed.	See copy of ordinance provided.	No person shall operate a motor driven scooter upon any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, park or on any other public property. (Ord. No. 4725, § 1(11-15-2), 12-6-2004)	N/A.	Sec. 90-579. Penalties. Any person 18 years of age or older who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of not less than $100.00 nor more than $750.00 for each offense. An offense committed by a minor under the direct control or with the consent of a parent or guardian may subject the parent or guardian to the penalties provided in this section. (Ord. No. 4725, § 1(11-15-4), 12-6-2004)	Sec. 90-579. Penalties. Any person 18 years of age or older who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of not less than $100.00 nor more than $750.00 for each offense. An offense committed by a minor under the direct control or with the consent of a parent or guardian may subject the parent or guardian to the penalties provided in this section. (Ord. No. 4725, § 1(11-15-4), 12-6-2004)	Not at any time.	
Grayslake	No.	Yes, Village of Grayslake is currently studying different actions to take, and has not determined a final plan.		N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
Highland Park PD	Yes.		See attached.	Safety concerns.	N/A.	Yes.	License requirements, helmet required, sidewalk ban, private property ban with agreement with the City, no modifications, one rider only, IVC requirements (lights, reflectors, brakes).	No.	16	Citations, written and verbal warnings fines range from $100-$500.	Yes, with lights and taillights/reflectors.	Do not restrict use on paths or trails specifically used for bicycle traffic. This created some controversy during our process that is still on going. We are proposing to remove that restriction currently.
Hoffman Estates	No. We have a motor bike ordinance that does not cover the language of E-bikes for E-scooters.	Yes- public demand.	Not yet ready.	Safety concerns.	DNA.	DNA.	DNA.	DNA.	DNA.	DNA.	DNA.	
Lake Forest	Yes. E-Bikes and E-Scooters are required to be walked in the central business district.			Our current ordinance only effects the central business district.			State law.	No.	State Law.			

Municipality	1. Does your community currently have an ordinance or policy regarding e-bikes and/or e-scooters?	2. If no, are you planning to develop one? Why or why not?	3. If yes, please provide a link to the ordinance and help summarize your ordinance by answering the questions below.	4. What were the key factors that influenced the ordinance in your community? (e.g., safety concerns, speed limits, roadway classifications, zoning, etc.)	5. What is the maximum speed limit allowed for e-bikes and/or e-scooters in your community?	6. Are certain classifications written into your community ordinances? (Class 1-3)	7. What specific restrictions do you enforce? (e.g., helmet requirements, sidewalk bans, designated zones)	8. Does your ordinance include any insurance requirements for riders or operators?	9. Is there an age restriction for e-bike or e-scooter use? If so, what is it and what prompted that decision?	10. What penalties or enforcement measures are included for ordinance violations?	11. Are e-bikes and/or e-scooters allowed to operate at night? If yes, are there specific requirements (e.g., lights, reflective gear)?	12. What recommendations would you offer to other municipalities considering their own e-bike/scooter ordinances?
Lake Zurich	Yes. Ordinance on e-scooter. None on e-bikes.		No motorized skateboards/scooters are allowed in the Village except on private property.	Safety concerns.	Follow the state law for e-bikes. E-scooters are prohibited on roadways.	Follow the state law for e-bikes. E-scooters are prohibited on roadways.	Follow the state law for e-bikes. E-scooters are prohibited on roadways.	No.	Follow the state law for e-bikes. E-scooters are prohibited on roadways.	$50.00 - $75.00	Follow the state law for e-bikes. E-scooters are prohibited on roadways.	
Libertyville PD	No.	Yes.	N/A.	N/A.								
Lincolnshire	No.	Possibly. We've experienced minimal complaints about these issues.										
Lincolnwood	Yes. E-scooters are completely prohibited on the public right of way. ADA compliant devices are allowed and public safety entities are exempt.	E-bikes are under consideration and have been referred to our Traffic Commission by the Village Board for consideration.	See attached.	Safety on e-scooters.	D/N/A.	No.	Parks and sidewalks on e-scooters. Encourage compliance through education.	D/N/A.	D/N/A.	Parental responsibility and impoundment if needed.	State law for e-bikes and prohibited for e-scooters	Get thorough feedback from the residents and other stakeholders.
Niles	No. We are in the process of passing an ordinance to regulate them.	Yes, There is certainly a need for it. The Electric bikes are becoming a nuisance.	We are in the draft stage.	Safety concerns is number one. Speed is a factor and the age of the riders.	TBD.	No.	Helmets, Speed, Sidewalk Bans and Age.	I do not believe so.	16. We want to propose that the riders are the legal driving age.	TBD.	No restrictions on night riding that I know of.	Nothing to add here.
Northfield	No.	The Village Board is considering whether or not to adopt an ordinance. We haven't had a huge number of complaints to date but we did have one very serious crash involving an e-scooter.										
Rolling Meadows	Yes. We recently passed an e-scooter ordinance in line with Illinois State Statute 625 ILCS 5/11-1518. An E-bike ordinance is pending at this time.		https://www.cityrm.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/11167	Safety concerns due to prevalence of use in our community were the main factors for enacting the ordinance.	For e-scooters, the only ones permitted have a maximum speed capability of 10 mph.	Rolling Meadows has specific e-bike ordinance yet.	Must not operate on street with speed limit higher than 35 mph. Must use specified safety equipment. Must be 18 or older. Permitted on roadways indicated above, sidewalks, trails, designated bike paths unless prohibited by signage.	No.	18 is the minimum age prescribed by Illinois State Statute.	Local ordinance citation: $50 for first offense, $100 for second, $500 for third. More than three offenses, $750. Police have authority to impound e-scooter. Parents may be issued citation for minor in violation of ordinance.	The e-scooter must have white light in front visible from 500 feet. Must have red reflector on rear visible from 100 to 600 feet or red lamp emitting a steady light.	No suggestion. Our ordinance is new, and what our community members are most concerned about is education at this point.
Schaumburg	Yes.		See attached.	Must be 16YOA, Cannot ride on Sidewalks, must have helmets.	N/A.	Yes.	Sidewalk Ban, Helmets, 16yoa minimum age.	No.	16	Up to $500 plus impoundment.	Yes, with proper lighting.	
Skokie	No.	Currently Evaluating.										
Wheeling	No.	Issues related to enforcement and use of police resources along with managing community expectations.			State law.	No.						
Winnetka	No.	Yes, based on community feedback and safety concerns our department is working with our legal department to develop an ordinance for Village Council consideration.	N/A - Proposed ordinance is still being developed.	Safety concerns.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

DMMC Survey - E-Bike and E-Scooter Ordinances		
12/4/2025		
Municipality:	**1. Does your community currently have an ordinance or policy regarding e-bikes or e-scooters?**	**2. If not, are you planning to develop one? Why or why not?**
Village of Addison	Yes. ORDINANCE LINK	
Village of Bartlett	Bartlett does not have an e-bike ordinance. We are following state law. There has been discussion of the state taking up changes, so we are waiting watching to see what the state does.	
Village of Burr Ridge	Yes.	
City of Darien	Yes.	
Village of Downers Grove	The VoDG recently adopted micromobility device regulations. The webpage on this topic can be found here: WEBPAGE LINK The ordinance can be found here: ORDINANCE LINK A video can be found here: VIDEO LINK	
City of Elmhurst	No, not yet in Elmhurst.	Yes, we are considering an ordinance to deal with public sidewalk (mostly) safety.
Village of Glen Ellyn	Yes. ORDINANCE LINK	
Village of Hinsdale	Yes.	
Village of Lemont	No.	Yes, will likely discuss again 1st quarter 2026.
Village of Oak Brook	Only a maximum speed on shared walkways.	Not at this time.
Village of Western Springs	Yes. ORDINANCE LINK	
City of Wheaton	No ordinance as of this date but we are working on something.	
Village of Willowbrook	Yes. ORDINANCE LINK FAQ LINK SIGN MOCK-UP OPTION 1 LINK SIGN MOCK-UP OPTION 2 LINK	
Village of Winfield	No.	Not at this time as we have not experienced any issues/complaints regarding E-bikes.
Village of Woodridge	Yes, adopted an ordinance in mid September 2025.	

	3. If yes, please share a copy and answer the questions below.			
Municipality:	**a. What factors influenced the ordinance in your community (e.g., safety concerns, speed limits, roadway classifications, zoning)?**	**b. What is the maximum speed limit allowed for e-bikes and e-scooters in your community?**	**c. Are specific e-bike classifications included in your ordinance (Class 1-3)?**	**d. What restrictions are included (e.g., helmet requirements, sidewalk limitations, designated zones)?**
Village of Addison	Safety concerns that included in increase in citizen complaints.	28 MPH (Class 3)	Yes, including definitions of Class 1, 2 and 3 Low-speed electric bikes.	Class 1, 2 and 3 E-Bikes, low speed gas bikes and electric scooters shall not be operated on any public sidewalk, bicycle path or multi-use path, excepts given to bicycle paths and multi-use paths where the E-bike is being operated under manual power.
Village of Burr Ridge	The Village prioritizes pedestrian and road safety above all others and considered the strongest blanket regulations possible to be the most appropriate course of action.	Rules of the road or State law.	Yes.	Must be 16 w/ a drivers license.
City of Darien	Safety concerns for E-Bike and E-Scooter riders.	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 conditions then existing, or in any case in excess of 20 MPH.	Yes.	Restrictions regarding rules of the road, equipment, etc. follow state law. However, we do have restrictions on location different than state law: Low-Speed Electric Bicycles: Low-speed electric bicycles shall be operated only on the street. No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle on any sidewalk, or trail within the City. Personal Mobility Devices: Personal Mobility Devices may be operated on any sidewalk or trail in the City. No person shall operate a personal mobility device on any public street, roadway, or alley within the City, except where necessary to cross a street at a designated crosswalk.
Village of Glen Ellyn	The primary factor that influenced the development of the ordinance were safety concerns to residents (riders and pedestrians).	35 MPH	Yes.	Restrictions of note: i. Micromobility devices are not allowed on sidewalks in the Central Business District ii. The use of handheld cell phones and similar devices are prohibited while operating the devices
Village of Hinsdale	Proliferation of electric bike, scooter and other device complaints creating significant community concern.	Low speed electric bikes and electric scooters must be under 750 watts. For Class 1 and 2 – motors stop assisting at 20 mph, for Class 3 it is 28 mph. E-Scooters cannot exceed 10 mph.	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).	Electric bikes and scooters are not authorized on the sidewalks within the Central Business District.
Village of Oak Brook	Compatibility of varying devices on bike paths and sidewalks.	20 mph	No.	N/A
Village of Western Springs	Safety concerns for riders and pedestrians, especially in our Business District.	Speed limit for e-bikes cannot exceed the speed limits imposed by the Rules of the Road. E-scooters maximum speed can be no more than 10 mph.	Classes 1 – 3.	E-bikes must be registered with law enforcement. No e-bikes or e-scooters are allowed on sidewalks within our Business District.
Village of Willowbrook	Public safety concerns and damage to public property, i.e. parks	Low speed e-scooter 10 mph and e-bike depend on rider age and classification, but max speed is 28 MPH.	Consistent with state statute.	Consistent with state statute.
Village of Woodridge	The decision to adopt an ordinance was based on numerous citizen complaints and safety concerns related to operation.	Speed limit not set in ordinance.	The bike classifications are included in our ordinance.	Helmets are required for anyone under 21 yoa. Prohibits use on sidewalks. Had a lot of discussion about use on bike paths and ultimately allowed use.

	3. If yes, please share a copy and answer the questions below.		
Municipality:	**e. Does your ordinance include insurance requirements for riders or operators?**	**f. Does your ordinance include an age restriction? If so, what is the required age, and what prompted that decision?**	**g. What penalties or enforcement measures are included for violations?**
Village of Addison	No.	Yes, 16 for E-bikes and 18 for electric scooters. This mirrors IVC requirements for operation on roadways.	Fine of no less than $150.00, and no more than $750.00 per offense. Provision that also allows for parents/legal guardians to be held accountable.
Village of Burr Ridge	No.	Yes, 16 AND a drivers license. The thinking was that if a user had passed a rules of the road course, they would be better equipped to handle a fast-moving e-bike or scooter with the awareness to understand its impacts on others.	Fines, impoundment, parental liability, and adjudication hearings.
City of Darien	No.	Age restrictions follow state law. 16 for E-Bicycles 18 for E-Scooters	Fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00).
Village of Glen Ellyn	No.	i. A bicycle rider eighteen (18) years of age or older may carry a child securely attached to their person in a backpack or sling ii. A person under the age of eighteen (18) may not operate a low-speed electric scooter iii. A person who is under the age of sixteen (16) may not operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle 1. These restrictions are set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code	A fine of not less than seventy-five dollars ($75.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00).
Village of Hinsdale	No.	Class 1 and 2 does not include an age restriction for electric bikes. For Class 3 you are required to be 16 years of age. For an electric scooter you must be 18 years of age.	Must appear court appearance with at least $165 fine. Judge dependent.
Village of Oak Brook	No.	No.	Fine of not less than seventy five dollars ($75.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for each offense.
Village of Western Springs	No.	Yes, our ordinance models Illinois statute that riders of the Class 3 e-bikes must be 16 years old.	Removal of license tag for no more than 60 days or impounded for no more than 60 days.
Village of Willowbrook	No.	Yes, e-bike 16 + unless class on under manual power and e-scooter 18 + dictated by state statute and driving age.	Ordinance citations can be issued to riders in violation of the ordinance and parents who allow riders to be in violation. Fines go up to $750.
Village of Woodridge	Does not address insurance requirement.	18 yoa for E-Scooters and has a provision that holds parents/guardians accountable if a minor commits a violation.	Penalty is an ordinance citation $50. Subsequent violations within a year can lead to adding $15 and $30 to that amount.

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Municipality:	**h. Are e-bikes or e-scooters allowed to operate at night? If so, are there specific requirements (e.g., lights, reflective gear)?**	**i. What recommendations would you offer to other municipalities considering an e-bike or e-scooter ordinance?**
Village of Addison	Follow IVC restrictions.	Mirroring State law for roadway use, and simplifying as much as possible. Proper education will need to take place both within the police department as well as the community.
Village of Burr Ridge	Yes, provided they otherwise obey the rules of the road.	Wait until the State likely acts on this in 2026.
City of Darien	Same as state law: when in use 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 a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.	Consistency, Hard to enforce and not fair to riders who cross from one jurisdiction to another and are in compliance with one municipality's ordinance then is violating another municipality's ordinance.
Village of Glen Ellyn	Yes, they are permitted. 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.	We are bringing this back to a workshop with the goal of making the ordinance more restrictive. When considering an e-bike or e-scooter ordinance, a more restrictive approach may be appropriate so that it does not need to be revisited and tightened later.
Village of Hinsdale	Yes - Every bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low- speed electric scooter, when in use 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 one hundred (100) to six hundred (600) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear may be used in addition to or instead of the red reflector.	Per Deputy Police Chief – avoid creating arbitrary restrictions that do not align with state law or that are difficult to enforce/you have no intention to enforce them.
Village of Oak Brook	Yes.	N/A
Village of Western Springs	Yes. There are no limits on times of day for operating e-bikes and e-scooters or specific requirements for nighttime operation. We do require front lights on e-bikes and e-scooters.	Consider additional restrictions in your business districts and other high pedestrian areas. Also, ensure you are not restricting personal mobility devices as defined by the ADA.
Village of Willowbrook	Yes, dictated by state statute.	

Village of Woodridge	They are allowed at night, ordinance refers to IVC for specific requirements.	I would recommend that the community seek input from its residents. We found that there are strong opinions on this topic and it took us more time than I expected to craft the ordinance. The original ordinance I drafted was very restrictive. It would have unintentionally prevented compliant users from using our vast bike path system. Ride Illinois was a helpful resource for us as we crafted what I feel is a reasonable ordinance. I'm happy to share our ordinance and the power points presented to the Village Board as well.

(625 ILCS 5/11-1517)

Sec. 11-1517. Low-speed electric bicycles.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the provisions of this Chapter that apply to bicycles also apply to low-speed electric bicycles.

(b) Each low-speed electric bicycle operating in this State shall comply with equipment and manufacturing requirements adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR 1512. Each Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle shall be equipped with a speedometer that displays the speed the bicycle is traveling in miles per hour.

(c) Beginning on or after January 1, 2018, every manufacturer and distributor of low-speed electric bicycles shall apply a label that is permanently affixed to the bicycle in a prominent location. The label shall contain, in Arial font in at least 9-point type:

(1) a classification number for the bicycle that corresponds with a class under Section 1-140.10 of this Code;

(2) the bicycle's top assisted speed; and

(3) the bicycle's motor wattage.

No person shall knowingly tamper or modify the speed capability or engagement of a low-speed electric bicycle without replacing the label required under this subsection (c).

(d) A Class 2 low-speed electric bicycle shall operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the brakes are applied. A Class 1 low-speed electric bicycle and a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle shall operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the rider stops pedaling.

(e) A person may operate a low-speed electric bicycle upon any highway, street, or roadway authorized for use by bicycles, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes.

(f) A person may operate a low-speed electric bicycle upon any bicycle path unless the municipality, county, or local authority with jurisdiction prohibits the use of low-speed electric bicycles or a specific class of low-speed electric bicycles on that path.

(g) A person may not operate a low-speed electric bicycle on a sidewalk.

(h) A person may operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle only if he or she is 16 years of age or older. A person who is less than 16 years of age may ride as a passenger on a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.

(Source: P.A. 100-209, eff. 1-1-18.)

GLEN ELLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark, Franz, Village Manger

FROM: Philip J. Norton, Chief of Police

DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: **Electronic Mobility Devices**

In December 2024, we began having discussion with the Village Board concerning the issue of electronic mobility devices, commonly referred to as e-bikes and e-scooters. Through four public Village Board discussions, an ordinance was crafted with the best information available at the time. As we began an education program working with schools, utilizing social media platforms, written materials, signage and minimal enforcement levels, the electronic devices garnered more attention. We heard from shop owners, school personnel, residents and more about 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 some stakeholders, including the Downtown Alliance, The Glen Ellyn Library, the Park District, School Districts 41, 87 and 89 and administrative representatives from the Village.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, we met 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 to change manufacturer settings to allow for higher speeds, and destruction of grassy areas where make-shift trails were forming. To be fair, there was acknowledgement 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 our 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 electronic mobility devices on all sidewalks, rather than just in our 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 helmet mandate.

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

- No tandem riding.
- Consequences for distracted driving.

The group discussed collaboration between the schools and 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 discussed but dismissed by group for a variety of reasons:

- Rules of the Road training for under 16 years of age.
- Scooter licensing/registration and/or training.
    - Licensing creates additional work for little to no gain.
    - Training would incur too much liability.
- Complete prohibition of all electronic devices.
    - It would require an awkward exemption for adult riders.
    - There was recognition of significant investment by residents.
- School parking permits.

On January 12, 2026, the Village Board held a special workshop for the purpose of discussing electronic mobility devices and a draft ordinance to update certain rules pertaining to their use. In short, those updates included:

- Unattended bicycles may be removed from the Central Business District if left unattended for 24 hours or more. 9-8-3 (J)
- Must be 16 years old and have a Driver's License to drive a class 3 low speed bike. 9-8-3 (M)
- Low-speed electric bikes prohibited on all sidewalks within the Village. 9-8-4 (A)
- Modification of factory issued electric bicycles to increase speed is prohibited. 9-8-5 (C)
- Riders under the age of 16 must wear a helmet. 9-8-6 (6)
- Penalties will range from $50 - $750. 9-8-8

At the conclusion of the discussion, Attorney Stephanides updated the draft ordinance and modified certain age requirements to make them consistent with State law and other provisions of the ordinance. Including, 625 ILCS 5/11-1617 (g), which prohibits the use of low speed electric bicycles on sidewalks. We believe this updated version of the ordinance includes the consensus of the Board as of January 12, 2026.