



E-Bikes, E-Scooter and Micro-Mobility Device Regulations

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History



Statewide ridership of E-Bikes has increased and has become inherently more dangerous. In some cases resulting in fatal traffic accidents. There has been intensified calls for enhanced regulation.

Locally, the Village has also seen an increase in the use of e-bikes and micro-mobility devices, which has led to constituent complaints of their use in DTOP, on sidewalks, and on roads.

Legislation



- ▶ Senate Bill 3484 has recently passed in the Senate and in the House Representatives addressing E-Bikes and Micro-Mobility Devices. We are within the 60 day period in which the Governor has to act on the Bill.
- ▶ Once the Bill is signed by the Governor, the Bill would become law and take effect January 1, 2027.
- ▶ The Bill creates statewide regulations and classifications on E-Bikes and Micro-Mobility devices.
- ▶ The Bill would also preempt local government regulation of E-bikes, E-scooters, and Micro-Mobility devices.

Classes of E-Bikes, E-Scooters & Micro-Mobility



Class 1 - Pedal assist up to 20 MPH; minimum 15 years of age

Class 2 - Pedal + Throttle assist up to 20 MPH; minimum 15 years of age

Class 3 - Pedal assist up to 28 MPH; minimum 16 years of age

Any electric bike over 28 MPH is a motor driven cycle requiring registration, insurance and a driver's license.

Parents/Guardians of any child shall not authorize or knowingly permit a child to violate any provisions of the law.



Commission Engagement



- ▶ The Transportation Commission was supportive of the adopting the regulations immediately and prior to January 1, 2027.
- ▶ The Transportation Commission emphasized clear and concise education materials definitively explaining the class differences, age restrictions, and safety precautions.
- ▶ The Board of Health recommends the Village adopt regulations that align with pending State e-ride legislation immediately and prior to January 1, 2027.
- ▶ The Board of Health recommends the Village launch an aggressive grassroots and grasstops community-wide education and outreach campaign in partnership across all relevant community stakeholders and taxing bodies (i.e. D97, D200, Park District, Township etc.) about health and safety precautions for e-rides and pending ordinance/law information.
- ▶ The Board of Health recommends the collection of demographic information for state or local violations of e-ride laws within the Village and a regular review of this data for equity concerns.

Enforcement



- ▶ Community Policing Officers and Community Service Officers will engage residents within the business districts and areas of high ridership
- ▶ Using Community Service Officers to address sidewalk riding, equipment violations and minors on E-Bikes in the areas of DTOP and the Hemingway District
- ▶ OPPD officers will focus on the most egregious violations. (i.e. high speed riding, riding on sidewalks, nighttime riding without lights
- ▶ The Strategic Intelligence Manager will provide weekly reports identifying locations of unsafe riding, accidents involving E-Bikes. This data will be utilized to deploy resources to identified locations of concern.

Education



The Village of Oak Park, including the Police Department, Public Health, DEI, and Neighborhood Services, intends to bring awareness and educate the residents and visitors through the following measures:

In person

- Community Police Unit Meetings
- Village Commission Meetings
- Community Partner Meetings
- Community Events
- Neighborhood Meetings

Potential collaborations

Neighborhood leaders
School PTOs

Online

- Village web pages
 - [E-rides and the law](#)
 - [E-ride safety](#)
- Social media campaign
- E-news and email lists
- Safety tips for both riders and drivers

Potential collaborations

D200, D97 and private schools
Park District of Oak Park
Neighborhood leaders
Block party captains

Printed materials

- Educational brochures for riders and drivers
- Awareness fliers to distribute at community events
- Palm cards to hand out during enforcement

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D200, D97 and private schools
Block party captains
Park District of Oak Park
Oak Park Public Library
Business districts

Staff Recommendation



Adoption of new local ordinance in advance of the pending state bill. The state bill is more restrictive and provides a statewide framework for safety, education and enforcement.

Collaborate with local stakeholders on education campaigns.

Emphasize education and safety for all riders.



Questions?