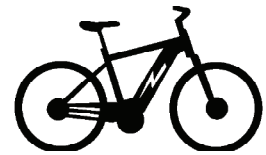


E-Bikes in Oak Park



What is an E-Bike?

E-bikes are electric bicycles that:

- Include motor assistance (with motor less than 750 watts)
- Are equipped with fully operable pedals
- Do not require a driver's license
- **Any device 750 watts and above is PROHIBITED**

E-Bike Regulations:

- Must be labeled with classification, top assisted speed and motor wattage.
- Are not permitted on sidewalks, including in business districts.
- Must be equipped with a lamp at the front and a reflector at back to operate at night.
- May only be ridden on roadways and must abide by the Bicycle Rules of the Road.

CLASS 1

CLASS 2

CLASS 3

Pedal Assist Motor only provides assistance when pedaling	Throttle Assist Motor can be used to propel bike without using pedals	Pedal Assist Motor only provides assistance when pedaling
Motor assistance stops when speed reaches 20 mph	Motor assistance stops when speed reaches 20 mph	Motor assistance stops when speed reaches 28 mph
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Safety Reminders

- Always wear a helmet on an e-bike!
 - Compared to non-motorized cyclists, e-bike riders are three times more likely to suffer a traumatic brain injury
- Look both ways before riding through any kind of intersection
- Walk your motorized or non-motorized bike in crowded areas
- Be respectful of others
- Avoid distractions

Changes to state law on horizon

The Illinois state legislature passed a bill on May 31, 2026 that integrates micromobility devices such as e-scooters into state law, establishes age restrictions, and implements regulations for the use of high-speed devices, like e-motos. If signed by the Governor, the law would take effect in 2027.

Village officials addressing e-bike safety

The Village Board plans to study the issue of e-bike and micromobility device regulation this summer. Find more information about planned meeting dates at www.oak-park.us/ebikes



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