

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 ENTITLED, “BICYCLES,” OF TITLE 7
ENTITLED, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF
THE VILLAGE OF GLENDALE HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS
(LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND LOW-SPEED GAS BICYCLES)**

PASSED AND APPROVED BY
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

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WHEREAS, the Village of Glendale Heights deems it necessary and desirable to amend Chapter 10 entitled, “Bicycles,” of Title 7 entitled, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Glendale Heights Village Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Glendale Heights, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 10 entitled, “Bicycles,” of Title 7 entitled, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Village of Glendale Heights, Illinois, is amended to read as follows:

- “7-10-1: Definitions
- 7-10-2: Registration Requirements
- 7-10-3: Traffic Laws Apply
- 7-10-4: Obedience to Traffic Control Devices
- 7-10-5: Operation of Bicycles, Low-Speed Electrical Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles
- 7-10-6: Parking Bicycles, Low-Speed Electrical Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles
- 7-10-7: Equipment
- 7-10-8: Responsibility of Parent or Guardian

7-10-1: DEFINITIONS:

BICYCLE: For purposes of this section, a Bicycle shall include every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, excluding, Low-Speed Electrical Bicycles, Low-Speed Gas Bicycles, and Low-Speed Electric Scooters (as defined in Section 7-6-4 (B) (1) of the Code.)

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE: A bicycle equipped with full operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that either provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling or used exclusively to propel the bicycle and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches 20 mph.

LOW-SPEED GAS BICYCLE: A 2 or 3-wheeled device with fully operable pedals and a gasoline motor of less than one horsepower, or 15 cubic centimeter displacement when powered solely by such a motor and is operated at less than 20 miles per hour.

7-10-2: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Every Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle owned or kept by a resident of the Village shall be registered with the Village of Glendale Heights Police Department upon

forms supplied by the Chief of Police. Each Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle so registered will receive a registration tag which shall be permanently affixed to the frame of the Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle. The tag shall be nontransferable and shall be kept upon the frame of the Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle to which it is affixed until the Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle is disposed of by gift, sale, junking or permanent removal from the Village.

7-2-3: TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY:

A. Every person riding a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the Illinois Vehicle Code and by the applicable provisions of this Code.

B. The regulations of this title applicable to Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles shall apply whenever a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle is operated upon any street or public sidewalk or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

C. No person under the age of 16 shall operate a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle within the Village.

7-10-4: OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES:

A. Any person operating a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall comply with official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that right or left turn or turns in the opposite direction are not permitted, no person operating a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle to make any such turn, in which event, such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

7-10-5: OPERATION OF BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED BICYCLES OR LOW-SPEED GAS BICYCLES

A. Speed: No person shall operate a Bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions. No person shall operate a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle in excess of 20 miles per hour.

B. Emerging From Alley, Driveway or Building: The operator of a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across an alleyway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on a roadway.

C. Carrying Articles: No person operating a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the use of both hands on the handlebars at all times.

D. Riding on Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles:

1. A person propelling a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

2. No Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped; except, that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his person in a backpack or sling.

E. Riding on Sidewalks:

1. No person shall ride a Bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.

2. No person fifteen (15) or more years of age shall ride a Bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district.

3. No person shall ride a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon any sidewalk within the Village.

4. A person propelling a Bicycle upon and along a sidewalk or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

F. Riding on Streets and Bicycle Paths:

1. Any person operating a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable and safe to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway except under the following situations:

a. When overtaking and passing another Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or

b. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; or

c. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right hand curb or edge. For purposes of this Section, a "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane; or

d. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

2. Any person operating a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon a one-way roadway with two (2) or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near the left hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.

3. Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles shall not be operated upon any street where the operation of Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles have been prohibited, and signs have been erected indicating such prohibition.

4. Persons riding Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride other than single file except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles.

5. Whenever a usable path for Bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle riders shall use such path and not use the roadway.

G. No person may operate a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon any street, public or quasi-public parking lot, sidewalk, or public park within the Village while under the influence of alcohol.

7-10-6: PARKING BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES OR LOW-SPEED GAS BICYCLES:

No person shall park a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle, against a building, or at the curb in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

7-10-7: EQUIPMENT:

A. Lights and Reflectors: Every Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle operated on any street, sidewalk, alley, roadway or any other public area within the limits of the Village during the period from sunset to sunrise or at any other time when visibility is so limited as to require the use of lights for safety shall be equipped on the front with a lamp which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet (500 feet) to the front and shall be equipped on the rear with a red reflector or a type approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation which shall be visible from all distances from one hundred feet (100 feet) to six hundred feet (600 feet) to the rear when directly in front of lawful low beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500 feet) to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

B. Sirens: A Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle any siren, except, that this Subsection does not apply to a police or fire department Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle.

C. Brake: Every Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will adequately control movement of, and stop and hold the Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle.

7-10-8: RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

A. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, or another in a position of loco parentis to authorize or knowingly permit any child under the age of 16 to operate a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle or Low-Speed Gas Bicycle upon any street, public or quasi-public parking lot, sidewalk, or public park within the Village.

B. Any parent, guardian, or another person in a position of loco parentis, in lieu of the child under the age of 18 years, may be charged with each violation committed by the minor in addition to Section 7-10-8 (A).

C. Low-Speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Gas Bicycles operated by a person under the age of 18 years, in violation of this Code, may be impounded by the Village of Glendale Heights Police Department and released to a legal parent or guardian of a child in violation of this Code.

D. Penalty: Any person violating the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$750.00 for each offense.”

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Rebecca Giannelli, Village President

PASSED: This ____ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED: This ____ day of _____, 2025.

PUBLISHED: This ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Kim Darlin, Village Clerk