

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES OF 2025,

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 AND 26, MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE PARK REGULATIONS AND MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, BY MAKING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT AS NOW PROVIDED.

WHEREAS, a request for updating language by the Park Planning Committee, Village of Little Chute and has been referred to the Village Board of Trustees, for said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Little Chute Park Planning Committee has recommended the following actions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees finds the following actions to be consistent with overall intent of the adopted guidelines within the Village Comprehensive Plan's goals, objectives, policies and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the required public hearing regarding the ordinance updates for E-Bikes has been held before the Village Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Little Chute, do ordain as follows:

CHAPTER 32-1(9) – PARK REGULATIONS

Section 1.

Existing Ordinance Language

Motorized vehicles. Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas except vehicles which have village authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading.

Section 2.

AMENDED ORDINANCE

(a). Motorized bicycles, scooters, play and toy vehicles on roadway. Except as provided in subs. (b),(c), and (d), or for approved electric personal assistive mobility devices, no person shall operate or ride upon any motorized (combustion or electric propulsion), scooter, golf cart, go cart, play vehicle, toy vehicle or any other such vehicle that is not registered for use on highways with the state department of motor vehicles, on any part of roadways, bicycle ways, walking and recreational trails, streets or highways, including sidewalks, village parks and any village-owned property.

(b). Electric bike, e-bike, electric bicycle: Electric bikes are defined as a commercially produced bicycle with an electric motor attached. It must have pedals that are operational, an electric motor that is less than 750w, and have a maximum speed of 15 mph on level ground.

(c). Electric bicycles and toy vehicles are permitted on all roadways and roadway bike lanes and operators must follow the same rules of the road as bicyclists pursuant to Wis. § 346.806. Electric bikes and toy vehicles are also allowed on bike paths & shared use paths pursuant to Wis. § 346.806. While on paths, the operator must adhere to any posted speed restrictions.

(d). Toy vehicles are permitted to be on sidewalks within Village limits. Electric bikes are also permitted on sidewalks when there is no shared use bike lane available, or the use of said bike lane is not safe due to traffic and roadway conditions. While on sidewalks, all operators of motorized vehicles must adhere to the following:

(1) Operate at a speed limit of 5mph or less.

(2) Must be operated in a safe and reasonable manner, which does not pose or create a danger to pedestrians using same sidewalk.

(4) Operators must yield to pedestrian traffic on sidewalks.

CHAPTER 26-166(e) – MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC

Section 1.

Existing Ordinance Language

(8) No bicycle shall be operated by any person over 12 years of age upon any public sidewalk or upon any pedestrian path in public parks, or upon public school grounds or athletic fields, except where authorized.

Section 2.

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(8) *Bicycles, including electric bikes are permitted on sidewalks when there is no shared use bike lane available, or the use of said bike lane is not safe due to traffic and roadway conditions. While on sidewalks, all operators must adhere to the following: (1) Operate at a speed limit of 5mph or less. (2) Must be operated in a safe and reasonable manner, which does not pose or create a danger to pedestrians using the same sidewalk. (3) Operators must yield to pedestrian traffic on sidewalks. (4) No bicycle or electric bike shall be operated by any person over 12 years of age upon public school grounds or athletic fields, except where authorized.*

Section 3. Recorded Vote. 10 For 0 Against

Date introduced, approved and adopted: March 19, 2025

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By Michael R. Vanden Berg
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