



Agenda - Public Safety Committee Meeting
August 13, 2026
5:30 PM - Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order

Barciz, Huyghe, Kurt

2. Old Business

A. Revisit/revise proposed Ordinance 024-2026- amending Chapter 965- Parks and Playgrounds

3. New Business

A. Ebike safety

4. Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. 024 –2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 965 OF THE MAUMEE CODIFIED ORDINANCES-PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

WHEREAS, The City of Maumee has proposed additions and amendments to portions of Chapter 965 of the Maumee Codified Ordinances titled Parks and Playgrounds;

Whereas Council has reviewed and approves the recommended changes to Chapter 965 as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Maumee, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 965 of the Maumee Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

965.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, the following terms, phrases and words shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means a motor-driven cycle, motor vehicle, and motorcycle as defined in Chapter [301](#) of the Traffic Code and also means "snowmobile" and "all purpose vehicle" as defined in Ohio R.C. 4519.01.

(b) "Park" means any land owned, **controlled** or leased by the City for park or recreational purposes, **including but not limited to Rolf Park, Rolf Park Pool, Ford Park, Wolcott House, Monclova Park, Towpath Park, Library Park, Eppstein Park, and Anderson Park and their playgrounds, ballfields, restrooms, pools and pavilions.**

(c) "Person" means any person, firm or corporation.

(d) "Playground" means any land owned or leased by the City for playground or recreational purposes.

(e) "Public body" shall be as defined in Ohio R.C. 121.22 B(2)

(ef) "Registered Offender" means any person, as an adult or juvenile, who has been convicted of, is convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense as defined in Section 2950.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, or any other similar state or federal statute from another jurisdiction, and said person is currently classified pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2950 of the Ohio Revised Code as a Tier I, II, or III sex offender/child-victim offender or is classified as a sex offender in any other state or jurisdiction and is currently required to register his or her address with the County Sheriff's Department or any other public agency in Ohio, another state or the United States.

~~(f) "Restricted Person" means any person, adult or juvenile who has any sex offense or child pornography charges pending in Ohio or any other State or Federal Court.~~

965.02 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

(a) No person using the parks and playgrounds shall fail to obey the commands, directions and orders of the Director of Public Service or his duly authorized agent or police officers.

(b) No person using the parks and playgrounds shall resist or obstruct, be abusive of or address in a profane or obscene manner any police officer or agent of the Director.

(c) No person shall fail to conduct himself with due regard to the rights of others to the use and enjoyment of the parks and playgrounds.

(d) No person shall, either by word or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct or in any manner disturb the peace and good order of the community, within a park or playground; nor shall any person play at games of chance, drink intoxicating beverages or be drunk, use or have the possession of narcotic drugs, or other drugs of abuse or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein.

(e) No Registered Offender as defined herein shall enter or remain in any Park or Playground in the City of Maumee, except, and only to the extent necessary to attend any scheduled meetings of public bodies at said parks or playgrounds.

965.99 PENALTY.

Whoever **violates Section 965.02 of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the First Degree**, and whoever violates any other **remaining** provisions of this chapter is guilty of minor misdemeanor for the first offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree for each subsequent offense.

SECTION 2. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION & SEVERABILITY.

(a) This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with applicable Maumee Code, Federal or State of Ohio laws, rules, or regulations. Nothing in this Ordinance authorizes any City department to impose any duties or obligations in conflict with regulations established by Maumee Code not modified herein, at the time such action is taken.

(b) In the event that a court or agency of competent jurisdiction holds that a Federal or State of Ohio law, rule, or regulation invalidates any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, it is the intent of the Ordinance that the court or agency sever such clause, sentence, paragraph, or section so that the remainder of this Ordinance remains in effect.

SECTION 3. Any Ordinance, parts of Ordinances, including parts of Ordinance 100-195 and portions of the 1964 Code in conflict herewith are hereby amended and repealed in part to reflect the foregoing changes.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of council's committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the Charter of Maumee, Ohio.

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Motion to Pass: Seconded:

Yeas: Nays:

Passed:

Mayor Chelsea Ziss

Attest: Municipal Clerk

Approved as to form:

Interim Law Director

CHAPTER 373

Bicycles and Motorcycles

- 373.01 Code application to bicycles.**
- 373.02 Riding upon seats; handle bars; helmets and glasses.**
- 373.03 Attaching bicycle or sled to vehicle.**
- 373.04 Riding bicycles and motorcycles abreast.**
- 373.05 Signal device on bicycle.**
- 373.06 Lights and reflector on bicycle; brakes.**
- 373.07 Riding bicycle on right side of roadway; obedience to traffic rules; passing.**
- 373.08 Reckless operation; control, course and speed.**
- 373.09 Parking of bicycle.**
- 373.10 Motorized bicycle operation, equipment and license.**
- 373.11 Riding on sidewalks.**
- 373.12 Bicycle may be impounded.**
- 373.13 Ice cream vending wagons propelled by human power.**
- 373.14 Paths exclusively for bicycles.**
- 373.15 Electric bicycles.**

CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law
Motorcycle protective equipment - see OAC Ch. 4501-17
Motorized bicycle equipment - see OAC Ch. 4501-23
Bicycle defined - see TRAF. 301.07
Motorcycle defined - see TRAF. 301.47
Bicycles prohibited on freeways - see TRAF. 303.06
Motorcycle operator's license required - see TRAF. 335.01(a)
Motorcycle headlight - see TRAF. 337.03
Motorcycle brakes - see TRAF. 337.18(b)

373.01 CODE APPLICATION TO BICYCLES.

(a) The provisions of this Traffic Code that are applicable to bicycles and electric bicycles apply whenever a bicycle or electric bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a bicycle operator or electric bicycle operator who violates any section of this Traffic Code described in subsection (a) of this section that is applicable to bicycles or electric bicycles may be issued a ticket, citation or summons by a law enforcement officer for the violation in the same manner as the operator of a motor vehicle would be cited for the same violation. A person who commits any such violation while operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not have any points assessed against the person's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or probationary license under Ohio R.C. 4510.036.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, in the case of a violation of any section of this Traffic Code described in subsection (a) of this section by a bicycle operator, electric bicycle operator, or motor vehicle operator when the trier of fact finds that the violation by the motor vehicle operator endangered the lives of bicycle riders or electric bicycle riders at the time of the violation, the court, notwithstanding any provision of this Traffic Code to the contrary, may require the bicycle operator, electric bicycle operator or motor vehicle operator to take and successfully complete a bicycling skills course approved by the court in addition to or in lieu of any penalty otherwise prescribed by the Traffic Code for that violation.

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this section do not apply to violations of Section 333.01 of this Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.52)

(e) The provisions of this Traffic Code shall apply to bicycles and electric bicycles except those which by their nature are not applicable.

373.02 RIDING UPON SEATS; HANDLE BARS; HELMETS AND GLASSES.

(a) For purposes of this section "snowmobile" has the same meaning as given that term in Ohio R.C. 4519.01.

(b) No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall ride upon a bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat.

(c) No person operating a motorcycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat or saddle attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such motorcycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle thereon, and no person shall ride upon a motorcycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle.

(d) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with a saddle other than while sitting astride the saddle, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.

(e) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with a seat other than while sitting upon the seat.

(f) No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(g) No bicycle, electric bicycle, or motorcycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No motorcycle shall be operated on a highway when the handlebars rise higher than the shoulders of the operator when the operator is seated in the operator's seat or saddle.

(h) (1) Except as provided in subsection (h)(2) of this section, no person shall operate or be a passenger on a snowmobile or motorcycle without using safety glasses or other protective eye device. Except as provided in subsection (i)(3) of this section, no person who is under the age of eighteen years, or who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license bearing "novice" designation that is currently in effect as provided in Ohio R.C. 4507.13, shall operate a motorcycle on a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, unless wearing a United States Department of Transportation-approved protective helmet on the person's head, and no other person shall be a passenger on a

motorcycle operated by such a person unless similarly wearing a protective helmet. The helmet, safety glasses or other protective eye device shall conform with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety. The provisions of this subsection or a violation thereof shall not be used in the trial of any civil action.

- (2) Subsection (h)(1) of this section does not apply to a person operating an autocycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants.
- (i) (1) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid temporary permit and temporary instruction permit identification card issued by the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05 unless the person, at the time of such operation, is wearing on the person's head a protective helmet that has been approved by the United States Department of Transportation that conforms with rules adopted by the Director.
- (2) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit identification card issued by the Registrar pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05 in any of the following circumstances:
- A. At any time when lighted lights are required by Section 337.02(a)(1);
 - B. While carrying a passenger;
 - C. On any limited access highway or heavily congested roadway.
- (3) Subsections (i)(1) and (i)(2)A. of this section do not apply to a person who operates or is a passenger in an autocycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants.
- (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the bicycle or electric bicycle.
- (k) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (ORC 4511.53)

373.03 ATTACHING BICYCLE OR SLED TO VEHICLE.

(a) No person riding upon any motorcycle, bicycle, electric bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, skateboard or toy vehicle shall attach the same or self to any vehicle upon a roadway.

No operator shall knowingly permit any person riding upon any motorcycle, bicycle, electric bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, skateboard or toy vehicle to attach the same or self to any vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway. This section does not apply to the towing of a disabled vehicle.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.54)

373.04 RIDING BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES ABREAST.

(a) Persons riding bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.55)

373.05 SIGNAL DEVICE ON BICYCLE.

(a) A bicycle or electric bicycle may be equipped with a device capable of giving an audible signal, except that a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle or electric bicycle any siren or whistle.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC 4511.56)

373.06 LIGHTS AND REFLECTOR ON BICYCLE; BRAKES.

(a) Every bicycle or electric bicycle when in use at the times specified in Section 337.02, shall be equipped with the following:

- (1) A lamp mounted on the front of either the bicycle or electric bicycle or the operator that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front; and three hundred feet to the sides. A generator-powered lamp that emits light only when the bicycle or electric bicycle is moving may be used to meet this requirement.
- (2) A red reflector on the rear that shall be visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.
- (3) A lamp emitting either flashing or steady red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector;

If the red lamp performs as a reflector in that it is visible as specified in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the red lamp may serve as the reflector and a separate reflector is not required.

(b) Additional lamps and reflectors may be used in addition to those required under subsection (a) of this section, except that red lamps and red reflectors shall not be used on the front of the bicycle or electric bicycle and white lamps and white reflectors shall not be

used on the rear of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(c) Every bicycle or electric bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC 4511.56)

373.07 RIDING BICYCLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY; OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC RULES; PASSING.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) This section does not require a person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle to ride at the edge of the roadway when it is unreasonable or unsafe to do so. Conditions that may require riding away from the edge of the roadway include when necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, surface hazards, or if it otherwise is unsafe or impracticable to do so, including if the lane is too narrow for the bicycle or electric bicycle and an overtaking vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.55(A))

373.08 RECKLESS OPERATION; CONTROL, COURSE AND SPEED.

(a) No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle:

(1) Without due regard for the safety and rights of pedestrians and drivers and occupants of all other vehicles, and so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of the streets or sidewalks or any other public or private property;

(2) Without exercising reasonable and ordinary control over such bicycle or electric bicycle;

(3) In a weaving or zigzag course unless such irregular course is necessary for safe operation in compliance with law;

(4) Without both hands upon the handle grips except when necessary to give the required hand and arm signals, or as provided in Section 373.02(d);

(5) At a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

373.09 PARKING OF BICYCLE.

(a) No person shall park a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a sidewalk in such a manner so as to unduly interfere with pedestrian traffic or upon a roadway so as to unduly interfere with vehicular traffic.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

373.10 MOTORIZED BICYCLE OPERATION, EQUIPMENT AND LICENSE.

(a) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle upon any street or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, unless all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The person is fourteen or fifteen years of age and holds a valid probationary motorized bicycle license issued after the person has passed the test provided for in Ohio R.C. 4511.521, or the person is sixteen years of age or older and holds either a valid commercial driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506, or a driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507, or a valid motorized bicycle license issued after the person has passed the test provided for in Ohio R.C. 4511.521, except that if a person is sixteen years of age, has a valid probationary motorized bicycle license and desires a motorized bicycle license, the person is not required to comply with the testing requirements provided for in Ohio R.C. 4511.521;

(2) The motorized bicycle is equipped in accordance with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety and is in proper working order;

(3) The person, if under eighteen years of age, is wearing a protective helmet on the person's head with the chin strap properly fastened, and the motorized bicycle is equipped with a rear-view mirror; and

(4) The person operates the motorized bicycle when practicable within three feet of the right edge of the roadway obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles.

(b) No person operating a motorized bicycle shall carry another person upon the motorized bicycle.

(c) The protective helmet and rearview mirror required by subsection (a)(3) of this section shall, on and after January 1, 1985, conform with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4511.521)

373.11 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.

(a) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.

(b) No person fifteen or more years of age shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district.

(c) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(1964 Code Sec. 76.12)

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

373.12 BICYCLE MAY BE IMPOUNDED.

Members of the Police Division of the City are hereby authorized to seize and impound any bicycle which is ridden or operated in violation of the provisions of this Traffic Code, or in such a way that the safety of the rider or other person is seriously endangered thereby. Any bicycle so seized and impounded shall be held by the Police Division until the owner thereof, or if the owner is a minor, the owner and such owner's parent or guardian, shall personally call at the Police Division and give assurance that such violation shall not be repeated.

(1964 Code Sec. 76.14)

373.13 ICE CREAM VENDING WAGONS PROPELLED BY HUMAN POWER.

Wherever in this chapter the term "bicycle" is used, such term shall be deemed to include so-called ice cream vending wagons propelled by human power, the operators of which shall be subject to the same penalties for violation of the provisions of this Traffic Code as are the operators of bicycles.

(1964 Code Sec. 76.15)

373.14 PATHS EXCLUSIVELY FOR BICYCLES.

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, when an appropriate sign giving notice of such use is posted on the path.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any rule of the Ohio Director of Natural Resources governing the operation of motor vehicles, snowmobiles, all-purpose vehicles, and bicycles on lands under the Director's jurisdiction.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.713)

373.15 ELECTRIC BICYCLES.

(a) (1) The operation of a class 1 electric bicycle and a class 2 electric bicycle is permitted on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or on a shared-use path, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule prohibits the use of a class 1 electric bicycle or class 2 electric bicycle on such a path.

(2) No person shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or a shared-use path unless that path is within or adjacent to a highway or the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizes the use of a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

(3) No person shall operate a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle or a class 3 electric bicycle on a path that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance or rule authorizes the use of a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

(4) Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section do not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle while in the performance of the officer's duties.

(b) (1) No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle; however, a person under sixteen years of age may ride as a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.

(2) No person shall operate or be a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle unless the person is wearing a protective helmet that meets the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever operates an electric bicycle in a manner that is prohibited under subsection (a) of this section and whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(2) The offenses established under subsection (c)(1) of this section are strict liability offenses and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(ORC 4511.522)

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Quick Facts



CLASS 1 ELECTRIC BICYCLE

- fully operable pedals
- less than 750 watts
- provides assistance only when pedaling
- **no assistance at 20 miles per hour or greater.**



CLASS 2 ELECTRIC BICYCLE

- fully operable pedals
- less than 750 watts
- provides assistance when pedaling or not
- **no assistance at 20 miles per hour or greater.**



CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BICYCLE

- fully operable pedals
- less than 750 watts
- provides assistance only when pedaling
- **no assistance at 28 miles per hour or greater.**



Equipment requirements

E-bikes must have a label that displays:

- (1)The class level of the electric bicycle.
- (2)The top assisted speed of the electric bicycle.
- (3)The total electric motor wattage of the electric bicycle

Class 3 e-bikes must have a speedometer.

Safety tips

You must wear a helmet while operating a class 3 e-bike, regardless of age.

Ohio does not require a driver's license or any other specialized license to operate an e-bike or micromobility device. Per ORC 4511.01 and 4511.522

Whatever and wherever you're riding, always:

- Operate at a safe speed and give space to pass, especially on trails
- Get on an e-bike with the motor off and brakes engaged
- Increase space and stopping distance around other vehicles
- Be cautious downhill and on tight turns as e-bikes have added weight that can increase speed quickly
- Follow all rules of the road and be predictable

