

ORDINANCE NO. 25-06-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42
OF THE CLARENDON HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE
IN REGARD TO BICYCLES

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 42: "Bicycles" of the Clarendon Hills Village Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption, approval and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

ADOPTED this 16th day of June 2025, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Trustees Chaudhry, DeAngelis, Kavuliak, Lang, and Peterson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Weicher

APPROVED by me this 16th day of June 2025.


Eric Tech, Village President

ATTEST:


Lynn B. Dragisic, Village Clerk

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SCHEDULE S42 BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, FEES

42.1: DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

BICYCLE: Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels either of which is more than sixteen inches (16") in diameter.

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE: A bicycle equipped with fully operational pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and that meets the requirements of the three (3) classifications set forth in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-140.10)

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER: A device weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, that is solely powered by an electric motor and human power, and whose maximum speed, with or without human propulsion, is no more than 10 miles per hour. "Low-speed electric scooter" does not include a moped or motor-driven cycle.

PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICE: Any electric-powered or electric-assisted device other than a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed electric scooter, designed to transport one or more persons with an electric propulsion system, such as a motorized dirt bike motorized or motor-assisted skateboard, or any other similar devices.

DEALERS IN BICYCLES: Any person engaged in the sale of bicycles at retail or wholesale.

LICENSEE: Any person who procures from the Clarendon Hills Police Department a license for a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, together with a registration card.

OPERATIONAL CONDITION: The condition in which a device or product is in working order and ready to use.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. 24-11-31 on 11/18/2024

42.2: LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE

Every owner of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, except a dealer in bicycles who resides within the Village shall obtain from the Police Department a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter license for each bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter owned. An application for a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter license shall be on the form prescribed by the Chief of Police or his designee. The fee shall be as set forth in section S42.1 of this Code.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. 24-11-31 on 11/18/2024

42.3: REGULATIONS

- A. **Unlicensed Riding:** No bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter may be ridden on a public roadway, alley, sidewalk or other public way unless said bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter displays a proper license as described hereafter.
- B. **Record Of License:** The Police Department shall keep a record of the date of issuance of each bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, to whom issued, the number thereof, and the number of the bicycle frame.
- C. **License; Registration:**
 1. **License; Registration Card:** Every person who procures a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter license shall receive a license together with a registration card. The license and registration cards shall bear consecutive numbers, or combinations of letters with numbers and shall have stamped thereon the name Clarendon Hills.

2. Design And Size Of License: The license shall also be of such size and design as to read legibly at a distance of twenty-five feet (25').
3. Placement Of License: The license shall be attached to the upright portion of the frame of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, shall so remain during the life of the license and shall at all times be kept clean.
4. Term Of License: Each bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter license when issued, shall be effective until it is revoked or until the licensee shall sell or transfer the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, whichever event first occurs after the license is issued.
5. Replacement License Plate: If, after the issuance of a license, the licensee thereafter for any reason needs a new license plate, he shall procure it from the Police Department for the sum of fifty cents (\$0.50) therefor.

D. Inspection Prior To Issuance Of License: The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall inspect bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, or low-speed electric scooters previous to the issuance of a license therefor, and he may refuse to approve any bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter which is not equipped as required by this chapter or is otherwise in an unsafe condition.

E. Removing, Destroying, Mutilating Frame Numbers Or License: It is unlawful for any person willfully or maliciously, to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number on any frame of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, licensed pursuant to this chapter; also to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license during the time for which the license is in force.

F. Report Of Sale Or Transfer; Surrender Of License And Registration Card: Within ten (10) days after the sale or transfer of a licensed bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, the licensee thereof shall report to the Chief of Police the sale or transfer and the name and address of the purchaser or transferee, and shall surrender to the Chief of Police his registration card and license.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. 24-11-31 on 11/18/2024

42.4: RIDING RESTRICTIONS

- A. **Abreast; Single File:** When two (2) or more persons in a group are operating bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters, or any combination thereof on a public roadway, they shall not ride abreast, but shall ride in single file.
- B. **Riding on a Low-Speed Electric Scooter:** No person may operate a low-speed electric scooter within the Village unless he or she is 18 years of age or older.
- C. **Personal Mobility Devices:** Personal mobility devices are prohibited on all streets, roadways, alleys, sidewalks or other public ways within the Village.
- D. **Clinging To Vehicles:** It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter within the Village to cling or attach himself or his bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter to any other moving vehicle.
- E. **Emerging From Alleys, Driveways Or Garages:** The operator of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter emerging from an alley, driveway, or garage, shall stop the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter immediately prior to driving onto or across a sidewalk or onto or across a sidewalk line, projected across an alley, and shall exercise extreme care in these cases.
- F. **Extra Passengers:** It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter within the Village to carry another person on the same bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter. No person shall allow himself to be carried in any such places by a person riding a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter. This restriction does not apply to tandem bicycles, bicycles equipped with baby seats, or low-speed electric bicycles, specifically designed for more than one (1) person. A low-speed electric scooter shall not be used to carry more than one (1) person at a time.
- G. **Carrying Articles:** No person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall carry any package, bundle, or article in any manner which interferes with or prevents the safe operation of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter.
- H. **Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs:** It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter within the Village while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drugs.

- I. Lights: No bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall be operated within the Village between thirty (30) minutes after sunset and thirty (30) minutes before sunrise without a clear, white, properly lighted headlight, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from the front thereof, for not less than five hundred feet (500'), and firmly attached to the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter or without a red reflector firmly attached to the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, which is clearly visible in the headlight beam of an automobile for all distances from one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet to the rear of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter. A lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to or in lieu of the red deflector.
- J. Brakes: Every bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to adequately control, stop, hold movement, and make the braked wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement,
- K. Place Of Operation: No person shall ride a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter on a sidewalk in the business district at any time. Bicycles, or low-speed electric scooters may be operated on other sidewalks, provided that due care is, at all times, exercised by the rider. Low-speed electric bicycles shall only be operated on the street, roadway or alley within the Village. No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle on any sidewalk within the Village. Low-speed electric scooters may be operated on any street, roadway, alley, sidewalk, or other public way within the Village, except the business district where they may not be operated on the sidewalk, and on streets or roadways within the Village with posted speed limits higher than 35 mph. Under all circumstances, the rider shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalks.
- L. Parking: Bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, or low-speed electric scooters when parked in the business district, shall be parked in zones officially designated for that purpose (painted lines or bicycle racks). Bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, or low-speed electric scooters shall not, at any time, in any place, be indiscriminately parked by anyone along buildings, or in such manner as to interfere with pedestrians, or along roadways where they may interfere with traffic, or with persons getting into or out of automobiles. No person shall move, or in any manner interfere with any bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low speed electric scooter which is properly parked, nor shall any person interfere with, or, in any manner, hinder any person from properly parking a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter except that members of the

Police Department or Fire Department may move, or, in proper cases, prevent the parking of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter when, in the judgment of the policeman or fireman, his action is necessary, in order to properly safeguard persons or property.

- M. Keeping To The Right: All bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, or low-speed electric scooters when operated on roadways, shall be kept to the right and shall be operated as nearly as practicable at the right-hand edge of the roadway.
- N. Speed: No bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall be operated faster than is reasonable and proper, and every bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter, shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the rider and of other persons and property.
- O. Observation Of Traffic Regulations: Every person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter within the Village shall observe all traffic rules and regulations applicable to motor vehicles, except those provisions which by nature can have no application and except as otherwise provided by this section.
- P. Unsafe Riding: It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter within the Village to guide the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter in any manner except through the use of both hands upon the handlebar thereof, or otherwise to indulge in any kind of unsafe riding.
- Q. Turns: The operator of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter on a roadway, when making a right turn, shall follow the right-hand lane next to the right-hand edge of the roadway. No operator of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall suddenly start, slow down, stop or attempt to turn without first giving the standard signal required by State law for motor vehicles under the same circumstances.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

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42.5: ABANDONED BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

- A. No person shall allow a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter to remain on any Village owned street, sidewalk, alley, or any other Village owned right-of-way for more than forty-eight (48) hours unless it is safely secured. Where bicycle racks are provided, bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles,

or low-speed electric scooters may be parked, stored, or remain on the bicycle rack for a period of up to ten (10) days, if the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter remains in operational condition.

- B. In the event a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter remains on any Village owned street, sidewalk, alley, or any other Village owned right-of-way, in excess of ten (10) days, it/they shall be considered to be abandoned, and may be removed by the Village. The bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall be taken to the Public Safety Building as lost or abandoned property and disposed of pursuant to State Statute.
- C. In the event the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter is not in operational condition and left for more than twenty-four (24) hours on any Village owned street, sidewalk, alley, or any other Village owned right-of-way, it may be removed after twenty-four (24) hours and taken to the Public Safety Building as lost or abandoned property and disposed of pursuant to State Statute.
- D. Prior to disposing of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter determined to be abandoned under this section, the Village shall determine whether the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter has been licensed and registered by the Village. If the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter is not licensed and registered by the Village, it may be disposed of pursuant to State Statute. In the event that it is determined that a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter is licensed and registered with the Village, the Village shall provide written notice, by regular U.S. mail, to the registered owner of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter advising that if not claimed within six (6) months of the date that the Village took possession of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter it shall be disposed of pursuant to State Statute. In the event that an abandoned bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter is not claimed by the owner within six (6) months of the Village taking possession of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter the Village shall dispose of the bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter pursuant to State Statute.
- E. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Village from immediately removing a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter from any Village owned street, sidewalk, alley, or any other Village owned right-of-way in cases where a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter presents an imminent threat to public health and safety.

HISTORY

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42.6: SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE

The Chief of Police, or his designee, is authorized to suspend for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days or revoke any license issued under the provisions of this chapter, for any violation thereof, or of any of the ordinances of the Village relating to street traffic, insofar as they are applicable. The action of the Chief of Police in suspending or revoking any license, as provided in this section, is conclusive and final. The suspension or revocation of a license does not preclude the infliction of any other penalties provided herein, upon the licensee whose license is suspended or revoked.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

42.7: DUTY OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

The parent of any minor child shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

42.8: PENALTY

The penalties for any violation of any provisions of this chapter shall be as set forth in chapter 45 of this Code.

(Ord. 18-05-12)

SCHEDULE S42 BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, FEES

S42.1: LICENSE FEE (SECTION 42.2)

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