

**VILLAGE OF OSWEGO  
KENDALL AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

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SCOOTERS, LOW SPEED MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES  
AND UNLICENSED OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES**

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**ADOPTED BY  
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OSWEGO**

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025

Prepared by and Return to:  
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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oswego (“Village”) has a population of more than 25,000 and is therefore a “Home Rule Unit” under the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Constitution of 1970 provides that a Home Rule Unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including but not limited to the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; to license, to tax; and to incur debt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has in full force and effect a codified set of those ordinances of the Village which are of a general and permanent nature, which said codified set is known and designated as the Village Code of the Village of Oswego, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is authorized by the Illinois Vehicle Code and its authority as a home-rule municipal corporation to regulate electric scooters, low speed electric scooters, low speed motorized skateboards, electric bicycles and unlicensed off-road motor vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt these regulations as a matter of public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OSWEGO, KENDALL AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

**Section 1:** That provisions of Title 6 of the Village Code of the Village of Oswego are hereby amended to add Chapter 16 as follows:

**Chapter 16 - Electric Scooter, Low Speed Electric Scooters, Low Speed Motorized Skateboards, Electric Bicycles and Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicles**

**Sec. 6-16-1. - Definitions:**

*Electric Scooter.* A low-speed machine powered by a motor that weighs less than 100 lbs., has 2-4 wheels, and has a maximum speed greater than 10 MPH.

*Low Speed Electric Scooter / Low Speed Motorized Skateboards.* A low-speed machine powered by a motor that weighs less than 100 lbs., has 2-4 wheels, and has a maximum speed of 10 MPH.

Electric Bicycle. A bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following classes:

1. Class 1: Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 MPH.
2. Class 2: Equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 MPH.
3. Class 3: Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 MPH.

Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicles. Any motor-driven scooter or bicycle, all-terrain vehicle, go-cart, minibike, off-road motorcycle, or other similar motor-driven vehicle for which the State of Illinois does not issue a title document, registration plates, or registration documents. The definition of Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicle does not include low-speed electric scooters and low-speed electric bicycles. A low-speed E-bicycle is **NOT** a moped or a motor-driven cycle.

#### **Sec. 6-16-2. - Permitted Use and Designated Areas**

(A) Class 1 and Class 2 e-bicycles may be operated on village roads, multi-use paths, and other paths within the village except where otherwise prohibited.

(B) Class 3 e-bicycles are prohibited from being operated on multi-use paths and any other path within the village and may only be operated on village roads.

(C) Electric scooters may be operated on village-owned roads, sidewalks, multi-use paths, and other paths within the village, except where otherwise prohibited.

(D) Electric scooters may not be operated on State, County, or township roadways unless specifically authorized by the applicable public agency.

#### **Sec. 6-16-3. - Regulations**

(A) E-Bicycle Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 operators shall be at or above 16 years old.

(B) E- Scooter operators shall be at or above 18 years old.

(C) No E-Bicycle or E-Scooter may be operated on any sidewalk and is limited to multi-use paths and roadways only. When operating on a roadway, the operator is to follow the rules of the road.

(D) All E-bicycles must have two pedals affixed to the bike.

(E) Any E-bicycle or E-Scooter with a motor over 750 watts is prohibited from operating within the village.

(F) All E-Bicycles and E-Scooters will only have one singular rider. No passengers are allowed.

(G) No operator may simultaneously operate a mobile device or cell phone while operating an e-bicycle or e-scooter.

(H) All operators of e-bicycles and e-scooters will follow the state of Illinois' rules and regulations for bicycle usage.

(I) No person can operate an e-bicycle or any e-scooter under the influence of alcohol or any drug.

(J) No person can operate an e-bicycle on a roadway with a speed limit of 35 MPH or greater, unless they are 16 years old.

(K) Class 3 e-bicycles are prohibited from village paths, sidewalks and trails. They are to be operated only on roadways.

(L) The use of e-bicycles or any e-scooter is prohibited, regardless of age, during special events or road closures.

#### **Sec. 6-16-4. - Safety Equipment**

(A) If operating at night or in low visibility, e-bicycles and e-scooters will have, and must utilize a white lamp on the front visible from at least 500 feet, and a red reflector at the rear visible from at least 500 feet.

(B) All e-bicycles and e-scooters must be equipped with an operable, working braking system.

(C) All e-bicycle and e-scooter riders under the age of 18 shall wear a protective helmet.

(D) All Class 3 e-bicycles need a speedometer.

#### **Sec. 6-16-5. - Parental Liability**

It shall be unlawful under this chapter for any parent or any legal guardian of any minor to permit, authorize, or allow or acquiesce in the operation of any motorized vehicle by such a minor in violation of this chapter or fail to exercise reasonable care to prevent the operation of any motorized vehicle by such a minor in violation of this chapter.

#### **Sec. 6-16-6. - Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicles**

(A) Prohibited use. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicle in the Village under any of the following conditions:

1. On public property, including but not limited to multi-use paths, sidewalks, school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf courses, without express provisions or written permission to do so by the record owner of the public property;
2. Within the right-of-way of any public street. An Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicle may be towed on the streets in compliance with all laws related to towing;
3. On the private property of another without the express written permission of the owner or lessee of the property; failure to post signs does not imply consent for Unlicensed Off-Road Motor Vehicle use;
4. In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or the property of any other person;
5. At a rate of speed that is unreasonable or improper under the circumstances;
6. While under the influence of intoxicating liquor, controlled substances, cannabis or drugs;
7. In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons.

#### **Sec. 6-16-7. - Public Safety Exemptions**

Any low-speed electric scooter, low-speed electric bicycle or unlicensed off-road motor vehicle belonging to any municipal, state, county, district, federal or tribal police, fire, emergency management agency or anyone requested, summoned, or directed by the same, shall be exempt from the regulations of this sub-chapter regarding unlicensed vehicles.

#### **Sec. 6-16-8. – Penalty**

Any person found liable/guilty by a preponderance of the evidence of a violation of this chapter in an administrative/judicial hearing shall be subject to a fine designated in Appendix A, plus applicable hearing costs, as provided in subsection 1-4-3(E) of this Code.

**Section 2:** That provisions of Appendix A of the Village Code of the Village of Oswego are hereby amended as follows:

### **COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES, FINES, PENALTIES, UTILITY RATES, AND REBATES**

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| <u>CHAPTER 16 - ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, LOW SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, LOW SPEED MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND UNLICENSED OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES</u> |                |                      |
| <u>Section</u>  | <u>Penalty</u> | <u>Class II fine</u> |
| 6-16-8  |                |                      |

**Section 3: SEVERABILITY**

This ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

**Section 4: REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication in this pamphlet form which is hereby authorized, as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

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| JAC COOPER      | <u>AYE</u> | KARIN MCCARTHY-LANGE | <u>AYE</u> |
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| RACHELLE KOENIG | <u>AYE</u> | ANDREW TORRES        | <u>AYE</u> |

**APPROVED** by me, Ryan Kauffman, as President of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.



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 RYAN KAUFFMAN, VILLAGE PRESIDENT



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 TINA TOUCHETTE, VILLAGE CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF KENDALL    )       SS

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**  
**(ORDINANCE)**

I, Tina Touchette, the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Oswego, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of its books and records and that the attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, LOW SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, LOW SPEED MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND UNLICENSED OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES**

which Ordinance was duly adopted by said Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, approved by the Village President on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, and thereafter published in pamphlet form to the extent required by law.

I do further certify, in my official capacity, that a quorum of said Board of Trustees was present at said meeting and that the Board complied with all requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.



  
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Tina Touchette, Village Clerk  
Village of Oswego