



ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE CREATING DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE IV CHAPTER 102 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 102-121, 102-182(b) AND 102-184 AND CREATING SECTION 102-187 AND DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF UNION GROVE, RELATING TO THE USE OF BICYCLES ON CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND THE REGULATION OF, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, AND PLAY TOYS.

The Village Board of the Village of Union Grove ordains as follows:

1. That Section 102-121 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Union Grove titled “Definitions” be, and hereby is, amended to add the following definitions in alphabetical order:

“Electric bicycle means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

(a) Class 1 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(b) Class 2 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(c) Class 3 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.”

“Electric scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. “Electric scooter” does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.”

“Electric powered play toy means a coaster, skateboard, roller skates, sled, toboggan, unicycle or toy vehicle upon which a person may ride but does not include in-line skates or electric scooters.”

2. That Section 102-182(b) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Union Grove titled “Rules of Operation” relating to the riding of bicycles on the sidewalk on Main Street from 9th Avenue to 12th Avenue be, and hereby is, repealed.

3. That Section 102-184 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Union Grove be, and

hereby is, amended to read as follows:

“It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a such equipment in any of the following places:

- (1) On any sidewalk in the downtown business section except on Main. Street. All such equipment shall be carried, walked, or as otherwise used in such a manner as to be inoperable.
- (2) On any public step, railing, wall, or any appurtenance to a public way.
- (3) In any public parking ramp or parking lot, except where posted as allowable.
- (4) On private property, unless permission has been received from the owner, lessee or responsible person in charge of that property.
- (5) Union Grove Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant property.
- (6) All other village property except where posted as allowable.”

4. That Section 102-187 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Union Grove be, and hereby is, created to read as follows:

“102-187. Electric Powered Play Toys.

- (a) Wisconsin Statutes adopted. The provisions of Wis. Stat. §§ 346.78 – 346.804, 347.489 and applicable Village ordinances shall govern the operation of Electric Powered Play Toys, where appropriate.
- (b) Permitted users of Electric Powered Play Toy. Riders of any age may operate an Electric Powered Play Toy, but rider must be within the age and weight limit intended for the specific Toy.
- (c) Use on streets prohibited. No operator may ride an Electric Powered Play Toy on a roadway or within a bike lane except when using a cross walk to cross the roadway.
- (d) Use on sidewalks. Electric Powered Play Toys shall be operated on the sidewalk. Operators of such Toys must yield to pedestrians, exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle, electric scooter, or pedestrian traveling in the same direction.
- (e) Parking. Electric Powered Play Toys must be parked in such a way as to not constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic or property.
- (f) Penalties; parent or guardian liability. Parents or guardians of any child shall not authorize or knowingly permit a child to violate any of the provisions of this section or the adopted Wisconsin Statutes and shall be required to forfeit not more than \$20.00.”

5. That Division 4 of Article IV Chapter 102 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Union Grove be, and hereby is, created to read as follows:

"Division 4. Electric Scooters and Electric Bicycles

102-195. Permitted users of electronic bicycles.

- (a) Class 1 and 2 Electric Bikes, all Electric Scooters. Riders of any age may operate a Class 1 or Class 2 Electric Bicycle or any Electric Scooter.
- (b) Class 3 Electric Bikes. Riders must be at least 16 years of age to operate a Class 3 Electric Bicycle.

102-196. Use regulations.

- (a) Rules of the road, Wisconsin Statutes adopted. The provisions of Wis. Stat. Ch. 346 and 347 and applicable Village ordinances shall govern the operation of electric bicycles and electric scooters, where appropriate.
- (b) Speed, generally. No person shall operate an electric bicycle scooter at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions nor shall such a device be operated in excess of any posted speed limit.
- (b) Sidewalks.
 - (1) Electric bikes and scooters may be ridden on sidewalks in the following circumstances:
 - (i) In areas where bike lanes are not available.
 - (ii) When accessing properties with sidewalk frontage.
 - (2) Speed on sidewalks. When operating an electronic bicycle or scooter on the sidewalk, the operator shall not exceed 10 mph.
 - (3) Pedestrians. Operators must yield to pedestrians. It shall be unlawful for anyone operating an electric bicycle or scooter to attempt to pass another person or persons going in the same direction on the sidewalk without giving a warning until it becomes evident that the person so warned is aware of the approach of such person driving said electric bicycle or scooter.
- (c) Cell phone use. While operating an electric bicycle or scooter, use of a mobile device is prohibited.
- (d) Number of riders. No electric bicycle or scooter shall be used to carry

more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

- (1) No bicycle except a tandem shall be used to carry any person except the operator unless equipped with a child's seat in which case the following conditions and regulations must be met. The operator shall be 14 years of age or older. Only one child's seat shall be attached to a bicycle.

(e) Improper riding, trick riding and racing.

(1) Improper Riding, Trick Riding and Racing.

- (a) No person driving an electric bicycle or scooter upon a public highway, street, or sidewalk shall participate in any race, speed or endurance contests.
- (b) No person riding or operating an electric bicycle scooter shall perform or attempt to perform any acrobatics, fancy, or stunt riding upon any public highway, street or sidewalk.

(f) Parking.

- (1) Electric bicycles and scooters must be parked in areas designated for parking bicycles and scooters, such as a bike rack. If there are no bicycle racks or other facilities intended to be used for the parking of bicycles or scooters in the vicinity, such devices may be parked on the sidewalk in an upright position parallel to and within 24 inches of the curb.
- (2) Electric bicycles and scooters must be parked in such a way as to not constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic or property.

102-197. Equipment.

(a) Visibility/lighting.

- (1) Front-facing. No person shall operate an electric bicycle or scooter during hours of darkness unless such bicycles or scooters are equipped with a lamp emitting white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of such bicycle or scooter. The operator may wear a headlamp at the same requirements as stated above if the bicycle or scooter is not equipped with a lamp.

(2) Rear facing. No person shall operate an electric bicycle or scooter during hours of darkness unless such bicycles or scooters are equipped with a red reflector at least 2 inches in diameter. A red lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to a reflector, but may not replace the reflector required above.

(b) Gasoline motors prohibited. No person may operate a bicycle or scooter powered by a gasoline powered motor.

102-198. Penalties

(a) Generally. Any person who shall violate any provision of this division shall be subject to a penalty as provided in section 1-11 of the Union Grove Municipal Code.

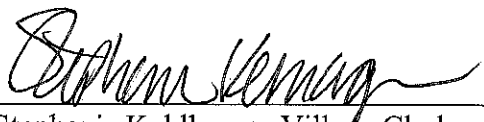
(b) Parking. In addition to any other penalties provided for in this division, any improperly parked electric bicycles and scooters may be removed by the Village."

6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of Union Grove, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 13 day of January, 2025.

VILLAGE OF UNION GROVE

By: 
Steve Wicklund, Village President

Attest: 
Stephanie Kohlhausen, Village Clerk