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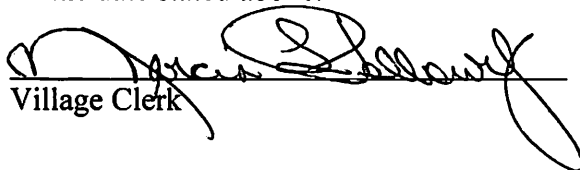
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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Harwood Heights (the “Village”) is an Illinois municipal corporation organized and operating pursuant to authority granted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its home rule power, the Village may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances, to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in Title X (“Vehicles and Traffic”), the Village Board previously adopted local ordinances and regulations pertaining to use of its highways, streets, rights of way, and sidewalks; and

**WHEREAS**, due to innovations in technology, additional means of motorized transport are available to persons across all ages and these new means of transport have created new conflicts between users of the transport and both pedestrians and vehicular traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 103-899 (the “Act”) amended Section 11-1518 of the Illinois Vehicle Code to define and regulate electric scooters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act allows the Village to adopt additional regulations on low-speed electric scooters and does not preempt home rule municipalities from adopting regulations on high-speed electric scooters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities find and determine that the operation of electric scooters continues to pose safety risks to riders, pedestrians, and drivers of other vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interests of the Village to amend its regulation of personal motorized transport and micromobility devices to address these new and evolving conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has determined that amending Title X, Chapter 10.56 of the Village Code of Ordinances is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Village, its residents and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, Illinois, in the exercise of the Village's home rule powers, that the Village Code be amended as follows, with all existing provisions of the Village Code not set forth below continuing in full effect as currently written:

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1. The findings and recitals herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the Village and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

**SECTION 2. AMENDING E-SCOOTER REGULATIONS.** Section

10.56.040 shall be, and hereby is repealed in its entirety.

~~10.56.040 Riding on motorized pedaleycles.~~

- ~~A. The operator of a motorized pedaleycle shall ride only astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and shall not permit two persons to ride thereon at the same time, unless the motorized pedaleycle is designed to carry two persons; any motorized pedaleycle designed for two persons must be equipped with a passenger seat and footrests for use of a passenger.~~
- ~~B. Neither the operator nor any passenger on a motorized pedaleycle shall be required to wear any special goggles, shield, helmet or glasses.~~
- ~~C. The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to the operation of motorized pedaleycles, except for those provisions which by their nature can have no application to motorized pedaleycles.~~

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10.56.075.**

Title X

("Vehicles and Traffic"), Chapter 10.56 ("Miscellaneous Rules"), Section 10.56.075 ("Motor Driven Scooters") of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances, shall be, and hereby is amended as follows (additions in **bold and underline**, deletions in ~~**bold and strikethrough**~~), with those subsections not set forth herein remaining in effect as currently written.

10.56.75. ~~Motor driven scooters~~ **Personal Motorized Transport.**

A. **Meaning.**

1. Definitions.

- a. For the purpose of this section, a "motor driven scooter" is defined as any electric or gas driven wheeled scooter, **cycle, cart, all-terrain vehicle, motorized pedal cycle ("moped"), skateboard or other vehicle for which the state of Illinois does not issue a title document, and does not issue license plates or registration documents with less than 150 cubic centimeter piston displacement, or electric scooter, electric pedal driven cycle or electric skateboard or any other similar motor-driven vehicle. For purposes of this definition, a "go-cart" or "ATV" shall be defined as any motorized off-highway device 50 inches or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of 600 pounds or less, traveling on three or more low-pressure tires, designed with a seat or saddle for operator use, and a steering wheel, tiller, or handle bars for steering control.**

- b. “Low speed electric scooter” shall have the meaning set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-140.11.
  - c. “Electric Bicycles” (“e-bikes”): Bicycles equipped with an electric motor that assists with pedaling. There are 3 classes of Electric Bicycles. “Class 1 e-bikes” are pedal-assist bicycles with functional pedals, no hand or other throttle device, and a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph. “Class 2 e-bikes” are bicycles powered by an electric motor with functional pedals, a hand or other throttle, and a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph or less. “Class 3 e-bikes” are bicycles powered by an electric motor with a hand or other throttle and a maximum assisted speed that can exceed 20 mph. Except as required as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act, the operation of a Class 3 e-bike upon any public or private street, public sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, or public park within the Village is prohibited at all times.
  - d. “Hoverboards” are self-balancing boards with two wheels, powered by batteries.
  - e. “Skateboards” are electric-powered skateboards used for short trips.
  - f. “Segways” are two-wheeled, self-balancing personal transporters.
2. For the purpose of this subchapter, “Personal Motorized Transport” refers collectively to Motor Driven Scooters, Carts, ATVs, Scooters, Skateboards, Hoverboards, Segways, Class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes.

B. Operation of ~~Motor Driven Scooters~~ Personal Motorized Transport Restricted.

1. No person under the age of 16 years, or who does not possess a valid driver’s license shall operate a ~~motor driven scooter~~ Personal Motorized Transport upon any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, park or on any other public property.

2. No person shall operate Personal Motorized Transport upon any sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, park or on any other public property.

3. Every person operating a Personal Motorized Transport on any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bicycle path, or any other public property within the corporate limits of the Village must comply with all applicable regulations set forth in Sections 11-1501 through 11-1518 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11 *et seq.*, as may be amended from time to time.

4. No person operating Personal Motorized Transport upon a public street may exceed the posted speed limit on that street.

5. No more than one person may ride upon Personal Motorized Transport at a time.

6. No Person shall operate Personalized Motor Transport faster than is reasonable and proper shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the rider and of

**other Persons and property. When two or more persons in a group are operating Personal Motorized Transport, they shall not ride abreast, but shall ride in single file.**

**7. Personal Motorized Transport, when in use after sunset, must be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a red reflector on the rear which must be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 600 hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beam of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used as an alternative to the red reflector.**

**8. No person may operate a Personal Motorized Transport while carrying a package, bundle, or article in a manner that prevents the operator from keeping both hands upon the handle bars or steering device.**

**9. All persons operating Personal Motorized Transports on any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bicycle path, or any other public property within the corporate limits of the Village must wear a helmet at all times.**

**10. Adult Responsibility. No parent or legal guardian of a minor under the age of 16 may permit that minor to violate any provision of this Section.**

- C. Exemptions. The following shall be exempt from the prohibitions contained in the ordinance codified in this section:
1. Any police vehicle, fire vehicle, municipal vehicle, special district vehicle, or government vehicle operated by an employee in the course of his or her duties;
  2. Motorized Wheelchairs. For purposes of this section, a motorized wheelchair means any motorized vehicle designed for and used by a person with disabilities;
  3. Electric personal assistance mobility devices, as defined in Section 5/1-117.7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5-1-100 et. seq.).
  4. **Segways may be operated upon public or private streets, public sidewalks, parking lots, bike paths, or public parks provided that the speed of such device does not exceed 10 miles per hour.**
  5. **Any electric motorized toy intended for children (aka “power wheels”) may be operated upon public or private streets, public sidewalks, parking lots, bike paths, or public parks provided that the maximum speed of such device does not exceed 5 miles per hour.**
  6. **Personal Motorized Transport may be operated in a parade as authorized by the Village pursuant to the applicable sections of this Code.**
- D. Applicability of this Section. By this section the Village of Harwood Heights is electing to not be bound by the ordinance adopted by the Cook County Board and furthermore by the

official adoption of the ordinance codified in this section, it shall apply to any areas within the jurisdiction of the municipality of Harwood Heights.

E. Violations.

1. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the fine schedule appended to this code as Appendix 2. An offense committed by a minor under the direct control or with the consent of a parent or guardian may subject the parent or guardian to the penalties provided in this section.

**2. A peace officer who cites a person for a violation of this section may impound any motor driven or electric cycle used by the person in the commission of the offense in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 10.72.**

~~F. **Effective Date. The ordinance codified in this section shall be in full force and effect one hundred eighty (180) days after its approval by the village board of trustees. Between the date of its approval by the board of trustees and its effective date, the village shall disseminate information about this section to the public.**~~

**SECTION 4. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5. SAVING CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance, which are hereby declared to be separable.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

**VOTES**


AYES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

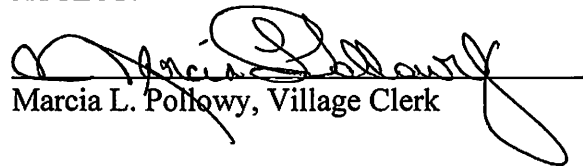
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ABSTAIN:

Passed and Approved this 24th day of July, 2025.

  
Mayor Arlene Jezierny

ATTEST:

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, Marcia L. Pollowy, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, State of Illinois.**

**I do further certify that the foregoing Ordinance 25-10 entitled:**

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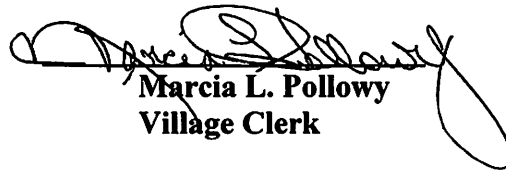
**Is true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights at a meeting held on the 24th day of July, 2025.**

**I do further certify that the original of which the foregoing is a true copy is entrusted to my care and safekeeping, and that I am keeper of the same.**

**I do further certify that I am the keeper of the records, ordinances, and resolutions of said Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.**

**In witness whereof I have hereunto set my official hand and seal this 25th day of July, 2025.**



  
**Marcia L. Pollowy**  
**Village Clerk**

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