

City of Seymour

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Create Chapter 70 Article V Bicycles, Electric Scooters, and Play Vehicles Section 70-151

ARTICLE V. BICYCLES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, AND PLAY VEHICLES

Sec. 70-151. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bicycle, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(5), means every vehicle propelled by feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks and having wheels any 2 of which are not less than 14 inches in diameter.

Bicycle lane, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(5e), means that portion of a roadway set aside by the governing body of any city, town, village, or county for exclusive use of bicycles, electric scooters, electric personal assistive mobility devices, or other modes of travel where permitted under s. 349.23(2)(a), and so designated by appropriate signs and pavement markings.

Bicycle way, as defined in Wis. Stats 340.01(5s), means any path or sidewalk, or portion thereof, designated for the use of bicycles, electric scooters, and electric personal assistive mobility devices by the governing body of any city, town, village, or county.

Electrical bicycle, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(15ph), 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 with the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Electric personal assistive mobility devices, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(15pm), means a self-balancing, 2-nontandem-wheeled device that is designed to transport only one person and that has an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less.

Electric scooter, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(15ps), 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.

Golf cart, as defined in Wis. Stats. 23.33(1)(fm), means a vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 miles per hour on a paved, level surface, and that is designed and intended to convey on or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course.

Low-speed vehicle, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(27h), means a motor vehicle that conforms to the definition and requirements for low-speed vehicles as adopted in the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles under 49 CFR 571.3(b) and 49 CFR 571.500. Low-speed vehicle does not include a golf-cart.

Motor bicycle, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(30), means a bicycle to which a power unit that is not an integral part of the vehicle has been added to permit the vehicle to travel at a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour with a 150-pound rider on a dry, level, hard surface with no wind and having a seat for the operator.

Neighborhood electric vehicle, shall have the same meaning as a low-speed vehicle.

Play vehicles, as defined in Wis. Stats. 340.01(43m), means any coaster, skateboard, roller skates, sled, rollerblades, toboggan, unicycle or toy vehicle upon which a person may ride. Play vehicles does not include in-line skates or electric scooters.

Sec. 70-152. Regulations of bicycles and electric bicycles.

- (a) *Registration required.* No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle customarily kept within the City upon any street of the City without having a City registration tag therefor, and unless such bicycle or electric bicycle is properly registered and has displayed thereon its registration. Registration tags shall be provided for a fee by the City.
- (1) *Application.* Applications for registration shall be made by the owner on forms provided by the Seymour Police Department. Such application shall contain owner and bicycle or electric bicycle information as the Chief of Police deems pertinent.
 - (2) *Tag.* Upon such application and payment of a registration fee, which is on file at the office of the City Clerk, the Seymour Police Department shall issue to the applicant a registration tag for such bicycle or electric bicycle or until ownership is transferred. The Seymour Police Department shall keep a record of the date of issuance of such registration tag, to whom issued and the number thereof. A copy of such application shall be filed with the Seymour Police Department.
 - (3) *Affixing registration tag to bicycle or electric bicycle.* No bicycle or electric bicycle shall be considered registered until a registration tag is affixed to the bicycle or electric bicycle. The registration tag must remain so affixed until the bicycle or electric bicycle is taken out of operation, sold by the owner or removed by the Seymour Police Department upon direction of the municipal judge.
 - (4) *Transfer or cancellation.* Within ten days after any bicycle or electric bicycle registered hereunder shall have changed ownership or be dismantled and taken out of use, the person in whose name the bicycle or electric bicycle has been registered shall report such information to the Seymour Police Department. In the case of change of ownership, the registration shall thereupon be cancelled and a new license issued to the new owner upon proper application and payment by the new owner of a registration fee which is on file with the City Clerk's Office. In the case of dismantling and taking out of operation or use, the registration shall be cancelled by the Seymour Police Department.

(5) Lost registration tag. In case of theft, loss, mutilation or defacing of such license, a new license shall be issued by the department for a fee which is on file at the City Clerk's Office. No person shall willfully remove, deface, or destroy a license.

(b) Operation

(1) No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle in the City without the consent of the registered owner.

(2) Every license issued hereunder shall be deemed to be granted, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Every person propelling or riding a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a public roadway shall be subject to the provisions of all ordinances and state laws applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions with reference to equipment of vehicles and except those provisions which by their nature would have no application. Wis. Stats. §§ 346.77 to 346.82, and § 347.489 are adopted by reference as part of this section.

(b) Bicycles will be allowed to be ridden on public sidewalks within the City, provided the operator of a bicycle upon the sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle rider or pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.

(c) Electric bicycles are not allowed to be ridden on any public sidewalks in the city.

Sec. 70-153 Regulation of Electric Scooters

(a) *Limitations of use on highways, streets or other roadways.* As authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. 349.237(1), no person shall operate or ride upon any electric scooter on public roads and highways within the city having a speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour, unless the street or road has a designated bicycle lane. No person shall operate or ride upon any electric scooter on State Highway 55 between Factory Street and Robbins Street.

(b) *Use on sidewalks.* As authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. 349.237(2), no person may operate an electric scooter upon any sidewalk except as otherwise allowed by state law or this chapter.

(c) *Parking restricted.* As authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. 349.237(3), no person shall park or cause to be parked electric scooters on roadways, sidewalks, bicycle lanes or bicycle ways in the city.

(d) *Single rider requirement.* It shall be unlawful for more than one person to ride on a single electric scooter at any time, regarding of the scooter's design or capacity. No operator of an electric scooter shall permit another person to ride on the scooter with them, whether standing, sitting, or otherwise positioned on the device.

Sec. 70-154 Regulation of Motorized Bicycles, Electric Personal Assistive Devices, and Other Vehicles

(a) *Limitations of use on sidewalks, bicycle ways, trails, or City owned property.* No person shall operate or ride upon any motor bicycle, golf cart, low-speed vehicle, neighborhood electric vehicle, or any other such motor vehicle on any part of a sidewalk, City owned park, or any City owned property except otherwise allowed by state law or this chapter.

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- (c) As authorized by Wis. Stats. 346.805, a person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device upon any sidewalk. Every person operating an electric personal assistive mobility device upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or bicyclist and shall exercise due care and given audible signal when passing.
 - (b) *Restricted on highways, streets, and other roadways.* No person shall operate or ride upon any motor bicycle, golf cart, low-speed vehicle, neighborhood electric vehicle, or any other such motor vehicle that is not registered for use on highways with the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, on any highway, roadway, or street within the City except as otherwise allowed by state law or this chapter.
 - (c) Electric personal assistive mobility devices may be operated on a public roadway having a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

Sec. 70-155. Regulation of roller skates and inline skates.

- (a) *Limitations of use on highways, streets, and other roadways.* As authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. 349.235(1), every person over the age of 14 shall ride roller skates or inline skates on public roads and highways within the city.
- (b) *Use restricted to righthand curb or edge of roadway.* Every person using skates on a public roadway shall keep as close to the righthand curb or edge of the roadway as possible.
- (c) *Use on state or county highway prohibited.* It shall be unlawful to use skates on any state or county highway within the city.
- (d) *Use prohibited on Mainline Drive.* It shall be unlawful to use skates on Mainline Drive.
- (e) *Use prohibited on sidewalks in business district.* It shall be unlawful to use skates on sidewalks in the business district between Factory Street and Robbins Street.
- (f) *Obedience to traffic signs.* Every person using skates on a public roadway shall stop for stop signs and obey all other traffic signs.
- (g) *Yielding the right-of-way.* Operator of vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to a user of skates in the same manner as for bicyclists and pedestrians under Wis. Stats. §§ 346.23, 346.24, 346.37 and 346.38. Every person when using skates shall, upon entering a public roadway, yield right-of-way to motor vehicles, except that a person using skates shall be subject to the same regulations as bicyclists and pedestrians under Wis. Stats. §§ 346.23, 346.24, 346.37 and 346.38.

Sec. 70-156 Helmets

- (a) Any person less than 16 years of age operating or riding on a bicycle, electric bicycle or electric scooter on a public roadway, bicycle way, or any other public right-of-way under the jurisdiction and control of the City shall wear a protective helmet designed for bicycle safety. Such helmets shall meet or exceed the impact standards for protective bicycle helmets set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.
 - (1) A person under 16 years of age shall not operate a bicycle, skateboard or scooter, nor shall he or she wear in-line or roller skates, nor ride upon a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, scooter, or in-line or roller skates as a passenger, at a public skateboard recreation facility under the jurisdiction and control of the City unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet that meets or exceeds the impact standards for bicycle helmets set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation, or standards subsequently established by those entities.

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- (b) No parent or guardian of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any of the provisions of this section.
- (c) This section applies to a child seated in an auxiliary child's seat or trailer designed for attachment to a bicycle.

Sec. 70-157 Enforcement Procedures and Penalties

- (a) *Persons 16 years of age or older.* Any person 16 years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this article may be issued a uniform traffic citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the uniform state traffic deposit schedule.
- (b) *Persons 15 years of age and under.* Any person 15 years of age and under who shall violate any provisions of this article may be issued a written warning notice along with the following additional actions:
- (1) First offense in one year: A warning ticket is issued. The child is released. Parents are notified by the police officer.
 - (2) Second offense in the same year: A warning ticket is issued. The child is released. Parents are notified by the police officer. Parents are advised that they are responsible for their child's action and that future violations could result in the parent being cited into court under Wis. Stats. §§ 346.77.
 - (3) Third offense in the same year: Parents are notified by the police officer. Parents are issued a citation under Wis. Stats. §§ 346.77.
- (d) *Parental responsibility.* Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this article may be subject to the provisions of Wis. Stats. §§ 346.77.

Secs. 70-158—70-180. Reserved.

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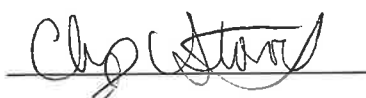
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