

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATING
ELECTRIC BICYCLES, GAS-POWERED BICYCLES,
ELECTRIC MICROMOBILITY DEVICES AND TOY VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Tri Township Park District ("District") is an Illinois park district lawfully organized and operating pursuant to the Illinois Park District Code and the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to manage and control District property, to establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations governing District property, and prescribe fines and penalties for the violation of District ordinances (70 ILCS 1205/8-1(d); 70 ILCS 1205/8-1(e); 70 ILCS 1205/8-1(f)); and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to license and regulate the operation of bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, gas-powered bicycles, micromobility devices, and toy vehicles on District property (625 ILCS 5/11-208(a); 625 ILCS 5/11-1502; 625 ILCS 5/11-1517; 625 ILCS 5/11-1518); and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the District desire to regulate the operation of bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, gas-powered bicycles, micromobility devices, and toy vehicles on District property, subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the District find and determine that regulating the operation of bicycles, low-speed electric bicycles, gas-powered bicycles, micromobility devices, and toy vehicles on District property, subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance, is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of District and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Tri Township Park District, Madison County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals and findings of fact are incorporated as though fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2. The Tri Township Park District Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, as follows:

1-1 DEFINITIONS

Bicycle: Any human-powered device and every low-speed electric bicycle, with 2 or more wheels not less than 12 inches in diameter, operable pedals, and designated seats for the transportation of one or more persons.

Electric Bicycle: A bicycle equipped with operable pedals and an electric motor.

Electric Micromobility Device: Any light-weight, low-speed, electric-powered device primarily used for personal transportation and operated at speeds up to 28 miles per hour and including the following devices/vehicles: electric skateboards, electric unicycles, low-speed electric scooters, and high-speed electric scooters.

Low-Speed 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 Low-Speed Electric Bicycle: means a low-speed 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 a speed of 20 miles per hour.
2. Class 2 Low-Speed Electric Bicycle: means a low-speed electric bicycle 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 miles per hour.
3. Class 3 Low-Speed Electric Bicycle: means a low-speed 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 a speed of 28 miles per hour.

Toy Vehicle: Any battery powered ride-on toy that (i) is designed to not exceed 10 miles per hour, (ii) includes any number of wheels or handlebars or a steering wheel and a seat or platform, and (iii) is designed for children under 8 years of age, including, but not limited to, products marketed under the brand names of "Razor" or "Power Wheels" and other similar products.

1-2: OPERATION OF ELECTRIC MICROMOBILITY DEVICES AND TOY VEHICLES PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful to operate an Electric Micromobility Device or a Toy Vehicle anywhere on District property, including but not limited to District highways, roadways, sidewalks, trails, bicycle paths, parks, and other public right-of-way.

1-3: BICYCLE OPERATION

- A. Park District trails are intended for pedestrian use. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, a person may operate a Bicycle on trails and bicycle paths and a person 18 years of age and older may operate a Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle, on bicycle lanes and roads. Every person operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle, on District property must adhere to the rules and regulations applicable to these devices as set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1-100, *et seq.*, as now or hereafter amended.
- B. It shall be unlawful to operate a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle while carrying a package, bundle, or article in a manner that prevents the use of both hands in the control and operation of the Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle.

A person operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.

- C. It shall be unlawful to operate a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- D. No Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle shall be used to carry more than one (1) person, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to their person in a back pack or sling.
- E. The use of a handheld cell phone, or similar devices, while operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle is prohibited.
- F. A person operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- G. When two or more persons in a group are operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle they shall not ride abreast, but shall ride in single file.
- H. It is unlawful for any person to attach themselves, or another device, to a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle operating on District property. It is also unlawful for any person to cling or grab onto a moving Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle.
- I. Every person operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle on or upon a District highway, roadway, bicycle path, and other public right-of-way shall ride as near to the right side thereof as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or device, or one proceeding in the same direction.
- J. It shall be unlawful to operate a Bicycle, or a Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 Low Speed E-Bicycle, or any class thereof, on District sidewalks and trails.
- K. A person may operate an Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle Bicycle on District bicycle paths and trails, except the operation of a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle is prohibited on the following bicycle paths and trails:
- L. No Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle may be operated on District property at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- M. All persons operating a Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle on District property must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

1-4: PARKING

- A. Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle may be parked on a District sidewalk or other District property, unless parking is prohibited or restricted by District signage or traffic control devices.
- B. Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle parked on District property must be parked in an upright position and in a manner that does not impede or obstruct the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle in such a way that it blocks or obstructs access to a building, a fire hydrant, or a crosswalk.

1-5: SAFETY & EQUIPMENT

- A. Every Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle, 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 of at least 500 feet to the rear. A lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of 500 feet may be used in addition to or instead of the red reflector.
- B. Every Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle must be equipped with one or more brakes that adequately controls movement of and stop and hold such Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle.
- C. Alterations to Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle.
 - 1. No person shall modify a Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle to change the manufacturer's speed capability.
 - 2. No person shall operate a Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle that allows the device to travel faster than the manufacturer's designated speed capability.
- D. All operators and passengers of a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle must wear a helmet.
- E. Every Bicycle and Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle must be equipped with a bell, horn or other warning device that is audible from a distance of at least 500 feet.
- F. A Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle shall not be equipped with a siren, except for Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle operated by fire or police personnel.

1-6: OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES

Any person operating a Bicycle or Class 1 Low Speed E-Bicycle on Park District property shall obey the instructions of traffic signals, signs, and other traffic control devices applicable to vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

1-7: RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

It shall be unlawful for the parent or legal guardian of any minor to permit, authorize, allow, or acquiesce in the minor's operation or use of a Bicycle, a Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 Low Speed E-Bicycle, an Electric Micromobility Device or a Toy Vehicle in violation of this Ordinance, or to negligently fail to exercise reasonable care to prevent the minor's operation of a Bicycle, a Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 Low Speed E-Bicycle, an Electric Micromobility Device or a Toy Vehicle in violation of this Ordinance. The parent or legal guardian of a minor who fails to exercise reasonable care to prevent the minor's operation of a Bicycle, a Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 Low Speed E-Bicycle, an Electric Micromobility Device or a Toy Vehicle is a violation of this Ordinance, and shall be liable for any and all damages and injuries to persons or property resulting therefrom in accordance with the Parental Responsibility Law, 740 ILCS 115/1, *et seq.*

1-8: PENALTY

Every person found guilty of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each day upon which each person shall continue any such violation or permit any such violation to exist after notification thereof.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent they conflict with this Ordinance

SECTION 4. If any part, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance is deemed unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses not affected thereby shall remain fully valid and enforceable.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED this 8th day of July, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Commissioners of Tri Township Park District, Madison County, Illinois.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

TRI TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

By: _____

President

ATTEST:

By: _____

Secretary