Agenda: Village of Lomira Regulations Committee Meeting
425 Water St.
Lomira, WI 53048

November 25, 2026 6:30pm

The committee will meet to discuss possible ordinance updates for the following topics:

- E-bikes and e-scooters

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ORDINANCE NO. 387

The Village Board of the Village of Lomira, Wisconsin, hereby amends Sec. 21-2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21-2. ~~Electric scooter regulations~~ Electric Bikes and Electric Scooters

(a) Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the safe and enjoyable use of sidewalks, trails, and bicycle ways within the Village of Lomira by restricting the use and prohibiting reckless and unsafe operation of electric bicycles and electric scooters.

(b) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "*Electric bicycle*" (e-bike) means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts (1 horsepower) or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

a. "*Class 1 e-bike*" 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 e-bike*" 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 e-bike*" 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.

i. Pursuant to §346.806 Wisconsin Statutes. No person under the age of 16 years may operate a Class 3 electric bicycle. A person under the age of 16 years may ride as a passenger on a Class 3 electric bicycle that is designated to accommodate passengers.

(2) "*Electric scooter*" (e-scooter) means a device weighing fewer 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 greater 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.

(c) State laws applicable.

Every person using an e-scooter or e-bike upon a public roadway shall be subject to the provisions of all ordinances and state laws applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except the provisions thereof applicable to the equipment of vehicles and other provisions that, by their nature and context, would have no application.

(d) Rules of the road.

The rules of the road for bicycles and electric bicycles have been adopted in the Lomira Code of Ordinances. Therefore, all operators of electric bicycles and electric scooters must follow the rules of the road. Example: stop at all stop signs and traffic control signals, properly use hand signals for turning, operate on the proper side of the roadway, etc.

(e) Where prohibited and restricted.

No e-bikes or e-scooters shall be operated on any public sidewalks with the power unit in operation, any Village-owned parking lots or any roadway, trails, paths, or property where a sign is erected indicating that e-bikes/e-scooters are prohibited or otherwise restricted. Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (f) hereof, at the locations indicated below:

(f) Riding on roadway.

a. Every person using an e-scooter or e-bike upon a two-way public street shall ride as near as practicable to within five feet of the right curb or edge of the roadway, except when passing another vehicle or making a left-hand turn; and when riding in groups, users of e-scooters/e-bikes shall ride in single file, except on residential streets which are not divided by painted or other marked extra lines where they may ride two abreast. On one-way roads, the user may ride as near as practicable to within five feet of the left-hand or right-hand curbs or edges of the roadway.

b. Persons using e-bikes/e-scooters shall not impede the normal movement of motor vehicle traffic.

c. No person may operate an e-bike/e-scooter on any highway or roadway with a posted speed limit greater than 25mph unless the highway or roadway contains a designated bicycle lane.

(g) Bicycle ways.

Operation of e-bikes/e-scooters shall be permitted on any ways, lanes, trails, paths, or other property designated for the use and operation of bicycles.

(h) Unsafe operation.

No person shall unsafely operate an e-bike/e-scooter in the Village of Lomira. Unsafe operation includes but is not limited to the following:

a. Clinging to other vehicles. No person using an e-bike/e-scooter shall cling to, attach themselves to, or in any manner permit themselves to be pulled or towed by any moving vehicle.

b. Towing of persons, vehicles, trailers. No person using an e-bike/e-scooter shall tow, drag, or cause to be drawn behind the e-bike/e-scooter any coaster wagon, sled, toy vehicle or any similar vehicle, trailer, person on in-line skates or roller skates, or any other type of conveyance.

c. Contests with other electric devices or vehicles. No person using an e-bike/e-scooter shall participate in any race, speed, or endurance contest with any other e-bike/e-scooter or moving vehicle on a village roadway.

d. Stunt riding. No person using an e-bike/e-scooter shall practice any fancy or acrobatic riding, wheelies, or other stunts while operating such e-bike/e-scooter.

e. Trick riding. No person shall operate an e-bike/e-scooter without having manual control of the handlebars or in any other manner which necessitates the element of unusual, extraordinary skill and involves unnecessary risk.

f. Carrying of passengers. No person shall operate an e-bike/e-scooter with another person upon said e-bike/e-scooter unless the device is so designed and equipped to carry more than one person.

g. Speed. No person shall operate an e-bike/e-scooter at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions or in excess of any posted speed limit.

h. Headphones / ear buds prohibited. No person shall operate an e-bike/e-scooter while wearing headphones, earphones, or ear buds covering or inserted into both ears while operating an e-bike/e-scooter.

i. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the safe and lawful towing of bicycle trailers for the transportation of minor children, pets, and cargo, in compliance with either the Advancing Standards Transforming Markets (ASTM) international standard F1975-15 (2023), or the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards, as from time to time amended.

j. *Helmets required.* Operators of or passengers of e-bikes/e-scooters shall abide by Sec. 21-6 of this chapter.

(i) Observance of Traffic Regulations and Speed Limits.

Every person using an e-bike/e-scooter upon a public roadway shall obey all the instructions of official traffic control devices, signs, and signals applicable to motor vehicles and shall not operate an e-bike/e-scooter at a speed greater than the posted or otherwise applicable speed limit.

(j) Yielding to Traffic.

1. The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a person using an e-bike/e-scooter in the same manner as for bicyclists and pedestrians.
2. When using an e-bike/e-scooter, every person shall, upon entering a public roadway, yield the right-of-way to motor vehicles, except a person using an e-bike/e-scooter shall be subject

to the same regulations as bicyclists and pedestrians. Operators of e-bikes/e-scooters shall offer the right-of-way to bicycles in bike lanes, ways, trails, and on bike paths.

(k) Age Limits.
No person less than eight (8) years of age shall operate an e-bike/e-scooter on village roadways, except that persons six (6) or seven (7) years of age may do so during daylight hours if accompanied by an adult capable of remaining close enough to ensure the safe proximal activity. This subsection is intended to permit usage of e-bike/e-scooters by families and intentional groups of riders.

(l) Equipment Regulations; Lamps and Reflectors.
Every person using e-bikes/e-scooters between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp firmly attached to the front of such electric bike/scooter exhibiting a white light to the front, and with a reflector or lamp mounted on the rear of the vehicle visible at a distance of 500 feet. The reflector shall not be fewer than two inches in diameter.

(m) Equipment Safety.
No e-bike/e-scooter shall be operated that is not in a safe mechanical condition and equipped with any required safety device(s). It shall be the responsibility of persons 16 years of age or older, or a parent/guardian of a child under 16 years of age, to inspect such e-bike/e-scooter to determine if it is in safe mechanical condition and legally equipped.

(n) Special Events Regulations.
In addition to the restrictions set above, by the authority of the Village of Lomira or its designee, any area of the village whereupon a special event is present, signage may be temporarily placed to further restrict or prohibit the e-bikes/e-scooters from being ridden, operated, or present in such designated areas for reasonable periods of time before, during or after such special events.

(o) Property Damage.
Operators of e-bikes/e-scooters and/or parents/guardians of such operators shall be liable for any damage caused to public or private property as a result of purposeful, negligent, or illegal actions in conflict with this ordinance, and thus shall be responsible for complete and full restitution of all costs associated with such damage, in addition to any forfeiture for such violation.

(p) Penalties.

a. For a violation of any provision of this section the offender shall pay a forfeiture, exclusive of court costs, in an amount not greater than $50 for a first offense, and not greater than $100 for any second and subsequent violations.
b. Any parent or guardian of a person under 12 years of age operating an e-bike/e-scooter, in-line skates, or play vehicle shall be liable for any violations of this ordinance committed by the minor and shall be subject to forfeitures as set forth herein.

Moved by Tr. _____, seconded by Tr._____,

to adopt Ordinance No. 387 as presented.

Roll call showed the following results: Ayes:_____

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Nays: _____ Absent: _____

Motion carried.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.