

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 and 26,
OF THE EDINA CITY CODE CONCERNING
ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF EDINA ORDAINS:

Chapter 24 Article 1 and Chapter 26 Article X are amended with the following original text, added text, and ~~deleted text~~:

Section 1. Chapter 24, Article I, Section 24-1- Definitions.

Sidewalk means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians. an-improved thoroughfare located on a public right-of-way or public easement limited-to usage by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

Section 2. Chapter 26, Article X, Section 26-282 - Operation of bicycles.

- (a) For purposes of this article, the term "bicycle" " ~~means every device capable of being propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels. has the meaning given that term in Minn. Stats. § 169.011, subd. 4. Any person operating a bicycle on any street or bicycle lane or bicycle route must comply with Minn. Stats. § 169.222.~~
- (b) For Purposes of this article, the term "electric-assisted bicycle" means a bicycle with two or three wheels that:(1) has a saddle and fully operable pedals for human propulsion; (2) meets the requirements for bicycles under Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, part 1512, or successor requirements;(3) is equipped with an electric motor that has a power output of not more than 750 watts;(4) meets the requirements of a class 1, class 2, class 3, or multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle; and (5) has a battery or electric drive system that has been tested to an applicable safety standard by a third-party testing laboratory.

All electric-assisted bicycles operated within the City shall comply with Minnesota State Statutes and with the following additional requirements:

1. Any person under the age of 18 operating or riding on an electric-assisted bicycle in the city shall wear a helmet or other protective headgear approved for bicycle riding by the United States Department of Transportation or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Section 3. Chapter 26, Article X, Section 26-283 – Rules for operating bicycles on ~~public~~ sidewalks, bicycle paths, bicycle trails or shared-use paths.

A person may operate a bicycle or an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in this Chapter, on a bicycle path, bicycle route, bicycle trail or shared-use path as the terms bicycle path, bicycle trail or shared-use path are defined in Minn. Stat. 169.011. No person may operate an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in this Chapter, on a sidewalk. A person may operate a bicycle, as defined in the Chapter, on a ~~public~~ sidewalk, including in a business district, subject to the following requirements in addition to those found in state statute. A bicyclist shall:

- (1) Ride at a speed no greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, and in no event at a speed greater than ten miles per hour.
- (2) Slow to a walking pace when pedestrians are present.
- (3) Slow to a walking pace upon approach to and when crossing a driveway or intersection; enter driveway or intersection when clear of traffic.
- (4) Not ride on sidewalks where the entrance or exit of a building abuts the sidewalk.
- (5) Not ride on sidewalks where posted.

Section 4. Chapter 26, Article X, Section 26-284 - Petty misdemeanor.

Any violation of section ~~26-282~~ or 26-283 shall be a petty misdemeanor punishable as provided in section 1-18.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Edina, Minnesota.

First Reading: April 16, 2025

Second Reading: Waived

ATTEST:

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

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