



E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTERS IN THE CITY OF NORTHLAKE

Illinois' E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER LAW FOR THE ROAD

- E-Bikes and E-Scooters must follow the same rules of the road as bicycles, including obeying traffic control devices.
- E-Bikes and E-Scooters are not subject to the registration, licensing or insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles unless it is a Class 4 E-Bike.
- Persons under 16 may not ride E-Bikes or E-Scooters unless accompanied by an adult. All must wear a helmet.
- E-Bikes and E-Scooters may not be ridden on sidewalks.
- E-Bikes and E-Scooters are allowed on bike paths however, they must be ridden at the same safe speeds as normal bicycles

THERE ARE 3 OFFICIAL CLASSES OF E-BIKES

1. **Class 1:** 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 a speed of 20 miles per hour and < 750 watts.
2. **Class 2:** an 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 and < 750 watts.
3. **Class 3:** 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 a speed of 28 miles per hour and > 750 watts.

WHAT IS AN E-BIKE?

- In Illinois, an e-bike is defined as a low-speed electric bicycle.
- The same rules of the road apply to e-bikes, e-scooters and human-powered bicycles.
- Electric bicycles are designed to be as safe as traditional bicycles, do not compromise consumer safety, and benefit bicyclist who may. Be discouraged from riding a traditional bicycle due to limited physical fitness, age, disability or convenience.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Please carefully consider the maturity level of children to ensure they can follow traffic laws before purchasing bikes or scooters

The following laws and safety tips will help drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians share the road and reach their destination safely

- Obey the same traffic laws, signs, and signals that apply to motorists
- Be visible
- Ride as close to the right edge of the road as is safe
- Communicate using hand signals
- Avoid the "door zone."
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic, not against traffic

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