

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF BRISTOL, INDIANA AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF
ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE USE OF BICYCLES AND
ELECTRIC MOTOR TRANSPORTERS IN TOWN PARKS

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol, Indiana (the “Town”) is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana governed by its duly elected Town Council (the “Council”); and

WHEREAS, the Town owns, maintains, and operates public parks for the benefit, safety, and enjoyment of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to regulate the use of Town parks in a manner that promotes pedestrian safety, protects park facilities and natural areas, and preserves the peaceful recreational character of such parks; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 9-21-11-13.1 recognizes that a Town may by ordinance exercise control over the use of electric bicycles within Town limits; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that prohibiting the use of electric bicycles within Town parks is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Bristol, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1 The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2 Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bristol, Indiana is hereby amended to add a new Section 20-27, which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 20-27. – Regulation of bicycles and electric motor transporters in town parks; exceptions; enforcement.

- (a) No person shall operate, ride, propel, or otherwise use a bicycle within any Town park except upon a designated bicycle path, multi-use path, trail, or other route expressly designated by the Town or the Park Board for bicycle travel.
- (b) No person shall operate, ride, propel, or otherwise use an electric bicycle, electric foot scooter, electric one-wheel skateboard, electric unicycle, electric wheel hoverboard, EZ Quadribent™, motor-driven cycle, or Segway® within any Town park, including on any sidewalk, trail, pathway, parking area, open space, athletic field, playground area, shelter area, or other park facility owned, operated, or maintained by the Town or the Park Board for the Town.

- (c) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to: (1) bicycles or electric motor transporters used by Town employees, law enforcement officers, emergency responders, or other authorized personnel in the performance of official duties; (2) devices used as mobility aids by individuals with disabilities, to the extent required by applicable law; or (3) bicycles or electric motor transporters that are walked or carried through a Town park and are not ridden or operated.
- (d) Any Town police officer who observes a violation of this section may issue an ordinance violation citation. Penalties shall be as set forth in Section 24-237.”

Section 3

Chapter 24, Section 24-237(l)(5) of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bristol, Indiana is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

“(5) Bicycles, electric bicycles, and electric motorized transporters.

Violation	Fine
Attaching oneself to a moving vehicle	\$20.00
Failure to maintain two hands on the handlebar	\$20.00
Illegal parking	\$20.00
Inadequate braking system	\$20.00
More than two passengers	\$20.00
No headlights and/or taillights	\$20.00
Riding more than two abreast	\$20.00
Riding on the sidewalk within the business district	\$20.00
Operating a bicycle or electric motor transporter in a town park in violation of Section 20-27	\$20.00
Violating bike path regulations	\$20.00
Violating rules of this subsection	\$20.00

Violating the time of operation	\$20.00
Second violation in 12 months	\$25.00
Third violation in 12 months	\$50.00

Section 4 The remaining portions of the Code of Ordinances are not affected by this Ordinance and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5 All prior ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency only, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, such repeal to have prospective effect only.

Section 6 If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance so long as enforcement of the same can be given the same effect.

Section 7 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect in accordance with Indiana law, upon passage of any applicable waiting periods, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. All acts pursuant to the adoption of this Ordinance are hereby ratified.

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ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL, INDIANA, ON
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL, INDIANA

Jeff Beachy, President

Cathy Burke

Gregg Tuholski

Doug DeSmith

Tony Davidson

ATTEST:

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

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