

### Electronic Bicycle Ordinance:

- Main concerns are parks and sidewalks
- Current state of WI law on E-Bikes:
  - Limits E-Bikes to a 750 watt motor or less.
  - 3 classifications of electric bikes in WI:
    - Class 1 – motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, but ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches 20 MPH
    - Class 2 – powered solely by a motor, but stops providing assistance when the bicycle reaches 20 MPH
    - Class 3 – motor that provides assistance only when pedaling, but ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches 28 MPH
    - Anything beyond these classes is considered a moped.
  - Electric bikes are regulated similarly to regular bicycles under state law
    - No drivers license required
  - Municipalities can prohibit the operation of electronic bikes on bikeways under their jurisdiction, on sidewalks, or in municipal parks.
  - Cannot prevent operation on:
    - Roads
    - Bikeways under the jurisdiction of DOT or county (unless county prohibits too)
- Currently they are already prohibited on sidewalks in the business district. See Sec. 7.13:

#### **Sec. 7.13 Rollerblades, Roller Skates, Skateboards and Bicycles Regulated**

No person shall rollerblade, roller skate, operate a skateboard or ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in any business district.

- It is not clear if they are already banned in parks under Sec. 15.05, since it is not clear if an electric bike is considered a motor vehicle:

#### **Sec. 15.05 Motor Vehicles**

- (a) No person, except park personnel, shall drive or park a motor vehicle in any park, except on such roads or parking lots specifically designated for the use of motor vehicles.
- (b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or in excess of any other posted speed limit, whichever is less.

- (c) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless or imprudent manner or in any manner which may tend to create a disturbance or endanger the safety of persons using the parks.
- For Parks, we could consider adding a specific prohibition in Sec. 15.03 (Unlawful Conduct Prohibited) rather than including E-bikes in the definition of motor vehicle.
- Ordinance committee recommendations:
  - Add a prohibition on park paths under Sec. 15.03, only allowing E-bikes if being entirely self-propelled.
    - Exception if necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a handicapped or disabled individual for ADA compliance
  - Create a new sec. 7.135 to prohibit E-bikes on sidewalks.