

ORDINANCE NO. MC-1102

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE HOMEWOOD
MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR-DRIVEN
SCOOTERS, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, AND ELECTRIC BICYCLES.**

WHEREAS, Section 11-208 of the Illinois Vehicle Code authorizes the corporate authorities of a municipality to regulate the operation of low-speed electric bicycles; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1518 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1518) authorizes municipalities to regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters on highways within their jurisdiction, sidewalks, trails, or other public rights-of-way where bicycles would be allowed; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood find it to be in the Village's best interest to enact the following regulations to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE – AMENDMENTS TO THE HOMEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:

A. Section 40-36 of the Homewood Municipal Code is amended by deleting this section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 40-36. - Bicycles, motorcycles, motor-driven scooters, Electric Scooters, Scooters, and Electric Bicycles.

- (a) Except as permitted by this Section, it is unlawful for any person to operate a minibike, go-cart, snowmobile, motor-driven scooter, or a similar vehicle upon any paved or unpaved street or public way, or upon private property without the property owner's consent.
- (b) Electric Scooters – All Types
 - (1) Low-Speed Electric Scooters (devices with a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour, as defined in Section 1-140.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-140.11)). The following regulations shall apply to these devices:

- a. There is no age restriction for the use of this class of electric scooter.
- b. Shall be allowed for operation on sidewalks and designated bike lanes in areas not restricted under the following paragraph c.
- c. It shall be unlawful to operate a low-speed electric scooter in any business district, manufacturing district, or special district as defined in section 44-02-01 of this code.
- d. All regulations governing Low-Speed Electric Scooters detailed in Section 11-1518 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1518) shall apply.

(2) Electric Scooters (any device described in Section 1-140.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code but having a maximum speed greater than 10 miles per hour) The following regulations shall apply to these devices:

- a. It is unlawful for any person under age 18 to operate.
- b. They may only be operated on roadways with a speed limit less than 35 miles per hour, or on a designated bike lane on any roadway.
- c. It shall be unlawful to operate on any sidewalk.
- d. It shall be unlawful to operate in any business district, manufacturing district, or special district as defined in section 44-02-01 of this code, with the exception of designated bike lanes.
- e. All regulations governing Low-Speed Electric Scooters detailed in Section 11-1518 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1518) shall also apply to Electric Scooters.

(c) Low-Speed Electric Bicycles (as defined in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-140.10))

- a. All regulations governing Low-Speed Electric Bicycles detailed in Section 11-1517 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1517) shall apply.

(d) The following shall be exempt from the prohibitions contained in this section:

- (1) Any governmental vehicle operated by an employee in the course of their duties.
- (2) Motorized wheelchairs, as defined by Section 1-148.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-148.3).
- (3) Electric personal assistive mobility devices, as defined by Section 1-117.7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-117.7).

(e) Violations. Any person 18 years of age or older who violates any provision of this article shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$750.00 for each offense. An offense committed by a minor under the direct control or with the consent of a parent or guardian may subject the parent or guardian to the penalties provided in this section.

B. Section 40-36 of the Homewood Municipal Code is amended by deleting this section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 40-251. – Emerging from alleys, driveways, or garages.

The operator of a bicycle, low-speed electric scooter, electric scooter, or low-speed electric bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk area and upon entering the public street or roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the street or roadway.

SECTION TWO – EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2026.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____ Absent: _____