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TO: Mayor & City Council  
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator  
DATE: August 17, 2026  
RE: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ebike Ordinance

**Background Brief:** LVPD is presenting Ordinance No. 2026-02 for first reading to establish regulations governing the operation of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other electric personal mobility devices within the City of Lathrup Village.

The proposed ordinance is intended to promote pedestrian and public safety while establishing clear and consistent rules for the use of these increasingly common devices. The ordinance is structured to remain consistent with the Michigan Vehicle Code and provides specific regulations for City sidewalks, roadways, bike lanes, park pathways, and other public areas.

The ordinance would:

- Define electric bicycles and personal mobility devices, including Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 e-bikes, as well as electric scooters, hoverboards, electric skateboards, and similar devices.
- Prohibit riding e-bikes and electric personal mobility devices on City sidewalks, while allowing them to be walked across sidewalks or used briefly to cross a roadway or driveway at walking speed while yielding to pedestrians.
- Allow e-bikes and qualifying personal mobility devices on roadways and bike lanes where conventional bicycles are permitted, subject to applicable traffic laws and safe operation.
- Establish additional requirements for Class 3 e-bike operators, including age restrictions and helmet requirements for riders under 18.
- Permit use on designated park pathways when not prohibited by signage, generally subject to a 15-mph maximum speed and requirements to yield to pedestrians.
- Establish rules for electric personal mobility devices, including single-file operation, passenger limitations, keeping to the right when practicable, and maintaining a hand on the handlebars when applicable.
- Clarify that electric dirt bikes, e-motos, and other devices that do not meet the definition of an e-bike are subject to applicable motor vehicle or off-road vehicle requirements under state law.
- Establish civil infraction penalties, with enhanced penalties for subsequent violations and certain reckless or non-compliant operation.
- Provide limited authority for impoundment of devices in circumstances involving reckless operation, repeat violations, minors with prior violations, or non-compliant motor vehicles/devices.
- Amend the City's park regulations to specifically prohibit operating an e-bike or electric personal mobility device in violation of the new Chapter 74 regulations.

**Previous Action:** N/A

**Economic Impact:** N/A

**Recommendation:** It is my recommendation to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and schedule a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**Recommended Motion:**

Moved by Councilmember, \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the First Reading - EBikes Ordinance #2026-02 - An Ordinance to Add Article VII to Chapter 74. Traffic and Vehicles, Sections 74-110 through 74-119, and by Amending Chapter 46. Miscellaneous Offenses, Provisions, Forfeitures and Penalties, Article XII. Parks and Recreation Protection, Section 46-179; and schedule a second reading for September 21, 2026.

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Mayor

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