First Reading: July 14, 2026
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Third Reading:
Effective Date:

VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 14

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 373.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES

WHEREAS, Council finds that regulating bicycles, electric bicycles, and similar devices promotes pedestrian safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Wood County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Section 373.13 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby enacted to read:

373.13 OPERATION OF BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES.

(a) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, motorized skateboard, or other similar motorized device upon any sidewalk. A person operating a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, in-line skates, or other similar non-motorized device upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

(b) Within the Designated Downtown Business Area, which includes the sidewalks located on both sides of Main Street from Water Street to Broadway Street, no person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, skateboard, motorized skateboard, scooter, motorized scooter, roller skates, in-line skates, or other similar device upon any sidewalk. Such devices shall be walked while on the sidewalk within the Designated Downtown Business Area.

(c) Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 electric bicycles may be operated on multi-use paths, provided they are operated at a speed not exceeding fifteen miles per hour and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

(d) No person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, skateboard, motorized skateboard, scooter, motorized scooter, roller skates, in-line skates, or other similar device upon any public street or public way closed by the Village for a parade, festival, public event, or other special event, unless authorized by the Village.

(e) This section does not apply to law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, Village employees acting within the scope of their official duties, or persons authorized by the Village.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting in compliance with all applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

The motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

VOTE ON ADOPTION YEAS _____ NAYS _____ ABSTAIN _____

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Dee Hefner, President of Council

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Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

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Mason Davis, Clerk of Council