

**VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 3, SERIES OF 2026

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE CHAPTER 222, BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES OF
THE VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Combined Locks, Outagamie County, Wisconsin as follows:

- A. Ordinance Title Chapter 222, Bicycles and Play Vehicles as set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

Chapter 222 BICYCLES AND OTHER ELECTRIC MOTORIZED DEVICES

§ 222-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BICYCLE — Every device propelled by feet acting upon pedals and having wheels, any two of which are not less than 14 inches in diameter, including electric bicycles, motor bicycles, and electric scooters.

CARRIER — Any device attached to a bicycle designed for carrying articles.

DEVICE — Any wheeled means of transportation propelled by use of feet acting upon pedals with or without an electric motor that is not an automobile.

ELECTRIC BICYCLE — A bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

Class 1: Electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceased to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2: Electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 3: Electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceased to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour. Wis. Stat. §346.806(4) prohibits persons under the age of 16 from operating a Class 3 electric bicycle.

An electric bicycle modified to exceed 28 miles per hour or equipped with a motor exceeding 750 watts shall not be considered an electric bicycle under Wis Stat. §340.01(15ph) and may be classified as an “electric motorcycle” as defined below.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE – A motor vehicle manufactured with an electric motor with more than 750 watts, a seat or saddle requiring the rider to sit astride, not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground, steering controlled by handlebars, and acceleration and braking controlled with handlebar and/or foot controls and is capable of speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour. Motor vehicles meeting this description shall be considered motorcycles under Wis. Stat. § 340.01(32) and shall require a valid Class M motorcycle license for operation on public roads.

ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE (EPAMD/“Segway”) – A self-balancing, 2-nontandem-wheeled device that is designed to transport only one person and that has an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less as defined by Wisconsin Statute Section 340.01

ELECTRIC SCOOTER – A device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. “Electric scooter” does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped. Any electric scooter modified to exceed 20 miles per hour shall no longer be considered an electric scooter under Wis. Stat. §340.01(15ps) and may be classified as an “electric motorcycle” as defined above.

HOURS OF DARKNESS – The period of time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise and all other times when there is not sufficient natural light to render clearly visible any person or vehicle upon a highway at a distance of 500 feet.

MOTOR BICYCLE – A bicycle to which a power unit that is not an integral part of the vehicle has been added to permit the vehicle to travel at a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour with a 150-pound rider on a dry, level, hard surface with no wind and having a seat for the operator. “Motor bicycle” does not include an electric bicycle.

PERSONAL MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICE – Any self-propelled device designed to transport one person, powered in whole or in part by an electric motor or combustion engine. This term includes, but is not limited to:

1. Electric bicycles.
2. Motor bicycles.
3. Electric Scooters.
4. EPAMD/Segway

This term does not
include:

- a. Neighborhood electric vehicles.
- b. Operation of a vehicle properly licensed by the Department of Transportation.
- c. Operation of mobility aids used by people with disabilities.
- d. Operation of motorized farm equipment.
- e. Operation of lawn equipment.
- f. Operation of garden equipment.

RIGHT-OF-WAY — The right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed, and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

§ 222-2. Manner of operation restricted.

The provisions of Chs. 346 and 347, Wis. Stats. and applicable Village ordinances shall govern the operation of bicycles, and all Personal Motorized Mobility Devices, including electric bicycles, EPAMDs, and electric scooters where appropriate.

- A. Subject to the special provisions applicable to each type of device, every person operating a bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of the Village applicable to the driver of the vehicle, except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances by which their nature can have no application.
- B. No bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device shall be allowed to proceed on any street in the Village by inertia or momentum with the feet of the rider removed from the bicycle pedals. No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars or practice any trick or stunt riding in any street in the Village, nor shall any bicycle rider carry or ride any other person so that two persons are on the bicycle at one time unless a seat is provided for a second person.
- C. No person shall operate a bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device upon a street, sidewalk, alley, or trail in the Village carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of, or in danger to, the rights or safety of other's property or person. No person shall operate a Personal Motorized Mobility Device upon the streets of the Village without having manual control of the handlebars in any manner that necessitates the element of unusual or extraordinary skill or involves unnecessary risk.
- D. No person shall operate a bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device at speeds greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and circumstances and having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing.
- E. No bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device, as defined above, shall be operated with more than one rider. The transportation of pets on such devices is prohibited.
- F. No bicycle Personal Motorized Mobility Device shall be operated with more than

one rider unless the bicycle is designed and equipped with a separate seat and handlebars for a second rider.

- G. No bicycles or Personal Motorized Mobility Devices are permitted on sidewalks and trails except when there is no shared use bike lane, or the use of said bike lane is not safe due to traffic and roadway conditions. While on sidewalks, all operators must adhere to the following:
- (1) Operate at a speed limit of 5 mph or less.
 - (2) Operate in a safe and reasonable manner, which does not pose or create a danger to pedestrians using the same sidewalk.
 - (3) Operators must yield to pedestrian traffic on sidewalks and provide an audible warning when operating behind a pedestrian.
 - (4) No bicycle shall be operated by any person over 12 years of age upon public school grounds or athletic fields, except where authorized.
- H. All scooters are prohibited on unpaved trails

§222-3. Helmets

Any person less than 16 years of age operating or riding on a bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device on a public roadway or any other public right-of-way or land under the jurisdiction and control of the Village shall wear a protective helmet designed for bicycle safety. Such helmets shall meet or exceed the impact standards for protective bicycle helmets set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation.

§ 222-4. Lighting and other equipment.

No person shall operate a bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device upon a highway unless equipped as required in § 347.489, Wis. Stats.

No person may operate a bicycle or Personal Motorized Mobility Device during hours of darkness unless the electric bicycle or other vehicle or device listed is equipped with (or the operator is wearing) a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of the electric bicycle or other vehicle or device listed.

The bicycle, or Personal Motorized Mobility Device shall also be equipped with a red reflector that has a diameter of at least 2 inches of surface area or a strip of reflective tape that has at least two (2) square inches of surface area, on the rear of the vehicle or device so mounted or maintained to be visible from all distances 50 to 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps of a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in lieu of the red reflector.

§ 222-5 Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person 16 years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be issued a uniform traffic citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule.
- (1) First offense - \$124.00 and a warning letter mailed to the parent or guardian requiring signature and return of the warning notice to law enforcement.

- (2) Second and subsequent offenses - \$248.00 and a warning letter mailed to the parent or guardian requiring signature and return of the warning notice to law enforcement.
- B. Any person under 16 years of age who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be issued a special bicycle violation warning notice along with the following additional actions:
 - (1) First offense - \$62.00 and a warning letter mailed to the parent or guardian requiring signature and return of the warning notice to law enforcement.
 - (2) Second and subsequent offenses - \$124.00 and a warning letter mailed to the parent or guardian requiring signature and return of the warning notice to law enforcement
- C. Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter may be subject to the provisions of §§ 346.77 and 346.82(1), Wis. Stats.

Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any remaining provisions or applications of this ordinance.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Date introduced July 21, 2026

Approved and adopted: August 18, 2026

Village of Combined Locks

John Neumeier, Village President

Attest: _____
Racquel Shampo-Giese, Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

Chapter 222

BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES

§ 222-1.	Definitions.	§ 222-5.	General bicycle regulations.
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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Combined Locks as Title 10, Ch. 2, of the 1997 Code of Ordinances. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 222-1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in this chapter:

BICYCLE — Every device propelled by the feet acting upon pedals and having wheels, any two of which are not less than 14 inches in diameter.

BICYCLE WAY — Any path or sidewalk, or portion thereof, designated for the use of bicycles by the responsible governing body.

BICYCLE LANE — That portion of a roadway set aside for exclusive use of bicycles and so designated by appropriate signs and markings by the responsible governing body.

BIKE ROUTE — Any bicycle lane, bicycle way or highway which has been duly designated by the responsible governing body and identified by appropriate signs and markings.

CARRIER — Any device attached to a bicycle designed for carrying articles.

PLAY VEHICLES — Any coaster, skateboard, roller skates, sled, toboggan, unicycle or toy vehicle upon which a person may ride.

RIGHT-OF-WAY — The right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

§ 222-2. Lighting and other equipment.

No person shall operate a bicycle upon a highway unless equipped as required in § 347.489, Wis. Stats.

§ 222-3. Rules of the road.

The provisions of Chs. 346 and 347, Wis. Stats., and applicable Village ordinances shall govern the operation of bicycles where appropriate. Every person driving a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of the Village applicable to the driver of the vehicle, except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

§ 222-4. Skateboards, roller skates and roller skis.

- A. Regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Combined Locks to operate or ride a skateboard, roller skates, or roller skis ("play vehicles") in any of the following places:
- (1) On any Village streets, except while crossing a roadway at a crosswalk.
 - (2) On any sidewalk in a business district. For purposes of this section, a business district shall be defined as any area primarily commercial in nature.
 - (3) In any public parking ramp or parking lot.
 - (4) On private property, unless permission has been received from the owner, lessee or person in charge of that property.
- B. Yield to pedestrians. Operators or riders of skateboards, roller skates, roller skis, or other play vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to other pedestrians using Village sidewalks and shall not otherwise endanger or interfere with normal pedestrian traffic on those sidewalks.
- C. Play vehicles not to be pulled by moving vehicles. No person riding upon any coaster, roller skates, skateboard, roller skis, sled, toboggan or play vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

§ 222-5. General bicycle regulations.

- A. Parental responsibility. No parent or guardian of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any of the provisions of §§ 222-3 and 222-4 and this section.
- B. Street operation.
- (1) Unless preparing to make a left turn, every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway carrying two-way traffic shall ride as near as possible to the right edge of the unobstructed traveled roadway. On one-way roadways, the operator of the bicycle shall ride as near as possible to the right edge or left edge of the unobstructed traveled roadway. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, allowing a minimum of three feet between his bicycle and the vehicle.
 - (2) Every person when operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride such bicycle in single file.¹
 - (3) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. Infant seats are permitted if securely attached to the frame at the top mount and to the axle and frame at the rear bottom mount and if provided with handholds, footrests, foot guards and safety belt. Persons are not permitted to be located on a bicycle in front of the operator of the bicycle. **[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]**
 - (4) No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the safe operation of the bicycle with at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
 - (5) No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars or feet from the pedals, or

1. Editor's Note: Original Sec. 10-2-5(b)(3) of the 1997 Code, which regarded persons riding bicycles and clinging or attaching to other moving vehicles, which immediately followed this subsection, was repealed at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II); see now § 222-5E.

practice any acrobatic or fancy riding on any street.

- (6) Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.
- (7) No person may operate a bicycle or moped upon a roadway where a sign is erected indicating that bicycle riding is prohibited.
- C. Bicycle parking. No bicycle shall be parked in front of or adjacent to any commercial establishment unless the bicycle is parked on the sidewalk parallel to the street and as close as possible to the curb. No person shall leave a bicycle at such a place or in such a way as to create a hazard to pedestrians, automobile operators or to anyone else.
- D. Required equipment. Every bicycle, when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with a brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop such vehicle whenever necessary. Such brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times.
- E. Bicycles not to be pulled by moving vehicles. No person riding upon a bicycle shall cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle upon a street or highway, nor shall the operator of any such bicycle tow or draw any coaster wagon, sled, person on roller skates, toy vehicles or any other similar vehicle on such highway.
- F. Speed. No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions or in excess of any posted speed limit.
- G. Operation on sidewalks.
 - (1) No person over the age of 10 shall ride or propel any bicycle upon any public sidewalk or thoroughfare of the Village set apart for pedestrians, except bicycles having wheels sized 20 inches or under. This exception shall not apply to twenty-inch or under bicycles designed or modified to BMX specifications.
 - (2) No person shall ride or propel any bicycle upon any public street, alley, boulevard or sidewalk of the Village in such manner as to interfere with the rights of other persons using such street, alley, boulevard, or sidewalk.
- H. Bicycle operation while hearing obstructed. No person may operate a bicycle upon a highway while such operator is using any audio device attached directly to ear or ears of such operator that materially impairs the ability of such operator to hear traffic signals or warnings.
- I. Mopeds prohibited on bicycle ways. No person may ride a moped or motor bicycle with the power unit in operation upon a bicycle way.
- J. Riding bicycle on bicycle lane.
 - (1) Unless two-way traffic is authorized by the Village Board on any portion of a roadway which it has set aside as a bicycle lane and appropriate traffic signs are installed, every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle lane shall ride in the same direction in which vehicular traffic on the lane of the roadway nearest the bicycle lane is traveling.
 - (2) Entry and exit of bicycle lane.
 - (a) Unless otherwise provided under Subsection J(2)(b) below, a person operating a bicycle may enter or leave a bicycle lane only at intersections or at driveways adjoining the bicycle

lane.

- (b) A person may leave a bicycle at any point by dismounting from the bicycle and walking it out of the lane. A person may enter a bicycle lane at any point by walking his bicycle into the lane and then mounting it.
- (3) Every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle lane shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle rider proceeding in the same direction.
- (4) Every operator of a bicycle entering a bicycle lane shall yield the right-of-way to all bicycles in the bicycle lane. Upon leaving a bicycle lane, the operator of a bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles and pedestrians.

K. Riding bicycle on bicycle way.

- (1) Every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle way shall:
 - (a) Exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle rider or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.
 - (b) Obey each traffic signal or sign facing a roadway which runs parallel and adjacent to a bicycle way.
- (2) Every person operating a bicycle upon a bicycle way open to two-way traffic shall ride on the right side of the bicycle way.
- (3) Every operator of a bicycle entering a bicycle way shall yield the right-of-way to all bicycles and pedestrians in the bicycle way.²

§ 222-6. Violations and penalties, bicycles.

- A. Any person 16 years of age or older who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be issued a uniform traffic citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule.
- B. Any person 14 years of age through 15 years of age who shall violate any provisions of this chapter may be issued a citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the Deposit Schedule and, upon conviction thereof, may be required to forfeit not more than \$25, together with the cost of the prosecution. **[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]**
- C. Any person under 14 years of age who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be issued a special bicycle violation warning notice along with the following additional actions:
 - (1) First offense in one year: a warning letter sent to the parent or guardian.
 - (2) Second offense in the same year: vehicle license stickers shall be invalidated by law enforcement for a period of not longer than 15 days as said officer may deem necessary. The owner of said vehicle shall neither use this vehicle nor any other vehicle during said suspension.
 - (3) Third offense in the same year: vehicle license stickers shall be invalidated by law enforcement for a period of not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days as said officer may deem necessary.

2. Editor's Note: Original Sec. 10-2-6 of the 1997 Code, Bicycle registration, was repealed at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

The owner of said vehicle shall neither use this vehicle nor any other vehicle during said suspension.

- (4) Fourth and subsequent offense in the same year. Mandatory referral to Outagamie County Juvenile Court.
- D. All violations shall be determined based on the preceding twelve-month period to establish which violation has occurred.
- E. Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter may be subject to the provisions of §§ 346.77 and 346.82(1), Wis. Stats.

§ 222-7. Violations and penalties, play vehicles.

- A. Any person 14 years of age and over who shall violate any provisions of this chapter may be issued a citation and be subject to the penalties provided by the deposit schedule and, upon conviction thereof, may be required to forfeit not more than \$25, together with the costs of prosecution.
- B. Any person under 14 years of age who shall violate any provisions of this chapter may receive an officer's report warning notice along with the following additional actions:
 - (1) First offense in one year: a warning letter sent to the parent or guardian.
 - (2) Second or third offense in the same year: the play vehicle may be impounded by law enforcement authorities.
 - (3) Fourth and subsequent offense in the same year: mandatory referral to Outagamie County Juvenile Court.
 - (4) Any parent or guardian of any child who authorizes or knowingly permits such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter may be subject to the provisions of §§ 346.77 and 346.82(1), Wis. Stats.