

**PARK TOWNSHIP**  
**OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**(Electric bicycles and sidepath use)**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 03**

**AMENDMENT TO THE PARK TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article II Use of Sidewalks and Paths, of Chapter 28 Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places of the Park Township Code of Ordinances.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF OTTAWA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Amending the following definitions.** The following definitions in Section 28-19 are hereby amended to read in their respective entirety as follows:

*Bicycle:* A vehicle with two or three wheels, solely human-powered, propelled by operable pedals (or a hand-driven equivalent) affixed to a mechanical propulsion system transmitted to one or more wheels, and has handlebars for steering and a saddlelike seat. A trike or tricycle is a three-wheeled bicycle.

*Motor vehicle:* A vehicle that is self-propelled and manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, or highways. This does not include an electric micromobility device, or power-driven mobility devices when in use by an individual with a mobility disability.

*Sidewalk or sidepath or path:* That portion of a street right-of-way and adjacent easements that is located between the improved surface of the street and adjacent property lines, generally separated from the roadway and constructed of concrete or asphalt, and designated for the use of pedestrians, bicycles, electric bicycles, and other uses specifically authorized by this article.

**Section 2. Adding the following definitions.** The following definitions are hereby added to Section 28-19 of the Park Township Code of Ordinances, as amended, to read as follows:

*Electric bicycle OR electric bike OR e-bike:* A two-or three-wheeled cycle with a seat or saddle for the rider, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 h.p.) that provides propulsion assistance. It must fall into one of the following categories to be considered an electric bicycle:

- *Class 1 Electric Bicycle:* An electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
- *Class 2 Electric Bicycle:* An electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to provide assistance when the brakes are applied or throttle is released.

- *Class 3 Electric Bicycle:* An electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.

*Electric Scooter:* A standing scooter with a center column and no seat or operable pedals, propelled by an electric motor.

*Human-powered:* Describes a vehicle that can be propelled without motor assistance and solely by means of human energy input.

*Micromobility Device:* Any small, low-speed, human or electric-powered transportation device, including but not limited to bicycles, standing scooters, electric-assist bicycles (e-bikes) electric standing scooters (e-scooters), and other small, lightweight wheeled conveyances.

*Mobility Scooter:* A seated personal transporter that usually has three or four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor, and has a floorboard or footpegs but no operable pedals. It is designed as a mobility aid for people with impaired mobility. A mobility scooter is not considered an electric scooter for the purposes of this ordinance unless specified.

*Operable pedals:* A pair of foot-operated levers or hand-driven equivalent affixed to a mechanical propulsion system that enables a vehicle to be propelled by human power.

*Scooter:* A standing scooter with a center column and no seat or operable pedals, propelled by a rider pushing off the ground.

**Section 3. Permitted use of sidewalks and sidepaths.** Section 28-20 of the Park Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 28-20 Permitted use of sidewalks and sidepaths

No person shall operate a snowmobile, motorcycle, moped, golf cart, or other motor vehicle upon any sidewalk or sidepath within the Township. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of sidewalks and paths by persons using motorized or nonmotorized wheelchairs or other mobility devices. Electric bicycles and other micromobility devices as defined in this section are permitted on sidewalks and sidepaths subject to the requirements of this chapter.

**Section 4. Right-of-way, safety, and courtesy.** Section 28-21 of the Park Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 28-21 Right-of-way established; safety and courtesy.

- (a) A person operating a bicycle or micromobility device shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.
- (b) The speed limit for any bicycle or micromobility device on a sidewalk or sidepath is 15 miles per hour. Users must travel on the right-hand side of the path.
- (c) Path users must remain attentive to their surroundings and not engage in behavior that poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of others on the path. Dogs must be kept under control and on a leash that does not obstruct the sidepath.

- (d) The Township may establish courtesy rules and post these along the sidepath, on the Township website, and in other forms of communication. Courtesy rules shall be approved by the Township Manager.

**Section 5. Signs and banners prohibited.** Section 28-25 of the Park Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

No person shall suspend any sign, banner, printed leaflet, or similar object above a sidewalk or path, nor shall any person tape or affix any sign, banner, printed leaflet or other similar object to a sidewalk or path without the express written authorization of the Township Manager, unless otherwise permitted by Chapter 38 Article VI Signs of the Park Township Code of Ordinances.


**Section 6. Severability Clause.** The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 7. Repeal Clause.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 8. Effective Date.**

This ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Park Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, on May 9, 2024 and is ordered to take effect on July 10, 2024, which date is at least thirty days after publication of this Ordinance in the Holland Sentinel, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township, pursuant to the provisions of Act 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended.

  
Township Supervisor

  
Township Clerk

Notice date  
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## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF PARK TOWNSHIP OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Park Township Board of Trustees, at a meeting at the Township Office at 52 - 152nd Avenue, on Thursday, May 9, 2024, approved an amendment to the Park Township Code of Ordinances by making the following additions and amendments to Chapter 28 Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places of Article II Use of Sidewalks and Paths, as follows: In Sec. 28-19, amending the definitions of bicycle, motor vehicle, and sidewalk or sidepath or path. In Sec. 28-19, adding definitions for electric bicycle or electric bike or e-bike, including a Class 1 Electric Bicycle, Class 2 Electric Bicycle, and Class 3 Electric Bicycle; electric scooter; human-powered; micromobility device; mobility scooter; operable pedals; and scooter. Amending Sec. 28-20 in its entirety to define which forms of mobility are permitted on sidewalks and paths, which in general excludes golf carts, mopeds and other motor vehicles; expressly permits wheelchairs and mobility aids; and permits electric bicycles and micromobility devices subject to the requirements of this chapter. Amending Sec. 28-21 in its entirety to establish right-of-way and courtesy rules, including that pedestrians have the right-of-way on paths and that the speed limit for any bicycle or micromobility device is 15 miles per hour; that path users must remain attentive to their surroundings and not engage in risky behavior; that dogs must be kept under control and on a leash that does not obstruct the sidepath; and that the Township may establish and post courtesy rules. Amending Sec. 28-25 regarding permitted signage on the path. The ordinance also includes severability and repeal clauses.

E. O. Keeter, Clerk  
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