

ORDINANCE NO. 1203

AN ORDINANCE OF WEST READING BOROUGH, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 159, TITLED "BICYCLES" IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ADDING CHAPTER 264, "MICROMOBILITY VEHICLES", TO ADAPT AND REGULATE VARIOUS PRESENT-DAY LOW-SPEED VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 159 Bicycles, of the Borough of West Reading Code of Ordinances, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. The Borough of West Reading Code of Ordinances is amended by adding thereto a new Chapter 264 Micromobility Vehicles to read as follows:

**§ 264-1. Definitions.**

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

**E-BIKE** – A bicycle that can be run on electric power as well as by pedaling.

**ELECTRIC SCOOTER** – A two-wheeled vehicle with handlebars and a deck to stand on, powered by an electric motor for propulsion. Electric scooters can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.

**MICROMOBILITY VEHICLE** – A small, low-speed vehicle used for short-distance travel, including both human-powered options like bicycles and e-bikes, and electric-powered options like e-scooters and Segways. This does not include electric personal-assisted mobility devices.

**MOTORIZED PEDAL CYCLE** – A motorized pedal cycle or motorized bicycle/e-bike, is a bicycle with a motor that provides either pure power or assistance while pedaling, allowing it to be propelled by human power, motor power, or both. These vehicles can use electric motors or internal combustion engines and must have operable pedals.

**MOTOR SCOOTER** – A small vehicle with two wheels that is powered by a motor and that has a low seat and a flat area for resting your feet.

**PEDAL CYCLE** – A vehicle propelled by a person pushing on pedals, such as a bicycle, tricycle, or quadricycle.

**SEGWAY** – A motorized personal vehicle consisting of two wheels mounted side by side beneath a platform that the rider stands on while holding on to handlebars, controlled by the way the rider distributes their weight.

**STREET** – Includes all public highways, boulevards, streets, lanes, alleys, and all public places within the Borough of West Reading.

**§ 264-2. Equipment.**

- A. Every micromobility vehicle operated upon a public street at any time during the period from sunset to sunrise shall be equipped on the front with a lamp which emits a beam of white light intended to illuminate the Micromobility Vehicle operator's path and visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, a red reflector facing to the rear, which shall be visible at least 500 feet

to the rear, and an amber reflector on each side. Operators of Micromobility Vehicles may supplement the required front lamp with a white flashing lamp, light-emitting diode, or similar device to enhance their visibility to other traffic, and with a red flashing lamp, light-emitting diode, or similar device visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear. A lamp or lamps worn by the operator of a Micromobility Vehicle shall comply with the requirements of this subsection if the lamp or lamps can be seen at the distances specified.

- B. A Micromobility Vehicle may be equipped with a device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a Micromobility vehicle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a Micromobility Vehicle any siren.
- C. Every Micromobility Vehicle shall be equipped with a braking system that will stop the Micromobility Vehicle in 15 feet from an initial speed of 15 miles per hour on dry, level, and clean pavement.

**§ 264-3. Operation.**

- A. Micromobility vehicles shall be operated only on the roadway of streets and as near to the right-hand side as possible. Motorized Micromobility Vehicles shall not be operated on sidewalks in the Borough of West Reading. This provision shall, however, not apply to a child under 12 years of age operating a Pedal Cycle in a purely residential part of the Borough under the control or guidance of their parents or a responsible person.
- B. The operator of a Micromobility Vehicle shall obey all official traffic signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- C. The operator of a Micromobility Vehicle emerging from a driveway or building shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on the sidewalk and to all vehicles on the roadway.
- D. The operator of a Micromobility Vehicle shall not carry any other person upon the handlebars, frame, or any part of the Micromobility Vehicle. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the use of a Micromobility Vehicle built to be operated by two or more people.
- E. The operator of a Micromobility Vehicle shall not indulge in any abnormal or trick riding and shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times when in use.
- F. Operators of Micromobility Vehicles shall not ride in any manner other than single file except on paths or parts of roadway set aside for the exclusive use of Micromobility Vehicles.
- G. Operators of Micromobility Vehicles shall not hitch onto vehicles or motor buses upon a roadway.
- H. The operator of a Micromobility Vehicle shall park the same upon the roadway at the curb; or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the Micromobility Vehicle; or against a building, except windows or glass doors thereof, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

**§ 264-4. Violation of other traffic rules or ordinances.**

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a Micromobility Vehicle to violate any traffic rules or ordinances of the Borough of West Reading or of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are

applicable to Micromobility Vehicles or to motor vehicles.

**§ 264-5. Restrictions for children.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner of a Micromobility Vehicle to permit any child to operate their Micromobility Vehicle upon a public street of the Borough of West Reading, unless such child or person is capable of operating a Micromobility Vehicle with safety to themselves and the public generally.

**§ 264-6. Violations and penalties.**

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon being found liable therefore, pay a fine of not more than \$600, plus court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceedings. If the penalty is not paid, the Borough shall initiate a civil action for collection in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense, and a section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of enforcement under this section, the Borough may enforce this chapter in equity in the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County.


Section 3. All Ordinances of Parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Section 4. The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, shall be and remain unchanged and in full force and effect except as amended, supplemented, and modified by this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, upon adoption.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

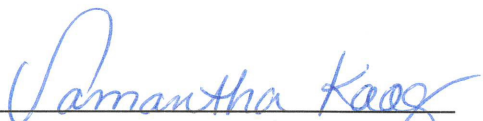
DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED on this 20th day of January 2026.

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING**

By:   
Ryan Lineaweaver, Council President

Attest:   
Cynthia Madeira, Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 20th day of January 2026.

  
Samantha Kaag, Mayor