



Frequently Asked Questions



Village of
WILLOWBROOK

E-Bike/E-Scooter Regulations

- E-bikes and e-scooters are **restricted from sidewalks**. They may be operated on bicycle paths or multipurpose trails **only when operated under manual power**. Use of motorized propulsion or electric assistance is not allowed in these areas.
- Any person may operate an e-bike or e-scooter if the person is **16 years of age or older**. This does not apply to Class 1 or Class 2 low-speed electric bicycles that are being operated under manual power.

Class 1



Pedal Assist

Motor only provide assistance when pedaling

Motor assistance stops when speed reaches 20 MPH

No age requirement under manual power only - otherwise 16+

Class 2



Throttle Assist

Motor can be used to propel bike without using pedals

Motor assistance stops when speed reaches 20 MPH

No age requirement under manual power only - otherwise 16+

Class 3



Pedal Assist

Motor only provide assistance when pedaling

Motor assistance stops when speed reaches 28 MPH

Age Requirement: 16+
Per Illinois State Law

E-Bike Rules of the Road

- E-bikes must follow the same rules of the road as bicycles, including obeying traffic control signals.
- Persons under 16 may not ride a Class 3 e-bike.
- E-bikes may not be ridden on sidewalks.
- E-bikes are allowed on bike paths. However, they must be ridden at the same safe speeds as a normal bicycle.

E-Scooter Rules of the Road

- In 2024, the State of Illinois implemented a new law regulating Low-Speed Electric Scooters (625 ILCS 5/11-1518).
- In Illinois cities where e-scooters are permitted, low speed electric scooters may only be used by adults age 18 and older.
- Low-speed electric scooters may not travel faster than 10 mph.
- Low-speed electric scooters are not permitted on roads with speed limits in excess of 35 mph or on state highways.

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Wear a helmet
- Look both ways before crossing a street or path
- Avoid Distractions
- Walk your bike or scooter in crowded areas