

**ORDINANCE NO. O-93-25**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 - TRAFFIC, OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PALATINE**

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CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PALATINE**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Palatine is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its streets and the manner in which motor vehicles are operated thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Palatine finds it in the best interest of public safety to amend Chapter 18 - Traffic of the Village Code, Article IX to regulate the use of untitled motor driven vehicles within the Village of Palatine;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, acting in the exercise of their home rule power, that:

**SECTION 1:** That the Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Palatine, Illinois is hereby amended by amending Chapter 18 – Traffic, Article IX which shall be read as indicated on Exhibit “A”.

**SECTION 2:** That the Village Clerk is directed to maintain a record of the modifications to the existing ordinance (a redlined version of the modifications approved pursuant to this Ordinance as indicated by Exhibit “B”).

**SECTION 3:** If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are to remain in full force and effect, and are to be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

**SECTION 4:** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED:** This 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025

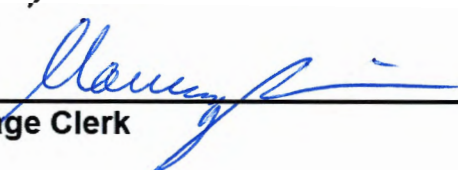
**AYES:** 6 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0 **PASS:** 0

**APPROVED** by me this 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025

  
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Mayor of the Village of Palatine

**ATTESTED and FILED** in the office of the Village Clerk

this 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025

  
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Village Clerk

1                    **ARTICLE IX UNTITLED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES**

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3        Sec. 18- 184. Definitions.

4            For the purposes of this Article, the following words and

5        phrases have the following meanings:

6            *County highway* shall have meaning as defined by Sec. 2-204 of

7        the Illinois Highway Code.

8            *Legal Guardian* means a person appointed by the court to care

9        for another person.

10          *Low-Speed Electric Bicycle* means a bicycle equipped with

11        fully operatable pedals and an electronic motor of less than 750

12        watts classified as a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 low-speed

13        electric bicycle as set forth in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois

14        Vehicle Code.

15          *Low-Speed Electric Scooter* means a device weighing less than

16        100 pounds with two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard

17        to accommodate a standing rider, that is solely propelled by an

18        electric motor and human power and whose maximum speed with our

19        without human propulsion is no more than 10 miles per hour, and

20        includes any device Section 1-140.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code

21        defines as a low-speed electric scooter.

22          *Personal mobility device* means any self-propelled vehicle,

23        including a three-wheeled vehicle, designed for and used by a

1 person with disabilities, that is incapable of a speed in excess  
2 of eight miles per hour on level ground.

3 *State Highway* shall have the same meaning as defined by Sec.  
4 2-207 of the Illinois Highway Code.

5 *Toy Vehicle* means any battery powered ride-on toy that is  
6 designed to not exceed 10 miles per hour; that includes any number  
7 of wheels, handlebars, steering wheel, seat, or platform; and is  
8 designed for children under the age of eight years, including, but  
9 not limited to products marketed under the brand names of Razor®  
10 and Power Wheels™ and products similar to those products.

11 *Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle* means any vehicle for which the  
12 State of Illinois does not issue a title document or issue license  
13 plates or registration documents, and is a wheeled powered by an  
14 electric or gas motor, motor driven cycle or other similar vehicle,  
15 including those operated by pedals with a chain and or throttle  
16 assist, and includes all low-speed electric scooters.

17 *Village street* means any highway that is part of the Village's  
18 municipal street system as described in Sec. 2-104 of the Illinois  
19 Highway Code.

20 Sec. 18- 185. Operation of Untitled Motor Driven Vehicles.

21 (a) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
22 upon any state highway or county highway or upon public property,  
23 other than a Village street, within the Village.

1           (b) No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall operate  
2 an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle upon any Village street unless  
3 such person possesses a valid driver's license or permit. A person  
4 who is not prohibited from operating an Untitled Motor Driven  
5 Vehicle on a Village street by this paragraph shall not constitute  
6 an intended nor permitted user of such street, operates at such  
7 person's own risk, and waives any claim such person may have  
8 against the Village, its officers or employees arising from or  
9 related to the conditions of said Village street including but not  
10 limited to, traffic signaling and signage, intersection design, or  
11 maintenance.

12           (c) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
13 in violation of any provision of the Illinois Vehicle Code or this  
14 code.

15           (d) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
16 in excess of the posted speed limit.

17           (e) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Vehicle that  
18 is not equipped as follows:

19           1. Lamps and Reflectors. Every Untitled Motor Driven  
20 Vehicle in use after sunset must be equipped with a lamp on  
21 the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of  
22 at least 500 feet to the front, and with a red reflector on  
23 the rear which shall be visible from all distances from 50  
24 feet to 600 hundred feet to the rear when directly in front

1 of lawful lower beam of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp  
2 emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to  
3 the rear may be used as an alternative to the red reflector.

4 2. Brakes. Every Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle must be  
5 equipped with a brake to enable the operator to make the  
6 braked wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement.

7 (f) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
8 while carrying any passengers, except in the case of a Toy Vehicle  
9 that is specifically designed to accommodate more than one child.

10 (g) No person shall alter an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
11 to operate in a fashion other than originally designed, nor operate  
12 Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle that has been so altered.

13 (h) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
14 while carrying a package, bundle, or article that prevents the  
15 operator from keeping both hands upon the handlebars or steering  
16 device.

17 (i) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle,  
18 other than a personal mobility device or a toy vehicle that the  
19 operator must operate from a seated position in accordance with  
20 this section without wearing a helmet.

21 Sec. 18- 186. Exemptions.

22 The following shall be exempt from the prohibitions contained  
23 in this Article:

1           1. Any Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle operated by an employee  
2   of a governmental unit, including a school district or a community  
3   college district, while in the performance of such employees'  
4   official duties and not as transportation to or from the place of  
5   employment.

6           2. A personal mobility device when operated by a person with  
7   disabilities.

8           3. Toy vehicles, when operated by a child under the age of  
9   eight years, upon sidewalks or paths within the Village, or when  
10   driven across a public street within a designated crosswalk under  
11   the supervision of the child's parent or guardian.

12   Sec. 18- 187. Applicability of this Article

13           Without limitation, this Article applies to all public  
14   property in the Village.

15   Sec. 18- 188. Violations

16           Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this  
17   article shall be subject to a fine as provided by ordinance or  
18   resolution of the Village Council. An offense committed by a minor  
19   under the direct control or with the consent of a parent or  
20   guardian may be subject the parent or guardian to the penalties  
21   provided in this Section. The police shall have the authority to  
22   either impound or immediately release the motor driven scooter to  
23   a parent or guardian.



1        **ARTICLE IX UNTITLED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES SCOOTERS**

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5 phrases have the following meanings:

6        County highway shall have meaning as defined by Sec. 2-204 of  
7 the Illinois Highway Code.

8        Legal Guardian means a person appointed by the court to care  
9 for another person.

10        Low-Speed Electric Bicycle means a bicycle equipped with  
11 fully operatable pedals and an electronic motor of less than 750  
12 watts classified as a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 low-speed  
13 electric bicycle as set forth in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois  
14 Vehicle Code.

15        Low-Speed Electric Scooter means a device weighing less than  
16 100 pounds with two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard  
17 to accommodate a standing rider, that is solely propelled by an  
18 electric motor and human power and whose maximum speed with our  
19 without human propulsion is no more than 10 miles per hour, and  
20 includes any device Section 1-140.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code  
21 defines as a low-speed electric scooter.

22        Personal mobility device means any self-propelled vehicle,  
23 including a three-wheeled vehicle, designed for and used by a



1 person with disabilities, that is incapable of a speed in excess  
2 of eight miles per hour on level ground.

3 State Highway shall have the same meaning as defined by Sec.  
4 2-207 of the Illinois Highway Code<sup>7</sup>.

5 Toy Vehicle means any battery powered ride-on toy that is  
6 designed to not exceed 10 miles per hour; that includes any number  
7 of wheels, handlebars, steering wheel, seat, or platform; and is  
8 designed for children under the age of eight years, including, but  
9 not limited to products marketed under the brand names of Razor®  
10 and Power Wheels™ and products similar to those products.

11 Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle means any vehicle ~~—a "motor~~  
12 ~~driven scooter, mini bike, pocket bike, go cart"~~ are defined as  
13 ~~any electric or gas driven wheeled scooter, cycle or other vehicle~~  
14 ~~which is operated by a rider in either a sitting or standing~~  
15 ~~position~~ for which the State of Illinois does not issue a title  
16 document or issue license plates or registration documents, and is  
17 a wheeled powered by an electric or gas motor, motor driven cycle  
18 or other similar vehicle, including those operated by pedals with  
19 a chain and or throttle assist, and includes all low-speed electric  
20 scooters.

21 Village street means any highway that is part of the Village's  
22 municipal street system as described in Sec. 2-104 of the Illinois  
23 Highway Code.

1 Sec. 18- 185. Operation of Untitled Motor Driven Vehicles~~Motor~~  
2 ~~Driven Scooters Restricted~~.

3 (a) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
4 upon any state highway or county highway or upon public property,  
5 other than a Village street, within the Village.

6 (b) No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall -operate  
7 an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle upon any Village street unless  
8 such person possesses a valid driver's license or permit. Persons  
9 eighteen (18) years of age or older are not required to possess a  
10 driver's license to operate these devices. unless such person  
11 possesses a valid driver's license. A person who is not prohibited  
12 from operating an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle on a Village street  
13 by this paragraph~~-does,~~ shall not constitute an intended nor  
14 permitted user of such street, operates at such person's own risk,  
15 and waives any claim such person may have against the Village, its  
16 officers or employees arising from or related to the conditions of  
17 said Village street including but not limited to, traffic signaling  
18 and signage, intersection design, or maintenance.

19 (c) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
20 in violation of any provision of the Illinois Vehicle Code or this  
21 code.

22 (d) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
23 in excess of the posted speed limit.



1       (e) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Vehicle that  
2       is not equipped as follows:

3               1. Lamps and Reflectors. Every Untitled Motor Driven  
4       Vehicle in use after sunset must be equipped with a lamp on  
5       the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of  
6       at least 500 feet to the front, and with a red reflector on  
7       the rear which shall be visible from all distances from 50  
8       feet to 600 hundred feet to the rear when directly in front  
9       of lawful lower beam of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp  
10       emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to  
11       the rear may be used as an alternative to the red reflector.

12               2. -Brakes. Every Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle must  
13       be equipped with a brake to enable the operator to make the  
14       braked wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement.

15       (f) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
16       while carrying any passengers, except in the case of a Toy Vehicle  
17       that is specifically designed to accommodate more than one child.

18       (g) No person shall alter an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
19       to operate in a fashion other than originally designed, nor operate  
20       Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle that has been so altered.

21       (h) No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle  
22       while carrying a package, bundle, or article that prevents the  
23       operator from keeping both hands upon the handlebars or steering  
24       device.

1        No person shall operate an Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle,  
2 other than a personal mobility device or a toy vehicle that the  
3 operator must operate from a seated position in accordance with  
4 this section without wearing a helmet.

5        (i) No person shall operate a motor driven scooter upon any  
6 public street, sidewalk, public parking lot, bike path, park,  
7 reservoir or any other public property.

8        Sec. 18- 186. Exemptions.

9        The following shall be exempt from the prohibitions contained  
10 in this Article:

11        1. Any Untitled Motor Driven Vehicle operated by an employee  
12 of a governmental unit, including a school district or a community  
13 college district, while in the performance of such employees'  
14 official duties and not as transportation to or from the place of  
15 employment ~~police vehicle, fire vehicle, special district vehicle,~~  
16 ~~County vehicle or Forest Preserve District vehicle operated by an~~  
17 ~~employee in the course of his or her duties.~~

18        2. A personal mobility device ~~Motorized wheelchairs. For the~~  
19 ~~purpose of this Article, a Motorized Wheelchair means any motorized~~  
20 ~~vehicle designated for and used by a person with disabilities~~ when  
21 operated by a person with disabilities.

22        3. Toy vehicles, when operated by a child under the age of  
23 eight years, upon sidewalks or paths within the Village, or when  
24 driven across a public street within a designated crosswalk under

1 ~~the supervision of the child's parent or guardian. Electric~~  
2 ~~personal assistance mobility devices, as defined in section 5/ 1-~~  
3 ~~117.7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5- 100 et. Seq.).~~

4 Sec. 18- 187. Applicability of this Article

5 Without limitation, this Article applies to all public  
6 property in the Village ~~of Palatine.~~

7 Sec. 18- 188. Violations

8 Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this  
9 aArticle shall be subject to a fine as provided by ordinance or  
10 resolution of the Village Council ~~Sections 18- 184 through 18- 187~~  
11 ~~shall be fined not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) nor~~  
12 ~~more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).~~ An offense  
13 committed by a minor under the direct control or with the consent  
14 of a parent or guardian may be subject the parent or guardian to  
15 the penalties provided in this Section. The police shall have the  
16 authority to either impound or immediately release the motor driven  
17 scooter to a parent or guardian.