

ORDINANCE NO. 2521-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 8 OF THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS TO OPERATE ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

WHEREAS, the Village of Hawthorn Woods (“Village”) is a municipal corporation lawfully organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village is authorized to pass and enforce all ordinances, rules, and regulations, proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to the Village (65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; 65 ILCS 5/11-1-1) ; and

WHEREAS, the Village is authorized to regulate the use of Village streets and other Village property, and traffic thereon, including electric bicycles and electric scooters (65 ILCS 5/11-80-2; 65 ILCS 5/11-80-20; 625 ILCS 5/11-208(a)(8); 625 ILCS 5/11-208(a)(15); 625 ILCS 5/11-1518(a)); and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village desire to amend Title 6, Chapter 8 of the Village of Hawthorn Woods Code of Ordinances (“Code”) to modify age restrictions for persons operating electric scooters and electric bicycles in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village find and determine that amending Title 6, Chapter 8 of the Village Code, subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance, is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals and findings of fact are incorporated as though fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2. Title 6, Chapter 8, Section 6-8-2 of the Village of Hawthorn Woods Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, as follows (additions in **bold and underlined**, deletions ~~struck through~~, omitted language is not intended to be amended):

6-8-2: OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

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B. Restrictions Applicable To ~~Low-Speed~~ Electric Scooters:

1. No person under the age of 18 years shall operate an ~~Low-Speed Electric Scooter~~, **regardless of speed**. No person shall operate an electric scooter on any road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.

2. No person shall operate a low-speed electric scooter on any state highway.

C. Restrictions Applicable To ~~Low-Speed~~ Electric Bicycles:

1. No person under the age of 16 shall operate a ~~Class 3 low-speed~~ electric bicycle, **regardless of speed**.

2. No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle on any sidewalk nor upon any multi-modal walking path.

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SECTION 3. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent they conflict with this Ordinance

SECTION 4. If any part, subsection or clause of this Ordinance is deemed unconstitutional, invalid or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses not affected thereby shall remain fully valid and enforceable.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

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PASSED this 24TH day of NOVEMBER, 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote
by the Board of Trustees of Village of Hawthorn Woods, Lake County, Illinois.

YEAS: KATZKE, AMAN, RYCHLIK, BARKER, MCCARTHY, HURST

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS

By: 

Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Clerk