

# What to Know About Non-Registered Motor-Driven Vehicles



## E-BIKES

To qualify as an electric bicycle under Illinois law, the bike must have:

- Fully operable pedals
- An electric motor of less than 750 watts
- A maximum assisted speed of 20 mph (28 mph for Class 3)

Important reminders about operating e-bikes:

- You must be 16 or older to ride an e-bike.
- E-bikes cannot be ridden on public sidewalks.
- E-bike riders must follow the same rules of the road that apply to traditional cyclists (including signaling, obeying stop signs, and lane usage).
- No more than two e-bikes abreast on the roadway.
- It is illegal to tamper with or modify the speed capability of an e-bike without a valid updated label.

## E-SCOOTERS

Definition of electric scooters under Illinois law:

- A device weighing less than 100 pounds with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, that is solely powered by an electric motor and human power, and whose maximum speed, with or without human propulsion, is no more than 10 mph.
- “Electric scooter” does not include a moped or motor-driven cycle.

Important reminders about operating e-scooters:

- You must be 18 years of age or older to ride an e-scooter, regardless of its speed.
- E-scooters cannot be ridden on public sidewalks.
- E-scooters cannot be operated on a roadway/highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 mph.

## E-DIRT BIKES

Operating an electric dirt bike requires:

- A valid driver’s license
- Registration with the Illinois Secretary of State
- Compliance with insurance requirements

Important reminders about operating e-dirt bikes:

- E-dirt bikes can only be driven on streets if the driver has a valid license, proper registration, and insurance for the dirt bike.
- E-dirt bikes cannot be ridden on public sidewalks.

## HAWTHORN WOODS

Hawthorn Woods Village Ordinance regarding e-bikes, e-dirt bikes, and e-scooters:

- All riders, regardless of age must wear a helmet.
- E-bikes, e-dirt bikes, and e-scooters are not allowed on Village property, including parks, bicycle paths, parking lots.
- E-bikes, e-dirt bikes, and e-scooters are required to stop for police when signaled to do so.
- Please see Title 6 Chapter 8 of the Village Code for penalties and further details.



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