



ORDINANCE 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES, OTHER MICROMOBILITY DEVICES, AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Title to Chapter 73 of the City of Alexandria *Code of Ordinances* is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES, OTHER MICROMOBILITY DEVICES, AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES
[AND MOTORCYCLES]**

SECTION 2. Sections 73.01 thru 73.04 of the City of Alexandria *Code of Ordinances* are hereby repealed as follows:

~~§ 73.01 OPERATION OF BICYCLES:~~

~~(A) No person shall operate a bicycle on any section of a public park, playground, play lot, or tot lot, except on a roadway or in a parking area.~~

~~(B) No operator of any bicycle shall carry another person on such bicycle.~~

~~Penalty, see § 73.99~~

~~§ 73.02 OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORSCOOTERS:~~

~~(A) No operator of any motorcycle, motorscooter, or power driven bicycle shall carry another person except on a seat attached thereto or in a side car attached to the vehicle.~~

~~(B) No operator of a motorcycle, motorscooter, or power driven bicycle shall operate such vehicle in a public park, except on a roadway or in a parking area.~~

~~(C) No operator of a motor cycle, motorscooter, or power driven bicycle shall operate such vehicle in any play lot or tot lot.~~

~~Penalty, see § 73.99~~

~~§ 73.03 SKATING AND COASTING:~~

~~Except on streets which may be declared from time to time as "play streets" by the city and protected by barriers or official signs, it shall be unlawful for any person on skates or iding on a coaster sled or toy vehicle of any kind, to go on any roadway except at a crosswalk.~~

~~Penalty, see § 73.99~~

§ 73.04 CLINGING TO VEHICLES:

(A) No person while riding on a bicycle, coaster sled, roller skates, or any toy vehicle shall cling to any moving vehicle on any street, or fasten or attach the vehicle on which he is riding thereto.

(B) No person shall ride on the projection, running board, or fenders of any vehicle.

Penalty, see § 73.99]

SECTION 3. New Sections 73.01 thru 73.05, and 73.98 of the City of Alexandria *Code of Ordinances* are hereby created and adopted as follows:

73.01 Definitions

Bicycle - A device propelled primarily by human power upon which a person may ride, having two or more wheels in contact with the ground, and meeting the definition established by 601 KAR 12:020.

Electric Bicycle - A bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor that provides assistance to the rider and is classified as a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 electric bicycle.

Class 1 Electric Bicycle - An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches twenty (20) miles per hour.

Class 2 Electric Bicycle - An electric bicycle equipped with a motor capable of propelling the bicycle without pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches twenty (20) miles per hour.

Class 3 Electric Bicycle - An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

Electric Scooter - A device weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds, equipped with handlebars, a floorboard or platform designed to be stood upon, and powered by an electric motor, which is designed to transport one person.

Micromobility Device - Any human-powered or electrically powered transportation device designed to transport one person at relatively low speeds, including bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, self-balancing devices, and similar devices.

Pedestrian – Anyone traveling on foot or using a wheelchair.

Prohibited Motorized Device - Any motorized vehicle that is not classified as an electric bicycle, electric scooter, or micromobility device and that is designed primarily for off-road use, including electric dirt bikes, mini-bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and similar devices.

Reckless Operation - Operation of a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, or other micromobility device in a manner that creates an unreasonable risk of injury to persons or damage

to property, including excessive speed for conditions, failure to yield to pedestrians, failure to yield access to a resident's proper use of their driveway, weaving through pedestrian traffic, or disregard of traffic control devices.

Shared-Use Path - A paved or improved path which is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic and designated for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other authorized users.

Trail - Any designated recreational path or route located within a public park, greenway, nature preserve, or similar public property.

Sidewalk - The improved portion of a street lying between the established back of curb line and the adjacent property line; most often set aside for pedestrian use.

§ 73.02 RULES OF OPERATION

(A) Obedience to Traffic Laws.

Every person operating a micromobility device upon any public street, sidewalk, shared-use path, trail, or other public property shall obey all applicable traffic control devices and traffic regulations unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

(B) Due Care.

Every operator shall exercise due care and operate in a safe and prudent manner so as not to endanger any person or property.

(C) Reckless Operation Prohibited.

No person shall operate a micromobility device in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner. Reckless operation includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Operating at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent for existing conditions;
- (2) Weaving through pedestrian traffic;
- (3) Failing to yield to pedestrians as required by this chapter;
- (4) Operating in a manner likely to cause injury to persons or damage to property; or
- (5) Disregarding traffic control devices or regulations.

(D) Yielding to Pedestrians.

Pedestrians shall have the right-of-way on all sidewalks, shared-use paths, trails, crosswalks, parks, and other public areas where pedestrians and micromobility devices may lawfully operate.

Operators shall yield to pedestrians at all times and shall take reasonable measures to avoid conflicts.

(E) Audible Warning.

When overtaking and passing a pedestrian or another lawful user of a sidewalk, trail, or shared-use path, the operator shall provide an audible signal by voice, bell, horn, or other lawful warning device prior to passing when reasonably necessary for safety.

(F) Operation Near Pedestrians.

An operator approaching or passing a pedestrian shall reduce speed to a reasonable and prudent level and maintain sufficient clearance to safely pass.

When pedestrian traffic is sufficiently congested that safe operation cannot reasonably occur, the operator shall dismount and walk the device until it is safe to resume operation.

(G) Riding While Impaired.

No person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, or other micromobility device while under the influence of alcohol or any substance that impairs the person's ability to operate safely.

(H) Headphones and Earbuds.

No person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter upon any public roadway while wearing headphones, earbuds, or similar listening devices in both ears which prevent the rider from hearing surrounding traffic.

This provision shall not prohibit:

- (1) The use of a single earbud or earpiece;
- (2) Hearing aids or similar assistive devices; or
- (3) Hands-free communication devices that do not impair the operator's ability to hear surrounding traffic.

(I) Clinging to Vehicles.

No person operating a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, skateboard, roller skates, or other micromobility device shall attach himself or herself, or the device being operated, to any moving vehicle.

(J) Operation After Dark.

Every micromobility device operated during the times specified by Kentucky law for required vehicle lighting shall be equipped and operated in compliance with all bicycle lighting, reflector, and equipment requirements established by 601 KAR 12:020.

(K) Carrying Passengers.

No person shall carry another person upon a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter unless the device is specifically designed and equipped by the manufacturer to carry additional passengers.

This provision does not limit aftermarket, safety-approved child seats, trailers and tag-along attachments.

(L) Racing.

No person shall participate in any race, speed competition, stunt exhibition, or similar activity upon any public street, sidewalk, trail, park, or other public property unless specifically authorized by the City.

§ 73.03 OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS, SHARED-USE PATHS, PARKS, AND TRAILS

(A) Sidewalks.

(1) Bicycles, Class 1 electric bicycles, Class 2 electric bicycles, and electric scooters may be operated upon sidewalks unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter or by official City signage.

(2) Class 3 electric bicycles shall not be operated upon sidewalks.

(3) Any person operating a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter upon a sidewalk shall:

(a) Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times;

(b) Operate at a speed that is reasonable and prudent for existing conditions;

(c) Reduce speed when approaching or passing pedestrians; and

(d) Dismount and walk when pedestrian congestion makes safe operation impractical.

(B) Shared-Use Paths.

(1) Bicycles, Class 1 electric bicycles, Class 2 electric bicycles, and electric scooters may be operated upon shared-use paths unless otherwise restricted by official City signage.

(2) Class 3 electric bicycles may be operated only on shared-use paths specifically designated by the City for such use.

(3) All users shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

(C) Parks.

(1) Bicycles, Class 1 electric bicycles, Class 2 electric bicycles, and electric scooters may be operated upon:

(a) Designated roadways;

(b) Parking areas;

(c) Shared-use paths; and

(d) Trails specifically designated for such use.

(2) No person shall operate any bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter upon athletic fields, playgrounds, splash pads, landscaped areas, or other areas where operation is prohibited by official signage.

(D) Trails.

(1) Bicycles, Class 1 and Class 2 Electric Bikes may be operated only upon trails specifically designated for such use. Such uses may also be restricted by the city through proper signage.

(3) Class 3 electric bicycles shall be prohibited upon trails unless specifically authorized by official City signage.

(E) Prohibited Motorized Devices.

No person shall operate any prohibited motorized device upon any sidewalk, shared-use path, trail, park, playground, greenway, or other public property unless specifically authorized by law or by written approval of the City.

(F) Crosswalks.

Any person operating a micromobility device within a crosswalk shall exercise due care, yield as required by law, and operate in a manner that does not create an immediate hazard to pedestrians or motor vehicles.

(G) Administrative Authority.

The Mayor, City Administrator or Public Works Superintendent, or their designees may restrict, prohibit, or regulate the operation of specific classes of micromobility devices on particular sidewalks, trails, parks, shared-use paths, or public facilities where necessary to protect public safety, preserve public property, or reduce conflicts among users.

Notice of any restriction shall be provided through signage or other reasonable means.

(H) Emergency and Special Event Restrictions.

The City may temporarily restrict or prohibit the operation of micromobility devices during special events, emergencies, construction activities, maintenance operations, or other circumstances affecting public safety.

§ 73.04 SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND YOUTH REQUIREMENTS

(A) Helmet Requirements.

(1) Any person sixteen (16) years of age or younger operating or riding as a passenger on a micromobility device upon any public street, sidewalk, shared-use path, trail, park, roadway, or other public property within the City shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

(2) The helmet shall meet or exceed applicable safety standards recognized by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or other nationally recognized safety standard.

(B) Bicycle and Electric Bicycle Equipment.

All bicycles and electric bicycles operated within the City shall comply with applicable equipment, lighting, reflector, brake, and safety requirements established by Kentucky law and administrative regulations.

(C) Lighting Requirements.

Any bicycle or electric bicycle operated during periods requiring illumination under Kentucky law shall display the lights and reflectors required by state law.

(D) Safe Mechanical Condition.

No person shall operate a micromobility device that is in an unsafe mechanical condition likely to endanger the operator or the public.

(E) Tampering with Safety Equipment.

No person shall intentionally remove, disable, bypass, or render inoperable any safety equipment or manufacturer-installed device required for the lawful operation of a micromobility device.

(F) Classification Labels.

Every electric bicycle shall retain any manufacturer-installed classification label identifying the bicycle as a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 electric bicycle.

(G) Passenger Safety.

No person shall transport a passenger upon a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter unless:

- (1) The device is designed and equipped by the manufacturer for such use; and
- (2) Any passenger sixteen (16) years of age or younger wears a properly fitted and fastened helmet.

(H) Cargo and Loads.

No person shall operate a micromobility device while carrying any package, bundle, or object that prevents the operator from maintaining reasonable control of the device.

(I) Educational Enforcement.

For a first violation of any of these subsections, the City may issue a warning and provide educational materials concerning safety in lieu of a citation when deemed appropriate by the enforcing officer.

§ 73.05 PROHIBITED DEVICES AND USES

(A) Prohibited Motorized Devices.

No person shall operate any prohibited motorized device upon any sidewalk, shared-use path, trail, park, playground, greenway, public open space, or other public property owned or controlled by the City unless specifically authorized by law.

(B) Electric Dirt Bikes and Mini-Bikes.

Electric dirt bikes, mini-bikes, pit bikes, trail bikes, and similar motorized vehicles designed primarily for off-road use shall not be considered bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, or micromobility devices for purposes of this chapter.

(C) ATVs and Recreational Vehicles.

No person shall operate any all-terrain vehicle (ATV), utility terrain vehicle (UTV), recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV), go-kart, dune buggy, or similar recreational motorized vehicle upon any sidewalk, trail, shared-use path, park facility, greenway, or other public property except where specifically authorized by law.

(D) Unauthorized Motor Vehicles.

No person shall operate upon any sidewalk, shared-use path, trail, park, playground, or greenway any motorcycle, moped, motor-driven cycle, motor vehicle, or other motorized vehicle that is required to be registered under Kentucky law unless specifically authorized by law or official City action.

(E) Modification of Electric Bicycles.

(1) No person shall modify an electric bicycle in a manner that changes its manufacturer-designated classification unless the bicycle is relabeled to accurately reflect its modified classification.

(2) No person shall operate an electric bicycle on any sidewalk, trail, shared-use path, park facility, or other location where such operation would be prohibited based upon the bicycle's modified classification.

(F) Excessive Speed.

No person shall operate any micromobility device at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions or in a manner that endangers pedestrians or other lawful users.

(G) Property Damage.

No person shall operate any micromobility device in a manner that damages public property, landscaping, trails, athletic facilities, park amenities, signs, benches, structures, or other public improvements.

(H) Play Areas.

No person shall operate any micromobility device upon:

(1) Athletic fields/courts;

(2) Ballfields;

(3) Playgrounds; or

(4) Any other recreational asset where such operation is prohibited by signage.

(I) Stunts, Trick Riding and Public Use.

No person shall perform jumps, tricks, stunts, racing activities, or similar exhibitions upon public property where such conduct creates a hazard to people or property. In addition, no person shall operate any micromobility device in a manner that unreasonably interferes with the lawful use and enjoyment of public property by others.

(J) Compliance with Posted Restrictions.

No person shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, or other micromobility device in violation of any posted restriction, closure, detour, or operational rule established pursuant to this chapter.

§ 73.98 VIOLATIONS CLASSIFIED AS CIVIL OFFENSES WITH CIVIL FINES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Any violation of a provision contained in this Chapter 73 is hereby classified as a civil offense, pursuant to KRS 65.8808 and subchapter §§ 35.60 et seq., and such classification is intended, and shall be construed, to provide an additional or supplemental means of obtaining compliance with these provisions, and nothing contained herein, or in §§ 35.60 et seq., shall prohibit the enforcement of these provisions by any other means authorized by law, specifically, without limitation, the provisions § 73.99.

(A) If a citation for a violation of an abovementioned provision of Chapter 73 is not contested by the person charged with the violation, the civil fine to be imposed for each offense shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense and two hundred fifty dollars (\$200.00) for the third, and thereafter, offense.

(B) If a citation is contested and a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board is required, the maximum civil fine which may be imposed at the discretion of the Board shall be from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense; from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense; and from two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the third and thereafter, offense.

(C) Each abovementioned provision of Chapter 73 violated shall be considered a separate fineable offense. If two (2) or more abovementioned provisions of Chapter 73 are violated, the fines shall be cumulative and be enforced under the same citation. Each day a violation exists shall be considered a separate offense without issuance of a separate citation.

SECTION 4. Section 73.99 of the City of Alexandria *Code of Ordinances* is hereby amended as follows:

§ 73.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be deemed to have committed a violation, may be issued a City Citation by an Officer of the Alexandria Police Department, and shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, payable to the City Clerk.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2026, after its adoption, approval, and publication according to laws; this Ordinance may be published by Summary.

SECTION 6. All Ordinances or parts of any Ordinances in conflict therewith, to the extent of such conflict, if any, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Council Member Laura Fincher, was read, passed and adopted by Council of the City of Alexandria, Kentucky, meeting in **regular sessions on the 6th day of August, 2026, and on the 20th day of August, 2026, with 6 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 0 Abstentions**, and was thereafter approved by the Mayor and ordered published in Summary according to law.

APPROVED:



MAYOR ANDY SCHABELL

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK STEPHANIE TARTER

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