

Chapter 180

BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Spring Green 2-13-2002 (§§ 9.06 and 16.22 of the Village Code). Amended in its entirety 9-23-2026 by Chapter 180. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 375.

§ 180-1. The provisions of Chapters 340 through 350, Wis. Stats. And Chapter Trans. 305 of the Wis. Admin. Code are hereby adopted as ordinances and are incorporated herein as if fully set forth. Any future amendment of any of said chapters is hereby adopted as an ordinance and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth as of the effective date of that future amendment.

§ 180-2. Definitions. In this section the following words have the designated meaning:

NEGLIGENCE — A failure to exercise ordinary care.

TRICK RIDING -- Means operation without manual control of handlebars, weaving, jumping, wheelies, and any other method that involves unnecessary risk.

BICYCLE-- Means every vehicle propelled by feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks.

ELECTRIC BICYCLE(E-BIKE)—A bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

- A. Class 1 electric bicycle is 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 the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- B. Class 2 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- C. Class 3 electric bicycle is 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 the speed of 28 miles per hour.

PEDICAB(PEDAL CAB)-- Means a multi-wheeled vehicle propelled by human power capable of transporting passengers other than the operator.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER-- A device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars, a floorboard or platform, an electric motor, may have a seat, and is powered solely by the electric motor and human power and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved

level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. Electric scooters must be operated by one person and carry no passengers. “Electric scooter” does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

ELECTRIC(E) MOTO-- Any type of device with an electric motor greater than 750 Watts, capable of speeds greater than 28 mph with or without pedal assist, or otherwise beyond the definition of a Class 1, 2, or 3 electric bicycle (e-bike) or e-scooter. These devices are not legal e-bikes or e-scooters and should not be advertised, sold, offered for sale, or labeled as e-bikes or e-scooters. Only such devices with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) can be registered and insured for street use, and a Class M (motorcycle) license is required to operate them. Electric motorcycles and electric dirtbikes fall within this category.

PLAY VEHICLE--Means a coaster, roller skates, skateboard, sled, toboggan, toy vehicle, unicycle, or any other wheeled vehicle not otherwise defined upon which a person may ride. This does not include in-line skates.

ELECTRIC PLAY VEHICLES—Any play vehicle propelled by an electric motor.

§ 180-3. Bicycles and Play Vehicles

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle upon a street carelessly or needlessly in disregard of the rights and safety of others and without due caution or at speeds so as to endanger the property, life or limbs of any person or without due regard to traffic, surface and width of the street and any other condition of whatever nature then existing.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach any other vehicle to a bicycle or e-bike or operate the same in connection therewith upon the streets; to have more than one person riding on a bicycle or e-bike at one time unless it has two regulation bicycle seats and handlebars with the passenger occupying said seat; to do any trick riding while operating a bicycle or e-bike upon any street; or to operate said bicycle or e-bike after dark without at least one white light in front and a red taillight or reflector in the rear. Approved regulations for infant and child carriers are excepted. All bicycles and e-bikes shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements of § 347.489, Wis. Stats.
- C. Every person operating a bicycle, e-bike, electric scooter, or pedicab shall operate on rules and regulations of the traffic ordinances of the Village of Spring Green which are applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions which are in reference to the equipment of vehicles and except those provisions which by their very nature would have no application.
- D. Any person operating a bicycle, e-bike, electric scooter, or pedicab upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the unobstructed traveled roadway, including operators who are riding 2 or more abreast where permitted, except:

- (1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
 - (2) When preparing for a left turn or U-turn at an intersection or a left turn into a private road or driveway.
 - (3) When reasonably necessary to avoid unsafe conditions, including fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to ride along the right-hand edge or curb.
- E. Class 3 E-Bikes are operable only on the street. You must be 16 years of age or older to operate a Class 3 E-Bike.
- F. Operation on Sidewalks. Persons may ride a bicycle, e-bike, electric scooter, play vehicle, electric play vehicle, or skateboard on sidewalks outside of the business district provided that the operator shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle, e-bike, electric scooter, play vehicle, electric play vehicle, skateboard, or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction. No bicycle, e-bike, electric scooter, play vehicle, electric play vehicle, or skateboard shall be ridden at any time on the sidewalks in the business district of the Village of Spring Green. For the purposes of this subsection, "business district" is defined as follows: Jefferson Street from Worcester Street to Washington Street; and Lexington Street from Monroe Street to Madison Street.
- G. No bicycle, e-bike, electric scooter, play vehicle, or electric play vehicle shall exceed 10 miles per hour on any sidewalk, alley, or public parking lot.
- H. Play vehicles and electric play vehicles are not to be used on roadways. No person riding upon any play vehicle may attach himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway or go upon any roadway except while crossing a roadway at a crosswalk.
- I. Electric(E) Motos, electric motorcycles, and electric dirtbikes which do not have a VIN and cannot be registered may only be used on private property. These devices are also known as "Out-of-Class Electric Vehicles" (OCEVs). These devices are prohibited from using streets, bike lanes, separated paths, and sidewalks.
- J. Occupancy of a pedicab is restricted to the number of seats available and use is restricted to streets.
- K. Responsibility of parent or guardian for violation of the bicycle and play vehicle regulations. No parent or guardian of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance.
- L. Penalty. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$20 nor more than \$300 plus costs.