

DEFINITIONS MATTER!

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE:

- Class 1 E-Bike: Pedal-assist up to 20 mph
- Class 2 E-Bike: Throttle-only up to 20 mph
- Class 3 E-Bike: Pedal-assist up to 28 mph
- E-Scooter: Electric, <100 lbs, max 10 mph
- Motorized Bicycle: Gas engine, <1 HP, <20 mph
- Motorized Skateboard: Gas/electric, motorized board
- Motorized Scooter: Small gas/electric vehicles (e.g., go-karts, minibikes)

KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE!

Understanding Electric & Motorized Transport Rules in Carol Stream

SCAN FOR FULL ORDINANCE:



Carol Stream Village Ordinance 8-7-1
OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, OR ANY OTHER MOTORIZED BICYCLE, SKATEBOARD, OR SCOOTER



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E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER REGULATIONS

Safety Starts With Knowledge



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GENERAL REGULATIONS

Electric Bicycles

- Only allowed on roads ≤ 35 mph & private property with permission of the property owner
- Not permitted on sidewalks, paths, or trails
- Must follow all bicycle traffic laws
- Rider must be 16 or older with a valid Driver's License
- Class 3 must have a speedometer
- Must have working brakes
- Label showing wattage, speed, and class that must remain affixed

Night Use

- Front white light (500 ft visibility)
- Rear red reflector (100–600 ft visibility) or a flashing red light visible from 500 feet.

Electric Scooters

- Allowed only on roads ≤ 35 mph
- Not permitted on sidewalks, paths, or trails
- Must follow bicycle laws
- Rider must be 18 or older with a valid Driver's License
- Night Use: Same lighting rules as e-bikes

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Motorized Bicycles

- Only allowed on roads ≤ 35 mph & private property with permission of the property owner
- Must comply with all provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code applicable to bicycles
- Rider must be 16 or older with a valid Driver's License
- Lighting and brake rules apply

Motorized Skateboards and Scooters

- Prohibited in all public areas (streets, sidewalks, paths)
- Permitted only on private property with property owner permission

RECKLESS OPERATION IS PROHIBITED

- **No stunts, crowd weaving, or excessive speed**
- **No handheld phone/device use while riding**
- **No carrying items that impair control**

PENALTIES AND FINES

1st offense: \$50

2nd offense: \$100

3rd and subsequent: \$200

*In cases involving a juvenile, both the minor and the parent or legal guardian may be fined.

BE SMART. BE SAFE. BE SEEN.

✔ Before You Ride

- Inspect your equipment
- Check tires, brakes, lights, and battery charge.
- Wear safety gear
- Always wear a helmet, even if not required by law.
- Secure your load
- Avoid carrying bags or objects that can shift or cause imbalance.

🚗 While Riding

- Ride predictably
- Signal turns and stop at stop signs/lights.
- Be visible
- Wear bright clothing and use front and rear lights—especially at night.
- Ride single file
- Don't weave between vehicles or pedestrians.

🚫 Avoid Distractions

- Never use your phone or headphones while riding.
- Stay alert to traffic, road conditions, and pedestrians.

📍 Know Where You're Allowed

- E-bikes: Only on roads ≤ 35 mph or private property with permission.
- E-scooters: Public roads ≤ 35 mph only. No sidewalks or paths.

🚦 Watch Your Speed

- Ride at safe speeds, especially in populated areas.
- Slow down near pedestrians and in parking lots or intersections.

🙋 Be Courteous

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Don't block sidewalks or entrances when parking your device.