

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 077

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 474.13 OF TITLE TEN OF PART FOUR-TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE RELATING TO CERTAIN REGULATIONS CONCERNING ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code in Chapter 4511 contains various sections regulating electric bicycles; and

WHEREAS, State law also expressly permits municipalities to promulgate local regulations, within limits, relating to such activities as electric bicycle riding, and there is also support for such local regulations under the Home Rule authority of Charter municipalities, such as the City of Strongsville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville has deemed it appropriate pursuant to such legal authority and as a matter of safety and the protection of children, to require that any person under the age of eighteen (18) shall have to wear a protective helmet while operating or riding as a passenger on an electric bicycle within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 474.13 of Chapter 474 of Title Ten of Part Four-Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville concerning electric bicycles shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

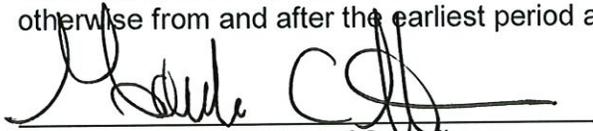
474.13 ELECTRIC BICYCLES.

- (a) (1) The operation of a class 1 electric bicycle and a class 2 electric bicycle is permitted on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or on a shared-use path, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule prohibits the use of a class 1 electric bicycle or class 2 electric bicycle on such a path.
- (2) No person shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or a shared-use path unless that path is within or adjacent to a highway or the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizes the use of a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.
- (3) No person shall operate a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle or a class 3 electric bicycle on a path that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance or rule authorizes the use of a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

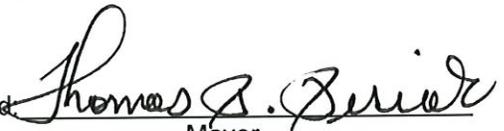
- (4) Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section do not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle while in the performance of the officer's duties.
- (b) (1) No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle; however, a person under sixteen years of age may ride as a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.
- (2) No person shall operate or be a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle unless the person is wearing a protective helmet that meets the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- (3) **No person who is under eighteen (18) years of age shall operate or be a passenger on a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle unless the person is wearing a protective helmet that meets the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials.**

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to provide for the safety of the City's residents to clarify certain regulations concerning electric bicycles. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



 President of Council

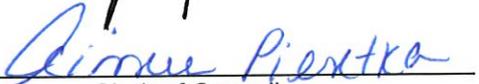
Approved: 

 Mayor

Date Passed: July 14, 2025

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 Clerk of Council

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