



## Electric Dirt Bikes

- If your “electric dirt” exceeds 750 watts, uses throttle only, or can go faster than 28 mph, it does not qualify as an “e-bike” under Illinois law.
- It becomes an **Out-of-Class Electric Vehicle (OCEV)** and must follow **motor vehicle rules** — including licensing, title / registration, insurance —when operated in public. Off-road use on private property is generally fine.



**Please help us keep your kids safe! If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at our non-emergency number (847) 658-4531.**

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## ALGONQUIN E-BIKE/SCOOTER INFORMATION CAMPAIGN



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## WHAT ARE THE E-BIKE/ SCOOTER RESTRICTIONS IN ALGONQUIN?

### 43.25 BICYCLES, TRICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS OR SIMILAR MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL DEVICES 91-O-58; Amended

- Use of Personal Use Vehicles and Devices: Except as provided in Section 43.25-C herein, it shall be **unlawful** and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person to operate, ride on, be pushed on or traverse on a **personal use vehicle** or personal use device on any village property or on any private property without the written permission of the property owner.
- Village Property: Any sidewalk, street right-of-way, village park, village parking lot/area or any other public property owned by the Village.
- Personal use vehicle and personal use device: Vehicles, devices or means of transportation or recreation which include, but are not limited to, the following: scooter, bicycle, tricycle, roller blade, roller skate, or other similar device, whether non-motorized or motorized (electric, gasoline engine or other form of external power), mini-bike, pedalcycle, recreational device or vehicle, snowmobile, go-kart, moped, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), golf cart or other such motorized or nonmotorized devices or vehicles or modes of transportation.

## Exemptions:

1. Motorized wheelchairs and electric personal assistive mobility devices shall be permitted to operate on any village property so long as they are operated in a safe and orderly manner. Chapter 43, Page 21 6/18/24

2. **Non-motorized** bicycles, tricycles, skateboards and other non-motorized recreational devices or vehicles may be operated on sidewalks in residential zoning districts provided the operators remain in single file, yield the right of-way to pedestrians, and, when approaching a pedestrian, reduce the speed of the device to a speed which is no greater than necessary to continue the safe operation of the device, and without impairing the right-of-way of the pedestrian or without causing alarm or danger and/or damage to the pedestrian and/or property.

3. **Non-motorized** tricycles, operated by children accompanied by an adult, shall be permitted in village parks.

4. Bicycles shall be permitted on village streets when operated pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/11-1501 et seq.

### Where Can I Operate an E-Bike/Scooter in the village?

- The Village of Algonquin prohibits E-bikes and Scooters on public roads, streets, bike lanes, sidewalks, and bike paths. Off-road use on private property is generally fine.
- E-Bikes and scooters operated under “human power” (i.e. manually pedaled or pushed without assistance from the motor) can be operated pursuant to Exception #2 listed above.



Under **625 ILCS 5/1-140.10**, a *low-speed electric bicycle* is defined as a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts. It must meet **one** of the following classification criteria:

- **Class 1:** Pedal-assist only. Motor cuts out at 20 mph.
- **Class 2:** Throttle-assist (motor can propel without pedaling). Motor cuts out at 20 mph.
- **Class 3:** Pedal-assist only. Motor cuts out at 28 mph.

A low-speed e-bike is **not** considered a moped or motor-driven cycle.

### Age Restrictions:

- **Class 3** e-bike riders must be **at least 16 years old**, but younger children may ride as *passengers* if the bike is designed for that purpose.
- No statewide minimum age for **Class 1 or 2**, though some municipalities may recommend 13+.