

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL
KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 2026-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF FORT MITCHELL TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC
BICYCLES ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, City of Fort Mitchell has authority to regulate the use of its sidewalks, parks, some areas of public rights-of-way, and public property to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FORT MITCHELL,
COUNTY OF KENTON, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I

The following section of Chapter 73 of the City of Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

§ 73.02 OPERATION OF MOTOR ASSISTED VEHICLES, CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2 ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND BICYCLES.

(A) Any person riding a motorized assisted vehicle, Class 1 Electric Bicycle, Class 2 Electric Bicycle, or bicycle on a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before passing the pedestrian.

(B) Motor assisted vehicles, Class 1 Electric Bicycle, Class 2 Electric Bicycle, and bicycles shall not exceed a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour when operated on sidewalks.

(C) No motor assisted vehicle, Class 1 Electric Bicycle, Class 2 Electric Bicycle, or bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(D) No person riding on any motor assisted vehicle, Class 1 Electric Bicycle, Class 2 Electric Bicycle, or bicycle shall attach the vehicle or bicycle or himself to any vehicle on a roadway.

(E) No operator of a motor assisted vehicle, Class 1 Electric Bicycle, or Class 2 Electric Bicycle shall operate the vehicle in any public park, except on a roadway or in a parking area.

(F) No motorized assisted vehicle, Class 1 Electric Bicycle, Class 2 Electric Bicycle, or bicycle shall be parked, placed, or left standing in a manner that obstructs or interferes with the safe and accessible use of any sidewalk, ADA access route, fire hydrant, driveway, crosswalk, transit stop, or building entrance.

(G) The Mayor is authorized to designate any sidewalk, pedestrian facility, or portion thereof within the City as a walk-only area for motor assisted vehicles, Class 1 Electric Bicycles, Class 2 Electric Bicycles, and bicycles when the Mayor determines that the designation is reasonably necessary to promote public safety, preserve pedestrian access, or provide for the orderly use of the affected area. Any designation under this subsection shall:

(1) identify the specific sidewalk, pedestrian facility, or portion thereof to which the designation applies;

(2) be communicated by signs, barricades, public notice, or other conspicuous notice reasonably calculated to inform users of the affected sidewalk or pedestrian facility.

A designation under this subsection shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Mayor.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed or applied to prohibit, restrict, or otherwise interfere with the lawful use of a wheelchair, mobility scooter, or other mobility device by a person with a disability, or to limit any reasonable modification, reasonable accommodation, or other protection required by applicable federal or state law. This chapter shall be administered and enforced in a manner consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and other applicable federal and state disability-access laws.

SECTION II

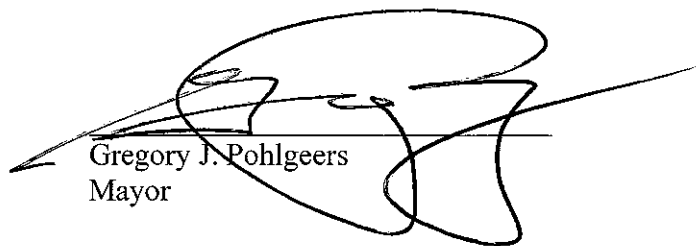
All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, if any, hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

The Provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as long as they remain valid in the absence of that provision determined to be invalid.

SECTION V

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law, and said publication may be in summary form.


Gregory J. Pohlgeers
Mayor

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City Clerk

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