

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Mentor

Law Director
08/18/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-O-076

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 373.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF MENTOR 2006, AS AMENDED, TO CLARIFY THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGERS ON BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC BICYCLES,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mentor, Ohio, is a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Mentor; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.53 provides that no person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall carry another person except upon a firmly attached and regular seat and that no bicycle or electric bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8) authorizes local authorities to regulate the operation of bicycles, provided that such regulations are not fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road established by state law; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Mentor desires to clarify that a bicycle or electric bicycle may carry a passenger only when the bicycle or electric bicycle is designed and equipped by its manufacturer for passenger use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MENTOR, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 373 of Part Three, Title Nine of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor, 2006, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended as to §373.02 RIDING UPON SEATS; HANDLE BARS; HELMETS AND GLASSES being shown herein below with all new text appearing as bold underline (to wit: **abcd**) and all other current text to remain retaining in the existing font and format:

373.02 SIGNAL DEVICE ON BICYCLE

(b) No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall ride upon a bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat. **No person shall ride as a passenger upon a bicycle or electric bicycle unless such bicycle or electric bicycle is specifically designed and equipped by the manufacturer to carry a passenger and is equipped with a firmly attached seat or seating position intended for passenger use.**

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Section 373.02 and the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Ordinance is intended to regulate the operation of bicycles and electric bicycles pursuant to the authority granted to local authorities under Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8) and shall be construed consistently with Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.07 and 4511.53.

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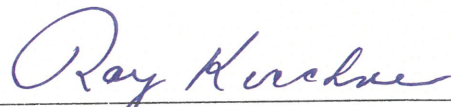
SECTION 3. The City shall provide any signs or other notice required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(B) before enforcement of this Ordinance to the extent such signs or notice are required by that section.

SECTION 4. That publication of this Ordinance shall occur in book form and certified as correct by the Clerk of Council and President of Council. The Clerk shall cause notice of the enactment as required by law.

SECTION 5. All prior legislation, ordinances, resolutions, and/or motions, or any parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that, except as otherwise provided by Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of this City, wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and immediately upon its passage.

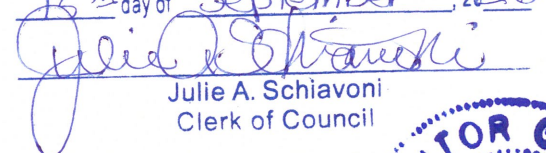


Acting President of Council

PASSED: 09/15/2026

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council

I, Julie A. Schiavoni, Clerk of Council of the City of Mentor, Ohio,
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy
of Ordinance/Resolution No. 26-O-076
passed/adopted by the Council of the City of Mentor, Ohio on the
15th day of September, 2026


Julie A. Schiavoni
Clerk of Council



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ORDINANCE NO. 26-O-077

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 373.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR, 2006, AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE OPERATORS OF BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC BICYCLES TO GIVE AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL WHEN OVERTAKING AND PASSING PEDESTRIANS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mentor, Ohio, is a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Mentor; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8) expressly provides that local authorities, within the reasonable exercise of their police power, may regulate the operation of bicycles, provided that such regulation is not fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road prescribed by state law; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.512 and 4511.514 require operators of certain micromobility devices to give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that requiring operators of bicycles and electric bicycles to provide an audible warning before overtaking and passing a pedestrian promotes pedestrian safety and is a reasonable exercise of the City's police power; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the requirement established by this ordinance regulates the safe operation of bicycles and electric bicycles and is not fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road prescribed by Ohio law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MENTOR, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 373 of Part Three, Title Nine of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor, 2006, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended as to §373.05 SIGNAL DEVICE ON BICYCLE being shown herein below with all new text appearing as bold underline (to wit: **abcd**) and all other current text to remain retaining in the existing font and format:

373.05 SIGNAL DEVICE ON BICYCLE

(b) **No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle on a sidewalk, shared-use path, or path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles unless the person gives an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.**

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more

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predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Section 373.05 and the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Ordinance is intended to regulate the operation of bicycles and electric bicycles pursuant to the authority granted to local authorities under Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8) and shall be construed consistently with Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.07 and 4511.53.

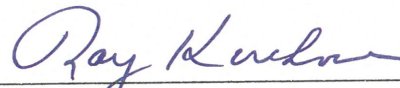
SECTION 3. The City shall provide any signs or other notice required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(B) before enforcement of this Ordinance to the extent such signs or notice are required by that section.

SECTION 4. That publication of this Ordinance shall occur in book form and certified as correct by the Clerk of Council and Council President. The Clerk shall cause notice of the enactment as required by law.

SECTION 5. All prior legislation, ordinances, resolutions, and/or motions, or any parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that, except as otherwise provided by Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of this City, wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and immediately upon its passage.



Acting President of Council

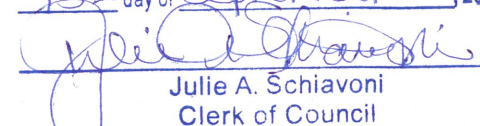
PASSED:

09/15/2026

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

I, Julie A. Schiavoni, Clerk of Council of the City of Mentor, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of Ordinance/Resolution No. 26-O-077 passed/adopted by the Council of the City of Mentor, Ohio on the 15th day of September, 2026.


Julie A. Schiavoni
Clerk of Council

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Law Director
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ORDINANCE NO. 26-O-078

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 373.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR, 2006 AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE PROTECTIVE HELMETS FOR ALL OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mentor, Ohio, is a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Mentor; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.522 requires operators and passengers of Class 3 electric bicycles to wear protective helmets meeting specified standards; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8) expressly provides that state traffic laws do not prevent local authorities, within the reasonable exercise of their police power, from regulating the operation of bicycles, provided that such regulation is not fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road prescribed by state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to its authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8), determines that the use of protective helmets by operators and passengers of all classes of electric bicycles, including Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 electric bicycles, is necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of persons using electric bicycles within the City of Mentor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that requiring operators and passengers of all electric bicycles to wear protective helmets is a reasonable exercise of the City's police power and is not fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road prescribed by Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the helmet requirement established by this ordinance regulates the safe operation of electric bicycles within the City and does not alter the classification, definition, or permissible operation of any electric bicycle under Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a uniform helmet requirement applicable to all operators and passengers of electric bicycles operated or ridden within the City of Mentor, regardless of the classification of the electric bicycle under Ohio law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MENTOR, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 373 of Part Three, Title Nine of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor, 2006, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended as to §373.13 ELECTRIC BICYCLES being shown herein below with all new text appearing as bold underline (to wit: **abcd**) and all other current text to remain retaining in the existing font and format:

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373.13 ELECTRIC BICYCLES

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(2) No person shall operate or be a passenger on an 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. All other provisions of Section 373.13 and the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Ordinance is intended to regulate the operation of bicycles and electric bicycles pursuant to the authority granted to local authorities under Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07(A)(8) and shall be construed consistently with Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.07 and 4511.53.

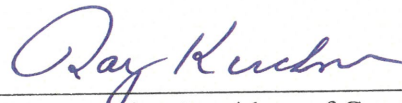
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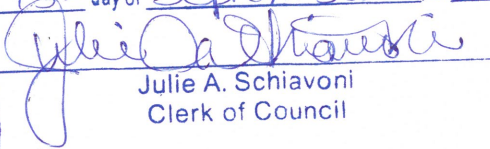
Acting President of Council

PASSED: 09/15/2026

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council

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