

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
ORDINANCE 2025-107**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VERNON HILLS VILLAGE CODE RELATIVE  
TO THE OPERATING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF ELECTRIC  
BICYCLES AND NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF  
A SIDEWALK OR BICYCLE PATH**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Vernon Hills is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and, pursuant to the provisions of said Section 6(a) of Article VII, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-1, municipalities are granted the authority to pass and enforce all necessary police ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-80-2, municipalities have the authority to regulate the use of the streets and other municipal property; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills believe and hereby declare that it is in the best interest of the Village, Village residents, to amend and revise the Vernon Hills Village Code with regard to the operating regulations and restrictions of electric bicycles and non-highway vehicles, including the unauthorized use of a sidewalk or bicycle path.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

**SECTION TWO:** Chapter 22 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles), Article V (Bicycles and Motorized Pedalcycles), Section 22-394 (Electric Bicycles – Operating Regulations and Restrictions) of the Vernon Hills Village Code is hereby created; and

Chapter 22 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles), Article II (Operation of Vehicles), Division 1 (Generally), Section 22-69 (No Person Shall Drive a Non-Highway Vehicle Anywhere Within

the Village of Vernon Hills, Except for Private Property) of the Vernon Hills Village Code is hereby created, to read as follows:

“Sec. 22-394. – Electric Bicycles – Operating Regulations and Restrictions. An operator of an electric bicycle shall adhere to State Law regarding provisions of electric bicycle operating regulations and restrictions.

State Law reference – Similar provisions, 625 ILCS 5/11-1517.

Sec. 22-69. – No person shall drive a non-highway vehicle anywhere within the Village of Vernon Hills, except for private property. A non-highway vehicle means a motor vehicle not specially designed to be used on a public highway including, an all-terrain vehicle, a golf cart, an off-highway motorcycle or a recreational off highway vehicle all as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code.

State Law reference – Similar provisions, 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1(a)(b).

**SECTION THREE:** Chapter 28, Section 4 (Fines for Violations, Community Service) of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the Sections indicated below:

Sec. 28-4 – Fines for Violations, Community Service.

A. Fine Amount and Class.

[...]

CLASS 1 OFFENSES

<b><u>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</u></b>	<b><u>22-56</u></b>	<b><u>Driving on sidewalk.</u></b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b><u>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</u></b>	<b><u>22-67</u></b>	<b><u>Unauthorized use of bicycle paths.</u></b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b><u>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</u></b>	<b><u>22-69</u></b>	<b><u>No Person Shall Drive a Non-Highway Vehicle Anywhere within the Village of Vernon Hills, Except for Private Property.</u></b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b><u>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</u></b>	<b><u>22-394</u></b>	<b><u>Electric Bicycles – Operating Regulations and Restrictions.</u></b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>

[...]

**SECTION FOUR:** Any policy, resolution, or ordinance of the Village that conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION FIVE:** Each section, paragraph, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

**SECTION SIX:** A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published within ten (10) days after its passage in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities.

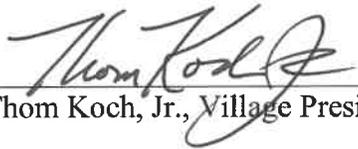
**SECTION SEVEN:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7 – Marquardt, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Forster, Schenk, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

  
Thom Koch, Jr., Village President

PASSED: 09/16/2025

APPROVED: 09/16/2025

ATTEST: 09/16/2025

  
Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



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THE 16<sup>th</sup> AY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Published in pamphlet form by the Authority of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
  )  
COUNTY OF LAKE         )

I, KEVIN TIMONY, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2025-107 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VERNON HILLS VILLAGE CODE RELATIVE TO THE OPERATING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A SIDEWALK OR BICYCLE PATH TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

  
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Notary Public

