

**AN ORDINANCE SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDING CHAPTER 74:  
BICYCLES; TOY VEHICLES OF THE FORT WAYNE MUNICIPAL  
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Wayne has an extensive system of sidewalks and trails; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Wayne is a fun, family-friendly, and safe community with a commitment to providing an enhanced quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 74 needs to be amended to reflect the evolution of bicycles, e-bicycles, other vehicles, and other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD) and usage of sidewalks, the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network, and recreational trails.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.**

SECTION 1. Chapter 74: BICYCLES; TOY VEHICLES, of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana Code of Ordinances, is amended as follows:

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**CHAPTER 74: BICYCLES, E-BICYCLES, OTHER VEHICLES, or OTHER  
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('74 Code, § 17-109) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85) Penalty, see § 74.99

BICYCLES, E-BICYCLES, OTHER VEHICLES, or OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES (OPDMD)

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1 E-BICYCLE as defined in:

2 (A) IC 9-13-2-26.6 - "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped  
3 with an electric motor that:

4 (1) provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling; and

5 (2) ceases to provide assistance to the operator when the electric bicycle  
6 reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

7 (B) IC 9-13-2-26.7 - "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped  
8 with an electric motor that:

9 (1) may be used to exclusively propel the electric bicycle; and

10 (2) ceases or is unable to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a  
11 speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

12 (C) IC 9-13-2-26.8 - "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped  
13 with an electric motor that:

14 (1) provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling; and

15 (2) ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of  
16 twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

17 FORT WAYNE AREA TRAILS NETWORK. The designated, active,  
18 transportation system in Fort Wayne, Indiana, consisting of trails, paths, multi-  
19 use trails, side paths, shared-use paths, greenways and rails-to-trails maintained  
20 by the Board of Park Commissioners and the Board of Public Works including  
21 such parts of the Network that are located within the limits of the City of Fort  
22 Wayne but maintained by other entities.

23 OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES (OPDMD) as defined 28 CFR  
24 35.104 and permitted by 28 CFR 35.137 are any mobility device powered by  
25 batteries, fuel, or other engines—whether or not designed primarily for use by  
26 individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility  
27 disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, including electronic personal  
28 assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), or any mobility device designed to  
29 operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes.

30 OTHER VEHICLE includes self-propelled vehicles not defined in Title VII of the  
Fort Wayne Code of Ordinances and vehicles propelled partially or in full by a  
motor or engine that are:

(A) no wider than 32-inches;

(B) 150 pounds or less without operator and passenger(s).

(C) powered by an electric motor with a maximum output of 750 watts or less.

(D) not designed for the use of fossil fuels or hydrogen as a method of  
propulsion.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS include trails, paths, multi-use trails, side paths,  
shared-use paths, greenways and rails-to-trails maintained by the Board of Park  
Commissioners and the Board of Public Works that are not included in the Fort  
Wayne Area Trails Network.

SIDEWALK as defined in IC 9-13-2-167 - "Sidewalk" means the part of a street  
between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent  
property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

1 § 74.34 GENERAL REGULATIONS.

2 (A) Every person riding a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon a  
3 street shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the  
4 duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

5 (B) Every person riding a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon a  
6 Sidewalk or the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network or a Recreational Trail  
7 shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties  
8 applicable to a pedestrian.

9 (C) Whenever any person is riding a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or  
10 OPDMD upon a Sidewalk or the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network or Recreational  
11 Trail, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any slower user and shall give  
12 an audible signal before overtaking and passing such slower user.

13 (D) Every person riding a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon  
14 a street, alley, Sidewalk, the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network, or Recreational  
15 Trail:

- 16 (1) Shall avoid sudden or erratic movements that could endanger others;
- 17 (2) Shall provide an audible warning (e.g., bell, horn, voice) when  
18 approaching slower users from behind;
- 19 (3) Shall pass slower users at a safe distance, providing a minimum of  
20 three (3) feet of clearance, and must wait until it is safe to pass even if  
21 the 3-foot clearance can't be achieved;
- 22 (4) Shall give due regard to the safety of all vehicle and pedestrian traffic  
23 users, including those with visual, auditory, or mobility impairments;
- 24 (5) Shall keep the Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle or OPDMD under  
25 directional, speed, and stopping control at all times;
- 26 (6) Shall not operate in an irregular or reckless manner so as to disregard  
27 their own safety, others, or property;
- 28 (7) Shall not proceed at a speed greater than that which is reasonable and  
29 prudent considering wildlife, traffic, weather, road and light conditions  
30 and road character;
- (8) Shall maintain a degree of control that is necessary to avoid danger to  
persons, property, or wildlife; and
- (9) Shall not overtake standing vehicles in a travel lane.

(Ord. G-30-12, passed 9-11-12)

§ 74.35 SIDEWALK OR FORT WAYNE AREA TRAILS OR RECREATIONAL  
TRAIL NETWORK PROHIBITIONS

(A) All E-Bicycles operated on the Sidewalk, the Fort Wayne Area Trails  
Network, or a Recreational Trail must meet the requirements of Chapter 74.33.

(B) Vehicles are prohibited from using a trailer or other mode of conveyance  
towed behind the vehicle unless specifically designed for carrying passengers  
and/or cargo.

1 (C) Horses, donkey, and mules are not permitted.

2 (D) Operating any powered vehicle not authorized by this Chapter on any  
3 Sidewalk, the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network, or Recreational Trail.

4 (E) Users shall follow all applicable state and federal laws and regulation  
5 regarding vehicle operation.

6 (F) Exceptions to this Chapter are as follows:

7 (1) This ordinance shall not apply to persons with disabilities using  
8 wheelchairs or OPDMD, provided that such devices are operated in compliance  
9 with 74.34.

10 (2) Vehicles used by local, state, and/or federal government agencies  
11 used for maintenance, repair, construction, and safety.

12 (3) Vehicles used by utility companies and/or companies contracted by  
13 local, state, and/or federal government agencies for maintenance,  
14 repair, construction, and safety.

15 ('74 Code, § 17-112) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85) Penalty, see § 74.99

#### 16 § 74.36 PARKING OF BICYCLES, E-BICYCLES, AND OTHER VEHICLES.

17 No person shall park a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon the  
18 traveled portion of the street. Bicycles, E-bicycle, Other Vehicles, or OPDMD  
19 may be parked only upon the Sidewalk area or the Fort Wayne Area Trails  
20 Network or Recreation Trail in a rack provided to support the Bicycle, E-bicycle,  
21 Other Vehicle, or OPDMD or against a building or in such manner as to afford  
22 the least obstruction to traffic and other users.

23 ('74 Code, § 17-114) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85) Penalty, see § 74.99

24 ('74 Code, § 17-111) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85; Am. Ord. G-30-12, passed  
25 9-11-12) Penalty, see § 74.99

#### 26 DOCKLESS VEHICLES

#### 27 § 74.40 DEFINITIONS.

28 For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the  
29 context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

30 DOCKLESS VEHICLE.

1 (1) Any wheeled device, other than an automobile or motorcycle, that is  
2 powered by a motor;

3 (2) Accessed via an on-demand portal, whether a smartphone application,  
4 membership card, or similar method;

5 (3) Owned by a person that owns, manages, and maintains devices for  
6 shared use by members of the public without a physical dispatching location  
7 within the city; and

8 (4) Available at unstaffed, self-service locations, to members of the public  
9 for their personal operation.

10 OPERATOR. Any person who owns, operates, leases, offers to rent, collects,  
11 distributes, repairs, services, charges or otherwise asserts control of a dockless  
12 vehicle share system.

13 PERSON. Any individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company,  
14 partnership or association acting in a fiduciary capacity.

15 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

16 § 74.41 PROHIBITED.

17 No person may operate a dockless vehicle share system in the city, including  
18 the right-of-way, such as a sidewalk, alley, street, highway or any other public  
19 place within the city.

20 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19) Penalty, see § 74.99

21 § 74.42 EXCEPTION.

22 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the operation of a dockless vehicle share  
23 system shall be permitted if the operator participates in a dockless vehicle share  
24 pilot study administered by the Department of Community Development and City  
25 Council. Participation in the pilot study may only occur upon application and  
26 approval of the Department of Right-of-Way and City Council.

27 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

28 § 74.43 REMOVAL OF DOCKLESS VEHICLES.

29 If the city finds on any right-of-way, such as a sidewalk, alley, street, highway  
30 or other public place within the city, any dockless vehicle belonging to an  
operator who is in violation of this section, the city may have the dockless vehicle  
immediately removed to a suitable place of impoundment. If the operator can be  
identified, a notice informing the operator of the location of the dockless vehicle  
and the procedure for reclaiming the dockless vehicle shall be sent to the  
operator's corporate headquarters within 24 hours after removal.

1 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

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3 § 74.44 PERIOD OF IMPOUNDMENT.

4 Upon impoundment, a dockless vehicle shall be held a minimum of 30 days  
5 unless earlier redeemed by the operator or operator's representative upon  
6 payment of the redemption fee provided in § 74.99.

7 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

8 § 74.45 DISPOSITION OF UNREDEEMED DOCKLESS VEHICLES.

9 The city may dispose of impounded dockless vehicles that are not redeemed  
10 within 30 days in any of the following ways:

11 (A) Public auction or sale.

12 (B) Donation to a suitable nonprofit organization for charitable, educational or  
13 other charitable purposes.

14 (C) Scrapping a dockless vehicle that cannot be disposed of through any  
15 other reasonable means.

16 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

17 § 74.46 OPERATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS.

18 The operator of any dockless vehicle removed under this provision shall be  
19 responsible for all costs of impounding and disposing of the dockless vehicle.  
20 Costs not recovered from the sale of the dockless vehicle may be recovered in a  
21 civil action by the city against the operator. The city assumes no responsibility for  
22 damage to dockless vehicle(s) impounded under this chapter.

23 (Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

24 TOY VEHICLES

25 § 74.47 USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES  
26 RESTRICTED.

27 No person upon roller skates or other footwear with wheels, riding in or by  
28 means of any coaster, skateboard or toy vehicle or similar devices, shall go upon  
29 any roadway or designated on-street bicycle facility except while crossing a  
30 street or a crosswalk, and when so crossing, such person shall be granted all of  
the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to pedestrians. This

1 section shall not apply upon any street while set aside as a play street as  
2 authorized by this chapter.

3 ('74 Code, § 17-17) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85; Am. Ord. G-30-12, passed  
4 9-11-12) Penalty, see § 74.99

5 § 74.48 ENFORCING AUTHORITY.

6 The authority for enforcing this subchapter will be the Fort Wayne Police  
7 Department and the Ordinance Violations Bureau.  
8 (Ord. G-1-11, passed 1/11/11)

9 § 74.99 PENALTY.

10 (A) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter, for which no specific  
11 penalty is otherwise provided, shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not  
12 more than \$2,500 and/or impoundment of vehicle. Each day any violation of this  
13 code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. In all  
14 cases where the same offense may be made punishable, or may be created by  
15 different clauses or sections of the ordinances of the city, the City Attorney may  
16 elect under which to proceed.

17 (B) Violations shall be subject to a fine of \$25 to \$200. First-time offenders shall  
18 be fined not more than \$15.

19 ('74 Code, § 17-116) (Ord. S-185- 85, passed 10-8-85; Am. Ord. G- 30-12,  
20 passed 9-11-12; Am. Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

21 **SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from  
22 and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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24 \_\_\_\_\_  
25 Council Member

26 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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29 Malak Heiny, City Attorney  
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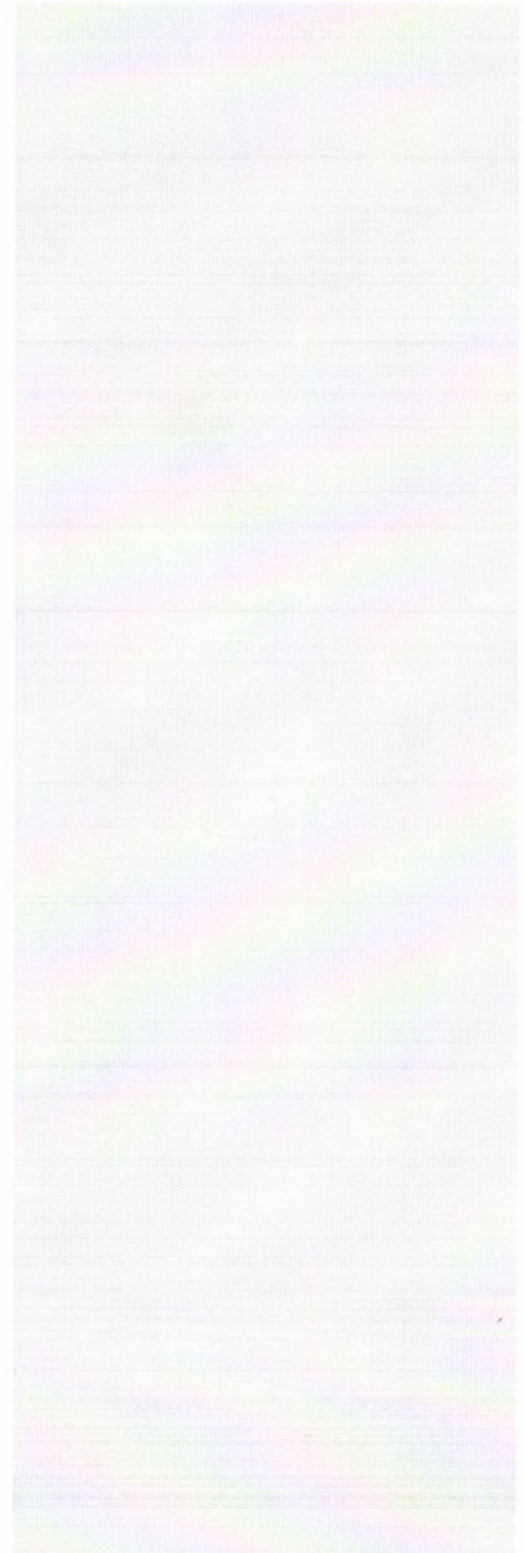
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(A) —(A) Every person riding a Bbicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon a street shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

(B) Every person riding a Bbicycle, E-Bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon a Ssidewalk or the Fort Wayen Area Trails Network or a Recreational Trail shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a pedestrian.

(CB) The regulations in the traffic code applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any roadway or public sidewalk or upon any shared-use path, subject to those exceptions stated herein. Whenever any person is riding a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon a Sidewalk or the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network or Recreational Trail, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any slower user and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such slower user.

(DC) The operator of a bicycle shall not overtake standing vehicles in a travel lane. Every person riding a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon a street, alley, Sidewalk, the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network, or Recreational Trail:

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- (1) Shall avoid sudden or erratic movements that could endanger others;
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- (4) Shall give due regard to the safety of all vehicle and pedestrian traffic users, including those with visual, auditory, or mobility impairments;
- (5) Shall keep the Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle or OPDMD under directional, speed, and stopping control at all times;
- (6) Shall not operate in an irregular or reckless manner so as to disregard their own safety, others, or property;
- (7) Shall not proceed at a speed greater than that which is reasonable and prudent considering wildlife, traffic, weather, road and light conditions and road character;
- (8) Shall maintain a degree of control that is necessary to avoid danger to persons, property, or wildlife; and
- (9) Shall not overtake standing vehicles in a travel lane.

(Ord. G-30-12, passed 9-11-12)

§ 74.35 SPEED TO BE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT TO SURROUNDING CONDITIONS. SIDEWALK OR FORT WAYNE AREA TRAILS OR RECREATIONAL TRAIL NETWORK PROHIBITIONS

—No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing. (A) All E-Bicycles operated on the Sidewalk, the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network, or a Recreational Trail must meet the requirements of Chapter 74.33.

(B) Vehicles are prohibited from using a trailer or other mode of conveyance towed behind the vehicle unless specifically designed for carrying passengers and/or cargo.

(C) Horses, donkey, and mules are not permitted.

(D) Operating any powered vehicle not authorized by this Chapter on any Sidewalk, the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network, or Recreational Trail.

(E) Users shall follow all applicable state and federal laws and regulation regarding vehicle operation.

(F) Exceptions to this Chapter are as follows:

(1) This ordinance shall not apply to persons with disabilities using wheelchairs or OPDMD, provided that such devices are operated in compliance with 74.34.

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(3) Vehicles used by utility companies and/or companies contracted by local, state, and/or federal government agencies for maintenance, repair, construction, and safety.

(74 Code, § 17-112) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85) Penalty, see § 74.99

#### § 74.36 EMERGING FROM ALLEYS OR DRIVEWAYS.

~~—The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.~~

~~(74 Code, § 17-113) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85) Penalty, see § 74.99~~

#### § 74.367 PARKING OF BICYCLES, E-BICYCLES, AND OTHER VEHICLES PARKING OF BICYCLES.

~~—No person shall park a bicycle upon the traveled portion of the street. Bicycles may be parked only upon the sidewalk area in a rack provided to support the bicycle, against a building or in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic. No person shall park a Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD upon the traveled portion of the street. Bicycles, E-bicycle, Other Vehicles, or OPDMD may be parked only upon the Sidewalk area or the Fort Wayne Area Trails Network or Recreation Trail in a rack provided to support the Bicycle, E-bicycle, Other Vehicle, or OPDMD or against a building or in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to traffic and other users.~~

~~(74 Code, § 17-114) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85) Penalty, see § 74.99~~

#### § 74.38 RIDING ON SIDEWALK AREA.

~~—(A) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.~~

~~—(B) No person shall operate a moped or motorized bicycle on any sidewalk.~~

~~(74 Code, § 17-111) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85; Am. Ord. G-30-12, passed 9-11-12) Penalty, see § 74.99~~

## DOCKLESS VEHICLES

### § 74.40 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

#### DOCKLESS VEHICLE.

- (1) Any wheeled device, other than an automobile or motorcycle, that is powered by a motor;
- (2) Accessed via an on-demand portal, whether a smartphone application, membership card, or similar method;
- (3) Owned by a person that owns, manages, and maintains devices for shared use by members of the public without a physical dispatching location within the city; and
- (4) Available at unstaffed, self-service locations, to members of the public for their personal operation.

**OPERATOR.** Any person who owns, operates, leases, offers to rent, collects, distributes, repairs, services, charges or otherwise asserts control of a dockless vehicle share system.

**PERSON.** Any individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership or association acting in a fiduciary capacity.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

### § 74.41 PROHIBITED.

No person may operate a dockless vehicle share system in the city, including the right-of-way, such as a sidewalk, alley, street, highway or any other public place within the city.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19) Penalty, see § 74.99

### § 74.42 EXCEPTION.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the operation of a dockless vehicle share system shall be permitted if the operator participates in a dockless vehicle share pilot study administered by the Department of Community Development and City Council. Participation in the pilot study may only occur upon application and approval of the Department of Right-of-Way and City Council.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

§ 74.43 REMOVAL OF DOCKLESS VEHICLES.

If the city finds on any right-of-way, such as a sidewalk, alley, street, highway or other public place within the city, any dockless vehicle belonging to an operator who is in violation of this section, the city may have the dockless vehicle immediately removed to a suitable place of impoundment. If the operator can be identified, a notice informing the operator of the location of the dockless vehicle and the procedure for reclaiming the dockless vehicle shall be sent to the operator's corporate headquarters within 24 hours after removal.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

§ 74.44 PERIOD OF IMPOUNDMENT.

Upon impoundment, a dockless vehicle shall be held a minimum of 30 days unless earlier redeemed by the operator or operator's representative upon payment of the redemption fee provided in § 74.99.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

§ 74.45 DISPOSITION OF UNREDEEMED DOCKLESS VEHICLES.

The city may dispose of impounded dockless vehicles that are not redeemed within 30 days in any of the following ways:

- (A) Public auction or sale.
- (B) Donation to a suitable nonprofit organization for charitable, educational or other charitable purposes.
- (C) Scrapping a dockless vehicle that cannot be disposed of through any other reasonable means.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

§ 74.46 OPERATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS.

The operator of any dockless vehicle removed under this provision shall be responsible for all costs of impounding and disposing of the dockless vehicle. Costs not recovered from the sale of the dockless vehicle may be recovered in a civil action by the city against the operator. The city assumes no responsibility for damage to dockless vehicle(s) impounded under this chapter.

(Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

## TOY VEHICLES

### § 74.4750 USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED.

No person upon roller skates or other footwear with wheels, riding in or by means of any coaster, skateboard or toy vehicle or similar devices, shall go upon any roadway or designated on-street bicycle facility except while crossing a street or a crosswalk, and when so crossing, such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to pedestrians. This section shall not apply upon any street while set aside as a play street as authorized by this chapter.

('74 Code, § 17-17) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85; Am. Ord. G-30-12, passed 9-11-12)  
Penalty, see § 74.99

### § 74.48 ENFORCING AUTHORITY.

The authority for enforcing this subchapter will be the Fort Wayne Police Department and the Ordinance Violations Bureau.  
(Ord. G-1-11, passed 1/11/11)

### § 74.99 PENALTY.

(A) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter, for which no specific penalty is otherwise provided, shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than \$2,500 and/or impoundment of vehicle. Each day any violation of this code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. In all cases where the same offense may be made punishable, or may be created by different clauses or sections of the ordinances of the city, the City Attorney may elect under which to proceed.

(B) Violations shall be subject to a fine of \$25 to \$200. First-time offenders shall be fined not more than \$15.—(A) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter, where another penalty is not expressly provided, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100.

—(B) Every person convicted of a violation of § 74.50 shall be guilty of a class C infraction.

—(C) Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$100 per day for each dockless vehicle operated or parked upon the right-of-way or any public place. For each subsequent violation, the fine shall be not less than \$200.

('74 Code, § 17-116) (Ord. S-185-85, passed 10-8-85; Am. Ord. G-30-12, passed 9-11-12; Am. Ord. G-9-19, passed 4-23-19)

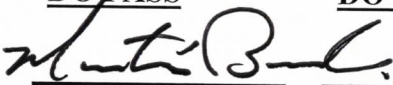
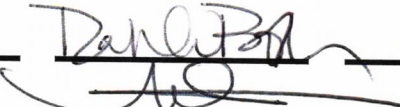



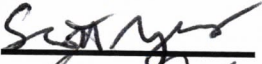

**BILL NO. G-26-02-03**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS  
February 24, 2026**

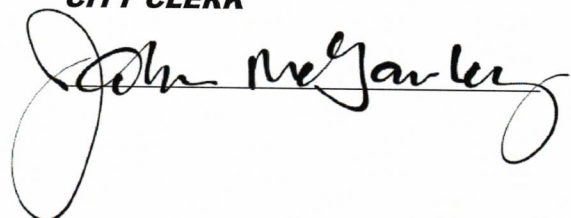
***Scott Myers Chair***  
***Rohli Booker Co-Chair***  
***All Council Members***

An Ordinance substantially amending Chapter 74: Bicycles; Toy Vehicles of the Fort Wayne Municipal Code of Ordinances

**COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID Ordinance under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Common Council that said Ordinance**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>DO PASS</u>	<u>DO NOT PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
<u>BENDER</u>			
<u>BOOKER</u>			
<u>CHAMBERS</u>			
<u>ENSLEY</u>			
<u>FREISTROFFER</u>			
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<u>MYERS</u>			
<u>PADDOCK</u>			

**JOHN D. MCGAULEY  
CITY CLERK**



Public Hearing Date: N/A

Read the first time in full and on motion by Councilperson Myers.

Read the second time by title and referred to the Regulations Committee.

Read the third time in full and on motion by Councilperson Myers, placed on passage by the following vote:

<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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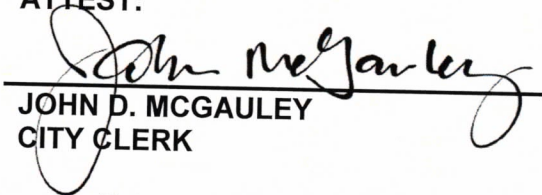
DATED: February 24, 2026

  
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 JOHN D. MCGAULEY, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as

General Ordinance No. G-26-02-03 on the 24th day of February, 2026

ATTEST:

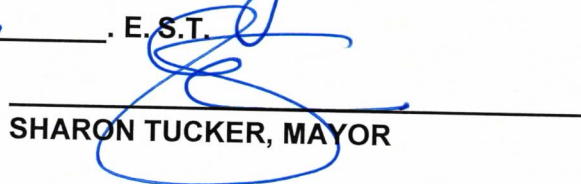
  
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 JOHN D. MCGAULEY  
 CITY CLERK

  
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 PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 25th of February 2026, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. E.S.T.

  
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 JOHN D. MCGAULEY, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 25th day of February 2026, at the hour of 1:56 o'clock p.m. E.S.T.

  
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 SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

Fort Wayne Indiana  
 Office of the City Clerk  
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