

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD**  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION**  
 For Inclusion on Board Agenda

      X       Resolution or Ordinance (Blue)          X       Waiver of First Requested  
             Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)  
             Other Business (Pink)

**TO:** PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FROM:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

**DATE:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (COW) (B of T) **DATE:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**TITLE:** Village of Lombard Traffic Code: Addition of E-Scooter Ordinance 10-14-2.5

**SUBMITTED BY:** Chief Joseph Grage

**BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

This ordinance authorizes the use of low-speed electric scooters in the Village of Lombard as set forth in Chapter 625 ILCS 5/11-1518 (Public Act 103-899 Effective 8/9/24) with additional restrictions related to roadway type, speed limit, and location. Chapter 625 ILCS 5/11-1518 prohibits all use of low-speed electric scooters on all highways, sidewalks, trails, or any other public right-of-way without the authorization provided by this ordinance.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

Time and Materials:  
 Signage and Village Installation

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Director X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Village Manager X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



**To:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager  
**From:** Chief Joe Grage, Police Department  
**Date:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Subject:** Village of Lombard Traffic Code Ordinance Authorizing and Regulating the Use of Low Speed Electric Scooters within the Village of Lombard

### **Addition of Section 10-14-2.5 of the Village of Lombard Traffic Code**

As you know, the police department has been experiencing an increase in the number of complaints and concerns from the public regarding the riding behaviors of users of low-speed electric scooters within our jurisdiction. This type of vehicle has become common on our roadways and sidewalks within the past five years. We have also experienced several traffic crashes involving low speed electric scooters; some of which have resulted in significant injuries. There has been a significant increase in traffic crashes involving low-speed electric scooters nationwide. Some of these crashes have involved scooter users striking pedestrians, causing severe injuries and/or death.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Governor Pritzker signed P.A. 103-0899. This Act went into effect immediately and created a 625 ILCS 5/11-1518, a new section of the Illinois Vehicle regulating low-speed electric scooters. This new section of law prohibited the use of low-speed electric scooters within any municipality unless authorized by the municipality and created some statutory regulations for low-speed electric scooters. This new law effectively meant that all low-speed electric scooter use was prohibited within the Village of Lombard.

Because low-speed electric scooters are already very common, this new law created a scenario in which many residents who had been lawfully using these scooters prior to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were now violating the law. Based on this, staff is recommending the passage of the attached ordinance that authorizes the use of low-speed electric scooters within the Village of Lombard subject to regulations consistent with the language of 625 ILCS 5/11-1518. This ordinance was discussed in concept at a Public Safety and Transportation Committee meeting with favorable feedback. Staff members of the police department and public works department met to review these regulations and their impact. While we do not have the authority to make these regulations less restrictive, staff made some regulations in the ordinance somewhat more restrictive. They are as follows:

1. Prohibition of persons operating low-speed electric scooters on highways with a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour instead of 35 miles per hour.
2. Prohibition of persons operating low-speed electric scooters on roadways with four lanes of traffic.
3. Prohibition of persons operating low-speed electric scooters in the following areas:
  - a. St. Charles Rd between Elizabeth St. and Martha St.
  - b. Lincoln Ave. between St. Charles Rd and Michael McGuire Dr.
  - c. Park Ave between Orchard Terrace and Michael McGuire Dr.
  - d. Main St. between Grove St. and Parkside Ave.
  - e. Elizabeth St. between St. Charles Rd and Michael McGuire Dr.

The language of the ordinance has been reviewed and approved by Village Attorney Guisenger.

The core focus of this ordinance will be public education with the goal of preventing crashes involving low-speed electric scooters. Public works plans to post signage in the downtown area covering the streets listed in the ordinance. There will also be a significant social media campaign that educates the public on the ordinance and will also remind users of electric bicycles what their rules of the road are as well. We are working to do this in coordination with the Lombard Park District and plan to provide educational materials to Elementary School Districts 44 and 45 along with Glenbard School District 87 prior to summer break.

Ordinance No.

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard have heretofore passed and approved Ordinance 7748 a, An Ordinance Regulating Traffic in the Village of Lombard (hereinafter the Lombard Traffic Code); and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard find that the Lombard Traffic Code has been amended from time to time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1: That the Village of Lombard Traffic Code is amended to add the following section:

**"SECTION 10-14-2.5 Low-Speed Electric Scooters**

For the purpose of this chapter, a low-speed electric scooter is defined as a device weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, that is solely powered by an electric motor and human power, and whose maximum speed, with or without human propulsion, is no more than 10 miles per hour. The operation of low-speed electric scooters is permitted within the Village of Lombard subject to the following provisions:

- (a) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter on a highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour.
- (b) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter unless he or she is 18 years of age or older.
- (c) A low-speed electric scooter may be parked in the same manner and at the same locations as a bicycle may be parked.
- (d) Every low-speed electric scooter when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear that is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle, except that a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to or instead of the red reflector.
- (e) A low-speed electric scooter shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a low-speed electric scooter any siren. This subsection does not apply to a low-speed electric scooter that is a police vehicle or fire department vehicle.
- (f) Every low-speed electric scooter shall be equipped with a brake that will adequately control movement of and stop and hold the low-speed electric scooter.
- (g) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter while carrying any package, bundle, or article that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.
- (h) A person may not use a low-speed electric scooter to carry more than one person at a time. A person operating a low-speed electric scooter may not attach himself or herself or the scooter to any other vehicle being operated on the public right-of-way.
- (i) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter upon any public highway in the Village while under the influence of alcohol or any drug.

- (j) The use of low-speed electric scooters is not permitted on State highways.
- (k) Every low-speed electric scooter shall be well-maintained and in good operating condition.
- (l) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter on a four laned roadway.
- (m) No person shall operate a low-speed electric scooter upon any public right of way (including, but not limited to, a public street or sidewalk or upon a public parking or loading area) on the following roadways, provided signs or marking so prohibiting such activity are present:
  - (1) St Charles Rd. between Elizabeth St. and Martha St.
  - (2) Lincoln Ave. between St. Charles Rd. and Michael McGuire Dr.
  - (3) Park Ave. between Orchard Terrace and Michael McGuire Dr.
  - (4) Main St. between Grove St. and Parkside Ave.
  - (5) Elizabeth St. between St. Charles Rd. and Michael McGuire Dr.
- (n) Any person found to be in violation of this Section shall be fined not less than twenty-five and no/100 dollars (\$25.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty and no/100 dollars (\$750.00).

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication in pamphlet form and the posting of appropriate signs as provided by law.

Passed on first read this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Passed on second read this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Anthony Pucio  
Village President

Attest:

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Ranya Elkhatib  
Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Ranya Elkhatab, Village Clerk