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ORDINANCE NO. 26-07-06

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AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS**

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Voting "Aye"

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Voting "Nay"

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The undersigned being the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Mahomet does hereby certify that this document constitutes the publication in pamphlet form, in connection with and pursuant to Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, of the above-captioned ordinance and that such ordinance was presented, passed, approved, recorded and published as above stated.

Sam Miller
Village Clerk

Dated:

7/28/26



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Adopted by the
President and Board of Trustees
Of
The Village of Mahomet
Champaign County, Illinois

This 28th day July 2026

WHEREAS, the Village of Mahomet, Illinois, has the lawful authority under the provisions of Illinois Compiled Statutes, 625 ILCS 5/11-208, to enact various traffic regulations within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mahomet, Illinois, has heretofore adopted Ordinances regulating bicycles, skateboards and motorized vehicles on certain sidewalks and in certain locations, and now wish to codify said designations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mahomet, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Chapter 72 under the heading of "BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS" shall be added to TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE to the Code of Mahomet and read as follows:

CHAPTER 72: BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS

§ 72.01 DEFINITIONS.

The following capitalized words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectfully ascribed to them in this section below, except when the context otherwise requires.

BICYCLE. As defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-106 and 625 ILCS 5/1-140.10. Every human-powered device and every low-speed electric bicycle as defined in Section 1-140.10 with 2 or more wheels not less than 12 inches in diameter, operable pedals, and designated seats for the transportation of one or more persons.

E-MOTO. Electric motor or gas powered bike of any kind.

ELECTRIC SKATEBOARD. Skateboard powered by an electric motor.

ELECTRIC BICYCLES (E-BIKES). A bicycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor or gas engine.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER. A device with 2–3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor and human power.

ELECTRIC UNICYCLE. Self-balancing one-wheeled device with an electric propulsion system.

MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT. The territory is contiguous to and including Main Street including 1,650 feet along such street from Center Street to Lombard Street and includes 400 feet on either side of Main Street on Center Street, Lincoln Street, Elm Street, and Jefferson Street. The area generally includes buildings on both sides of such street in use for business or industrial purposes, including but not limited to retail stores, restaurants, banks, or office buildings, and public buildings. Subareas of Main Street Business District and included in this definition are the 300 Block, 400 Block, 500 Block, and 600 Block of Main Street.

SKATEBOARD. A device with a combination of wheels connected by a platform designed for standing and which is propelled by human power. It includes devices containing a handlebar and sometimes referred to as scooters.

(Ord. 26-07-06, passed 7-28-2026)

§72.02 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED IN MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT.

(A) No person shall ride a Bicycle, Electric Bicycle, E-Moto, Unicycle, Electric Skateboard, Skateboard, or Electric Scooter upon a sidewalk within the 400 Block of the Main Street Business District, between Lincoln Street and Elm Street.

(B) Village staff is directed to cause the appropriate signs to be erected on sidewalks or roadways announcing this prohibition

(Ord. 26-07-06, passed 7-28-2026) Penalty, see §72.05

§72.03 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS & STREETS PROHIBITED IN MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT DURING A PERMITTED SPECIAL EVENT OR FESTIVAL

(A) No person shall ride a Bicycle, Electric Bicycle, E-Moto, Electric Unicycle, Electric Skateboard, Skateboard, Scooter, or Electric Scooter upon a sidewalk or streets within the Main Street Business District during any permitted special event or festival within the area where streets are closed for said event.

(Ord. 26-07-06, passed 7-28-2026) Penalty, see §72.05

§72.04 EXEMPTIONS.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of a motorized wheelchair or similar personal mobility device that is designed for and used by a person

with disabilities on any sidewalk, multi-use path, or other public way consistent with the rights and duties applicable to pedestrians.

(Ord. 26-07-06, passed 7-28-2026)

§72.05 PENALTY.

Any person found in violation of §72.02 or §72.03 shall be subject to a fine of \$75.

(Ord. 26-07-06, passed 7-28-2026)

Section 3. Invalidity. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Section 5. Conflict. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

Section 6. Publication. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in pamphlet form immediately after passage.

Upon motion by Trustee Bill Schriver, seconded by Trustee Bruce Colravy, passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mahomet, Illinois this 28th day of July 2026, by roll call vote, as follows:

Voting "aye" (names):

Colravy, Schriver, Harpst,
Willard, Olsner, Metzger

Voting "nay" (names):

Abstained (names):

PASSED and APPROVED this 28th day of July 2026.



Jason S. Tompkins, Village President



Dawn Mohr, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN) SS
VILLAGE OF MAHOMET)

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly selected, qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Mahomet, Champaign County, Illinois (the "**Municipality**"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Municipality and of the President and Board of Trustees (the "**Corporate Authorities**").

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true, and complete excerpt from the proceedings of the meeting of the Corporate Authorities held on July 28, 2026, insofar as same relates to the adoption of **Ordinance No. 26-07-06** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS

a true, correct, and complete copy of which ordinance (the "**Ordinance**") as adopted at such meeting appears in the proceedings of the minutes of such meeting and is hereto attached. The Ordinance was adopted and approved by the vote and on the date therein set forth.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Corporate Authorities on the adoption of such Ordinance were taken openly, that the adoption of such Ordinance was duly moved and seconded, that the vote on the adoption of such Ordinance was taken openly and was preceded by a public recital of the nature of the matter being considered and such other information as would inform the public of the business being conducted, that such meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that the agenda for the meeting was duly posted continuously on the Municipality's website and at the Village Hall at least 48 hours prior to the meeting; that notice of such meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that such meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the open meeting laws of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, and that the Corporate Authorities have complied with all of the applicable provisions of such open meeting laws and such Code and their procedural rules in the adoption of such Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the Village of Mahomet, Champaign County, Illinois, the 28 day of July 2026.




Dawn Mohr, Village Clerk



MEMORANDUM
TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ITEM: Regulating Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters in Main Street Business District	DEPARTMENT: Administration
AGENDA SECTION: Administration	AMOUNT: N/A
ATTACHMENTS: (X) ORDINANCE () RESOLUTION () OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	DATE: July 28, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

The 400 block in the Main Street Business District is an area of downtown where we have 20 business or buildings in a highly concentrated area with what is called a “street wall”, where most of the buildings are connected. Many of those doors open outward directly into the sidewalk area of the updated downtown street scape. We have had reports over the years about bicycle riders and scooter riders almost hitting customers or reports of them weaving in and out of the way of the pedestrians in this block. Now, consider the growing popularity of these fast-moving e-scooters and e-bikes over the past two years. Those near misses have multiplied significantly.

As a side note, the state of Illinois has passed legislation that will regulate e-bikes and e-scooters that will take effect January 1, 2027, if the governor signs the legislation. That legislation will ban most of these bikes from all sidewalks and go much further in regulating with age restrictions.

BACKGROUND:

Our ordinance will prohibit the use of Bicycle, Low-Speed Electric Bicycle, High-Speed Electric Bicycle, E-Moto, Electric Unicycle, Electric Skateboard, Skateboard, Low-Speed Electric Scooter, or High-Speed Electric Scooter on the sidewalks in this block of Main Street. This will make it a walk-only zone that will be much safer for pedestrians. We also expect pedestrian traffic to increase significantly with the opening of Smith Burger Co and reopening of JT Walkers. Second part of this ordinance will address the same devices use during special events or festivals. It will prohibit their use within a barricaded event space which will protect the public from potential accidents.

All devices are defined in this ordinance including clearly defining the Main Street Business District and subareas within that district. The definitions also match the restrictions for those devices that are in the state legislation.

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This approach is very common for downtown/uptown business district areas, places like Urbana, Normal, and Ottawa are some that we reviewed before developing this ordinance. A good local example is the restrictions that the Town of Normal put in place for their "Uptown Normal" area.

Motorized wheelchairs or similar mobility devices are excepted.

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES:

Board can consider as an alternative to direct staff to make edits to the ordinance and bring back for reconsideration in August. They can also suggest other changes.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

None

COMMUNITY INPUT:

Complaints are on the rise for both e-scooters and e-bikes in general all around the community, not just this business area. We have received several complaints from downtown expressing serious concern over safety.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Signate for the block will be our only cost.

STAFF IMPACT:

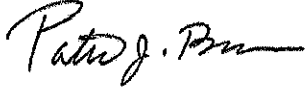
Minimal, except enforcement and communication and awareness.

SUMMARY:

The ordinance will address the growing issues and conflicts between bicycle and scooters within a high pedestrian traffic area in our Main Street Downtown Business District. This will enhance safety for both pedestrians and riders. It will also address concerns around that same issue during special events and festivals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL:	VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: 
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