

POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance and the summary of terms which are included herein, was introduced and passed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pleasant Borough on first reading at a meeting held on the 26th day of February 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Borough Council which is scheduled for the 23rd day of March 2026 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Municipal Building located at 2233 Bridge Avenue, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, at which time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objections, or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance. This ordinance shall be available for public examination in the Office of the Borough Clerk during normal business hours and is also published in summary on the Borough website www.ptboro.com on the homepage under "*Public Notices*". The summary of the ordinance is as follows:

TITLE: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, BOROUGH OF POINT PLEASANT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 24 ENTITLED "LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES" IN ITS ENTIRETY

SECTION 1. The Borough hereby Amends and Adopts Chapter 7, Section 24 of the Borough Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 7 section 24 shall be amended to now read as follows:

Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms, consistent with NJ Statutes and N.J.S.A. 39:1-1, shall have the definitions indicated:

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE — A two- or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following classifications: "class 1 low-speed electric bicycle," which means a low speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour; or "class 2 low-speed electric bicycle," which means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

MOTORIZED BICYCLE — A pedal bicycle having a helper motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50cc. or said motor is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower or is powered by an electric drive motor and said bicycle is capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 miles per hour on a flat surface or a pedal bicycle having an electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of 20 miles per hour with a maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28 miles per hour on a flat surface. This term shall not include a Low-Speed Electric Bicycle.

Operation of Low-Speed Electric Bicycles within the Borough

Duties of persons on low-speed electric bicycles.

Any person operating a low-speed electric bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Operators of a low-speed electric bicycle shall ride as near to the right-side of the traveled roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

Lights and reflectors.

Every low-speed electric bicycle shall have reflectors in the front and back. Every low-speed electric bicycle shall, when in use at nighttime, be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white

light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear which shall emit a red light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear.

Audible sound/signal.

No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that such low-speed electric bicycles shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a low-speed electric bicycle any siren or whistle.

Helmet.

All persons under the age of 17 are required to wear a protective helmet while operating a low-speed electric bicycle.

Riding on sidewalks and walking paths.

No person over the age of 14 shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle upon a sidewalk within the Borough of Point Pleasant, nor in any location prohibited by signage.

Reckless or careless riding.

No person shall ride or operate a low-speed electric bicycle in a reckless or careless manner which endangers or is likely to endanger the safety or welfare of themselves or other persons or property. No person operating a low-speed electric bicycle shall attach themselves to any streetcar or vehicle, nor shall the operator of the low-speed electric bicycle allow others to hitch or hold onto an electric bicycle during operation. It shall be prohibited for a person operating a low-speed electric bicycle to allow another person to ride as a passenger, unless the person is carried in a proper seat, trailer or other accessory that complies with current regulations and contains adequate provision for retaining the passenger in place and for protecting the passenger.

Prohibited locations.

Low-speed electric bicycles, to include any electric powered, gas powered or motorized vehicles, are prohibited from operating within or upon any of the Borough owned property or recreation areas to include the Riverfront Park, Community Park and Heritage Park. Those who have obtained a permit for use of the park or recreational area for a special event where use of such vehicles are authorized, shall be exempt. This shall also not apply to those devices used to increase the independent mobility of an individual who has limited or no ambulation abilities, such as a motorized wheelchair. This also shall not apply to toy electric vehicles, such as power wheels, designed for toddlers, where the maximum speed is less than 3MPH.

Penalties for violations.

Each Person Violating any Provisions of this section shall, upon first conviction be liable to a penalty of \$50, and upon a second or subsequent conviction shall be liable to a penalty of \$100. No court appearance shall be required for a first or second alleged offense but will be required for a third or subsequent alleged offense.

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