

Village of Pittsford
Local Law No. _____ of 2026

A Local Law Modifying Chapter 176
of the Code of the Village of Pittsford

NOW, therefore be it resolved, that Chapter 176 of the Code of the Village of Pittsford shall be modified as follows:

Amend Section 176-23 so that it now reads:

§ 176-23. Definitions.

BICYCLE – Every two or three wheeled device upon which a person or persons may ride, propelled by human power through a belt, a chain or gears, with such wheels in a tandem or tricycle as defined and regulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §102.

CHILD – A person aged 12 years or younger.

ELECTRIC BICYCLE – A bicycle which is no more than thirty-six (36) inches wide and has an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty (750) watts, equipped with operable pedals, meeting the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 C.F.R. Part 1512.1 et seq. and meeting the requirements of one of the following three classes as defined and regulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §102-C:

(a) "Class one electric bicycle." A bicycle with electric assist having an electric motor that provides assistance only when the person operating such bicycle is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(b) "Class two electric bicycle." A bicycle with electric assist having an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(c) "Class three electric bicycle." Solely within a city having a population of one million or more, a bicycle with electric assist having an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER – Every device weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds that (a) has handlebars, a floorboard or a seat that can be stood or sat upon by the operator, and an electric motor, (b) can be powered by the electric motor and/or human power, and (c) has a maximum speed of no more than twenty (20) miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor as defined and regulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §114-E.

IN-LINE SKATES – A manufactured or assembled device consisting of an upper portion that is intended to be secured to a human foot, with a frame or chassis attached along the length of the bottom of such upper portion, with such frame or chassis holding two or more wheels that are longitudinally aligned and used to skate or glide, by means of human foot and leg power while having such device attached to each such foot or leg as defined and regulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §140-A.

ROLLER SKATES – A manufactured or assembled device consisting of a frame or shoe having clamps or straps or both for fastening, with a pair of small wheels near the toe and another pair at the heel mounted or permanently attached thereto, for skating or gliding by means of human foot and leg power as defined and regulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §140-B.

SIDEWALK – Any portion of a street between the curblineline and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians as defined by §1-15.C of the Code of the Village of Pittsford.

SKATEBOARD/SCOOTER – Includes a single platform mounted on wheels designed for riding underfoot, or a board with roller skate wheels, attached to the underside, with or without a mechanism or other device for steering while being used, operated or ridden.

UNACCOMPANIED CHILD – A child who is not accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult person.

Amend Section 176-24 so that it now reads:

§ 176-24. Precautions for sidewalk use.

A. Pedestrians shall have the right-of-way in the use of sidewalks in the Village of Pittsford.

B. Whenever an unaccompanied child shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, or skateboard upon a sidewalk, such person shall wear a helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the helmet straps, yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

C. No unaccompanied child shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, or skateboard upon a sidewalk later than 1/2 hour after sunset or earlier than 1/2 hour before sunrise, unless such person is equipped with proper safety equipment defined as follows: (i) for bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and scooters, a white front-facing headlight visible from a distance of not less than three hundred (300) feet and a red rear light or red reflector visible from a distance of not less than three hundred (300) feet; and (ii) reflective clothing or reflective devices sufficient to render the operator visible to others.

D. The operator of a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, or skateboard, emerging from an alley, walkway, driveway or

building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching or using the sidewalk.

Amend Section 176-25 so that it now reads:

§ 176-25. Restrictions on sidewalk use.

A. Bicycle, electric bicycle, and electric scooter riding is prohibited on the Erie Canal towpath between the Main Street bridge and the State Street Bridge, and dismounting of such vehicles on the towpath in that area is required. Signs shall be posted indicating these restrictions. [Amended 10-27-2020 by L.L. No. 5-2020]

B. In-line skates, skateboards, scooters or roller skates shall be operated at no greater than normal walking speed (no greater than four miles per hour) on the Erie Canal Towpath between the North Main Street Bridge and the State Street Bridge.

C. In-line skates, skateboards, scooters or roller skates shall be operated at no greater than normal walking speed (no greater than four miles per hour) on sidewalks within the Village.

D. Unaccompanied children may ride bicycles on sidewalks in the Village of Pittsford, excluding sidewalks located in the zoning districts set forth in 176-25. E of this section. All other persons shall ride such vehicles in a usable bike lane, or, if no bike lane is available, as near to the right-hand curb, edge of the roadway, or upon a usable right-hand shoulder as practicable, consistent with New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1234.

E. In addition to the other controls established by this Chapter, no person shall operate a bicycle on the sidewalks located within the TDD, VCB, LOR, and VGB zoning districts, as more fully set forth on the officially adopted zoning map of the Village of Pittsford, and riders shall dismount in these areas. The operation of in-line skates, roller skates, scooters, and skateboards shall be permitted on sidewalks throughout the Village, provided they are operated in a prudent and careful manner and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Amend Section 176-26 so that it now reads:

§ 176-26. Prohibition on sidewalk use.

A. No person shall construct, place or use ramp-like structures on any portion of publicly owned properties. Ramp-like structures shall include all ramps commonly referred to such, platforms manufactured or contrived surfaces of any and every pattern or configuration and other similar devices and things designed for use for riding a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, skateboard, scooter, in-line skates or rollers skates.

B. No person shall deface or alter any public property for bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, in-line skate, roller skate, scooter, or skateboard purposes and use.

C. In addition to the specific controls and prohibitions of this Chapter, no person shall ride or propel a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, roller skates, skateboards, scooter or in-line skates except in a prudent and careful manner and unless such a person be capable of efficient control, and such bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, roller skates, skateboards, scooter, or in-line skates shall be operated with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and other persons upon the public sidewalks and streets of the Village.

Amend Section 176-27 so that is now reads:

§ 176-27. Penalties for offenses:

A. Criminal penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the following penalties, based upon the number of prior violations of this article committed by such person within the preceding twelve (12) months:

(1) First offense: Written warning.

(2) Second offense: Fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(3) Third or subsequent offense: Fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), or temporary confiscation of the equipment used in the violation for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

(4) Any confiscated equipment shall be released to the owner upon proof of payment of all applicable fines and compliance with this article.

B. Civil penalties; construal.

(1) Obedience to the provisions set forth herein may be enforced by criminal information for the penalties herein prescribed, as well as by prosecution of the offender as provided in Subsection A of this section, or by civil action for a penalty or by civil remedy at law or equity by way of injunction or otherwise to abate or prevent a violation of the provisions of this article.

(2) Neither a judgment in nor the pendency of a criminal prosecution for an alleged violation of the provisions of this article nor a judgment in or the pendency of a civil action of law or in equity shall be a bar to the other form of proceeding.

(3) The imposition of a penalty for a violation of this article shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and the remedies herein provided for penalties and civil action to enjoin or abate a violation shall be cumulative.

C. Enforcement. The provisions of this article may be enforced by any police officer of Monroe County, code enforcement officer, parking enforcement officer, or other person designated by the Village of Pittsford Board of Trustees. Such enforcement may include the issuance of warnings, appearance tickets, civil penalties, or temporary confiscation of equipment as authorized herein.

D. Educational enforcement. For violations involving children, enforcement officers may, in their discretion, issue a warning or educational notice in lieu of a fine.

Effective Date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pittsford and the filing thereof with the New York Secretary of State.