

ORDINANCE NO. 11, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, BICYCLES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH NEW JERSEY LAW AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 90 Bicycles, Section 90-1, Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows:

BICYCLE

As used in this chapter shall mean a device having wheels connected by a frame of metal or wood, and arranged to be propelled by human power.

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE

A two-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER

A scooter with a floorboard that can be stood upon by the operator, with handlebars, and an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device, with or without human propulsion, at a maximum speed of less than 19 miles per hour.

MOTORIZED BICYCLE

A pedal bicycle that is equipped with:

1. A helper motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50 cubic centimeters or the helper motor is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower; or
2. An electric motor that can provide assistance when the rider is pedaling or that, through the use of a throttle, can be used to exclusively propel the bicycle; or
3. A helper motor that is powered by an electric drive motor that provides assistance when the rider is pedaling and has a maximum speed between 21 miles per hour and 28 miles per hour on a flat surface; or
4. An electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of 15 miles per hour through the use of a throttle with a maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28 miles per hour on a flat surface.

SECTION 2: Section 90-2 (D), Section 90-2 (O) and Section 90-2 (P) are amended to read as follows:

D. Helmet.

Every operator and passenger of a bicycle, low-speed electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter shall comply with the helmet requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.1 and any other applicable provisions of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended from time to time.

O. Age Restriction, Licensing and Out of State Residents

No person under the age of 15 shall operate any low-speed electric bicycle or motorized bicycle within the City. All operators, ages 15 or 16 years, of low-speed electric bicycles or motorized

bicycles must be licensed and must carry with them a specialized motorized bicycle license at all times during operation thereof. Out-of-state residents cannot operate any e-bike in this City unless they hold a valid driver's license from their home state.

SECTION 3: Section 90-3, Labels and modifications is amended to read as follows:

A.Low-speed electric bicycles, motorized bicycles, and low-speed electric scooters shall retain any manufacturer-required labels or identification required by applicable State law.

B.No person shall remove, alter, deface, obscure, or falsify any manufacturer-required label or identification required by Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes.

C.No person shall modify or alter a low-speed electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, or low-speed electric scooter in a manner that causes it to no longer comply with the requirements of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes.

SECTION 4: Section 90-6 Motorized bicycles is amended to read as follows:

Motorized bicycles may be operated only in accordance with all applicable provisions of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes, including all licensing, registration, insurance, equipment, and operational requirements, as may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 5:All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 6: Should any sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

<i>FIRST READING:</i>	<i>September 9, 2026</i>
<i>PUBLICATION:</i>	<i>September 10, 2026</i>
<i>PASSAGE:</i>	<i>September 23, 2026</i>

The within Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on, September 9, 2026 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Common Council on September 23, 2026.

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