

ORDINANCE NO. 12, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266, VEHICLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN, ARTICLE II, OPERATION ON BICYCLE PATH, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENCE 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 266, Vehicles, Motor-Driven, Article II Operation on Bicycle Path, Section 266-6 Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows:

BICYCLE

Any two-wheeled vehicle having a rear drive wheel which is solely human-powered.

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.

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 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 266-7 Operation on bicycle path prohibited is amended to read as follows:

B.The operation of bicycles and low-speed electric bicycles shall be permitted upon the Linwood Bicycle Path, provided that such bicycles are operated in compliance with all applicable provisions of law.

C.No person shall operate a bicycle or low-speed electric bicycle upon the Linwood Bicycle Path at a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour.

D.Every operator of a bicycle or low-speed electric bicycle shall operate in a careful and prudent manner, exercising due care for pedestrians, other bicyclists, visibility, weather conditions, and existing conditions upon the bicycle path.

E. 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 an e-bike unless they hold a valid driver's license from their home state.

SECTION 3: Section 266-8, Violations and penalties, Section B is amended to read as follows and Section C is added as follows:

B. Any person operating a bicycle or low-speed electric bicycle upon the Linwood Bicycle Path at a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a second and each subsequent offense.

C. Clear speed limit signs reading “Speed Limit 10 MPH” shall be posted at the entry points of the Linwood Bicycle Path.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5: 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 6: 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.

LEIGH ANN NAPOLI, RMC, MUNICIPAL CLERK

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