

ORDINANCE NO. 16-24

By: Danny Hurley

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 474.02(j) to add protective helmet requirements in instances of persons under 18 years of age to wear a protective helmet while operating an electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, roller blades, hoverboard or similar vehicle on any city street, alley, park, recreational path, or sidewalk.

Whereas: helmets are a simple and effective way to protect young riders and passengers from suffering a traumatic brain injury or other injury; and

Whereas: data from the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that 75% of bike-related fatalities would have been prevented by a helmet; and

Whereas: in addition to bicycles, children ride many other types of wheeled vehicles, including some that can propel themselves; and

Whereas: the City of Bexley has required children to wear bike helmets on city streets, allies and sidewalks since 2010; and

Whereas: the City of Bexley has expanded and will continue to expand options for recreation in our public spaces; and

Whereas: studies continue to show that helmet usage in recreational activities such as bicycling, rollerblading, skateboarding results in fewer injuries and less severe injuries; and

Whereas: we desire that all children in Bexley be able to enjoy our public spaces safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1.

That Section 474.02(l) is hereby amended to add the following:

- (1) No person under the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, roller blades, hoverboard or similar vehicle on a city street, alley, park, recreational path, or sidewalk unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head. The helmet shall conform to the regulations prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
- (2) No parent or legal guardian shall permit said person to operate a bicycle electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates,

roller blades, hoverboard or similar vehicle without a protective helmet.

- (3) No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be a passenger on a bicycle, electric bicycle or bicycle trailer unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head. The helmet shall conform to the regulations prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
- (4) No person under the age of one (1) shall be a passenger on a bicycle, electric bicycle, or bicycle trailer.
- (5) Whoever violates paragraph (2) of this section shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); however, said violation shall not be considered a criminal offense.

Section 2.

That this Ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: Sept 24, 2024

Monique Lampke
Monique Lampke, President of Council

Attest:

Matt McPeak

Matt McPeak, Clerk of Council

Approved Sept 24, 2024

Ben Kessler
Ben Kessler, Mayor

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