



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 3, 2026 - 6:30 PM**

1. ROLL CALL
2. NEW BUSINESS
Scooters
3. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Police Chief is recommending that the Common Council add further enforcement provisions regarding scooters and electric scooters to the City's Vehicle and Traffic Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1 – The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., Chapter 460, Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended by redesignating Subsection J of Section 460-35, Bicycles and motorcycles, and scooters, as Subsection L, to read in its entirety as follows:

L. A violation of this Section is an offense punishable by a fine not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In the event that the violator is less than 16 years of age, a summons may be issued to the parent and/or guardian. In addition, a second or subsequent violation of this Section is also punishable by impoundment of the subject vehicle for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days. A vehicle that is impounded in violation of this Section shall only be released to the titled and/or registered owner, as listed on a valid title and/or registration, or to a subject with a proper notarized bill of sale that includes the vehicle identification number and indicates he/she is the owner of said vehicle. No vehicle shall be released until the owner pays all towing and storage fees associated with the impoundment. If the electric scooter or bicycle with electric assist is taken by the Police Department and inventoried as safekeeping and no valid claim is made for the seized electric scooter or bicycle with electric assist within thirty (30) days of the seizure may result in destruction of the scooter or bicycle with electric assist in the discretion of the Police Department.

Section 2 – The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., Chapter 460, Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended by adding new Subsections J and K of Section 460-35, Bicycles and motorcycles, and scooters, to read in their entirety as follows:

J. No person shall operate an electric scooter or bicycle with electric assist in a reckless fashion, to include:

(1) Without due regard for the safety and rights of pedestrians and drivers and occupants of all other vehicles, and so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person while in lawful use of the streets or sidewalks or any other public or private property;

(2) By weaving or steering in a zig-zagging course around motor vehicles in operation on the roadway, unless such irregular course is necessary for safe

operation in compliance with this article and the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law; and
(3) While trick riding on roads or parking lots which actively have motor vehicle or other road user traffic, including pedestrians and cyclists.

K. No person shall flee from a police officer while operating an electric scooter or bicycle with electric assist in the City of Middletown. The operator of an electric scooter or bicycle with electric assist is required to stop or pull over when directed to do so by a police officer, or by their marked vehicle by the activation of either its lights or siren. Additionally, no person operating an electric scooter or bicycle with electric assist shall flee from a police officer at an unsafe speed, recklessly, or in any manner that would constitute a danger to other motor vehicles, pedestrians, or property.

Section 3. - Severability. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 4 - This Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect immediately.