



# A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

## ***Dear Residents and Valued Business Partners:***

It seems that we have finally reached the beginning of the summer season. With the warmer weather and longer days comes an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic (especially children) on the sidewalks and streets. We ask that you please pay increased attention and be more cautious while entering and exiting of driveways and while driving through our residential areas.

## **While on the subject of bicycling...**

We all can agree that while riding a bicycle is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent, it unfortunately does not come without dangers. As summer approaches, CHPD officers will begin to engage with our community in order to pass along recognized safety tips and village regulations concerning the ever-popular activity.

With this being said, one of the most important and effective ways to stay safe while bicycling is to...**WEAR A HELMET!**



In 2020, Village Codified Ordinance #444.07- SAFE RIDING REGULATIONS for BICYCLES was amended to require all bicycle (and scooter) operators under the age of 16-years to wear a helmet.

## **444.07 - SAFE RIDING REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES**

***(i) All persons under the age of sixteen (16) years old shall wear a helmet at all times they are operating a bicycle within the Village.***

Although the ordinance only requires helmets for those under 16 years of age, it is highly recommended that all riders (no matter the age) wear a protective helmet while riding. Please share and discuss this important information with all young people under your care.

**Additionally**, there has been a noticeable increase in the popularity (and use) of **“E-Scooters”** and **“E-Bicycles”** in the village. In 2020 the village council passed an ordinance pertaining to these types of vehicles.

Attached you will find **Cuyahoga Heights Codified Ordinance #451.01** which explains the rules governing electric and gas-powered vehicles.

## **Some important rules to note:**

- Helmets are required of all riders under the age of 16 years of age.
- E-Scooters that are capable of over 15 mph are prohibited for all.
- All bicycles, e-scooters and e-bicycles require lights to be operated after dark.
- All motorized boards are prohibited. This includes “one-wheels” and “hover boards”.





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## 451.01 OPERATION OF CERTAIN MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN THE VILLAGE.

*(a) The vehicles described below shall only be operated in accordance with the restrictions established below:*

<i><b>Motor Vehicle Type</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Helmet Required</b></i>
Vehicles licensed by the State	Permitted on all public roads	None
Golf carts	Refer to <a href="#">Chapter 450</a> of the Codified Ordinances	Refer to <a href="#">Chapter 450</a> of the Codified Ordinances
Electric or gas powered scooters not capable of traveling faster than 15 miles per hour	If operator is 16 years old or older, permitted on all public roads, provided that the operator complies with all safety laws and stays within 3 feet from the curb or the edge of the pavement. If operator is younger than 16 years old, permitted on the following streets: Dressler Ct., Bletch Ct., E. 72nd Pl., Marcelline Ct., Willowbrook Dr. Operation on sidewalks adjacent to Canal Rd., E. 71st St., E. 49th St., Grant Ave.	Required if operator is younger than 16 years old.
Electric or gas scooters capable of traveling in excess of 15 miles per hour or greater	Prohibited.	NA
Electric-powered bicycles	May be operated on public roads in a manner consistent with <a href="#">Chapter 444</a> of the Codified Ordinances. Class 1 and Class 2 electric powered bicycles are permitted on park trails. Class 3 bicycles are not permitted on park trails.	Must be worn in compliance with <a href="#">Chapter 444</a> of the Codified Ordinances.
Gas-powered bicycles	Prohibited, except as otherwise permitted under <a href="#">Chapter 444</a> of the Codified Ordinances.	Where not prohibited, must be worn in compliance with <a href="#">Chapter 444</a> of the Codified Ordinances.
Bicycles	May be operated on public roads, if operator stays within three feet of curb or edge of pavement. Operators under 16 years old may operate bicycles on Village sidewalks.	Required if operator is younger than 16 years old.
Motorized boards powered by gas or electricity	Prohibited.	NA
Mobility vehicles necessary to assist with a handicap, disability, or health condition	Permitted in any location.	Not required.



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*(1) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour.*

*(2) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that may provide assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour.*

*(3) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour.*

*(b) In an effort to ensure safety and continuity between the Village's trails and the trails operated by the Cleveland Metroparks, nothing in this Chapter shall be enforced in a manner that is inconsistent with the laws, rules, and restrictions established by the Cleveland Metroparks for the operation of any of the foregoing vehicles on trails operated by the Cleveland Metroparks.*

*(Ord. 2020-52. Passed 7-8-20.)*

For more information regarding village bicycle rules and regulations, please visit the following link:

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/cuyahogahts/latest/cuyahoga\\_oh/0-0-0-26440](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/cuyahogahts/latest/cuyahoga_oh/0-0-0-26440)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or concerns regarding bicycle safety.

Respectfully,

*Chief Sturgill*

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**Chief of Police**

