



**OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA**  
REGULAR MEETING

**MEETING:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
**DATE/TIME:** Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers  
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

**MEMBERS:**  
Jonathan Smith (C) Chris Filtz  
Tom Neal Ben Gerhards  
Terry Kilian Veronica Hope  
Susan Schmidt Brad Lenz  
(Ex Officio)

- 1 Call to order by the presiding officer.**
- 2 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.**
- 3 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).**  
Approving the minutes of the March 23, 2026, meeting.
- 4 Discussion and possible action.**
  - a. Discussion and possible action approving the April 2026 City of Wausau Sidewalk Snow Removal Non-Compliance Procedure
  - b. Discussion and possible action regarding repealing and recreating Wausau Municipal Code Chapter 10.40 Bicycles and repealing chapters 10.41, 10.42, and 10.43
  - c. Discussion and possible action approving Wausau MPO bike counter placement locations
- 5 Discussion.**
  - a. Discussion of May Bike Month activities
  - b. Discussion and identification of next steps for Student Bicycle Safety Program
  - c. [MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee Update](#)
- 6 Update on City Projects**
  - a. RRFB installation 6th Avenue/Bridge Street and 1st Avenue/Callon Street
  - b. River Edge Parkway
  - c. 2026 Wisconsin Healthy Communities Summit
  - d. Department of Public Works conversation on municipal sidewalk snow clearing prioritization
- 7 Items for future agendas.**  
Next Meeting - Monday, June 22, 5:00 p.m.
- 8 Adjournment.**

*\*Next meeting scheduled for June 22, 2026.*

Jonathan Smith, Chair

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**TIME:** 4:30pm

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MINUTES

March 23, 2026

Members Present: Jonathan Smith (Chair), Alder Tom Neal, Alder Terry Kilian, Chris Filtz, Veronica Hope, and Ben Gerhards

Others Present: Makayla Galecki (Wausau MPO), Eric Lindman, TJ Nicksich, and Carrie Edmondson

Location: Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Council Chambers

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

**3. Consideration of the February 23, 2026, meeting minutes.**

Alder Kilian noted that Grant Avenue should be Grand Avenue.

*Motion/second by Filtz/Neal to approve with modification. Passed unanimously. 6-0*

**4. Discussion and possible action**

*a.* Approving 2026-2027 sidewalk snow removal policy.

Carrie noted that previous committee concerns included safety, accessibility, excessive delay for snow removal, repeat offenders, and the lengthy code violation process. The code violation process was outlined, and staff proposed a change for repeat offenders when upon the first inspection, if the property is in violation, there would be immediate abatement.

Alder Neal stated that this falls short of what is necessary. He stated that people who live here are familiar with snow removal standards. Ben asked what REVI charges, Eric stated \$120-\$150 is an approximate average, but the bill can be higher. Eric noted that we need to ensure that we are connecting with the property owner and rental properties can present a challenge. Alder Kilian stated that people are well aware that sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hours. She stated clearing the sidewalks shows care for others and there should be consequences when not done. Jonathan Smith asked if this could be shifted to the Police Department. Eric said the ordinance does not reference citations. The scope of REVI's work for the City is tens of thousands of dollars.

Alder Kilian stated that because this involves the safety and welfare of many people, she thinks the 24 hour window is sufficient unless there are extenuating circumstances. Major snow events and exceptions were discussed. Eric stated that the ordinance is well written

and gives us broad discretion. Alder Kilian stated that we have excellent communication tools in cases of special circumstances, this policy would be for day-to-day shoveling.

Alder Neal made a motion that upon first inspection, if a property is found to be in violation, it will be abated. This policy would apply for the 2026-2027 and would include communication beforehand to make people aware of the new policy. He asked that the policy be brought back to BPAC prior to advancing to the standing committee.

Alder Neal amended the motion to include a timeline to be added that if 48 hours has passed since the end of snowfall, the property would be immediately abated.

Ben asked if the policy could include an appeal clause and suggested an amendment, the amendment was withdrawn. Eric stated that the appeal process exists through the City Attorney's office.

Eric stated that larger communities tend to have stricter abatement protocols, smaller communities vary. Staff time will be reduced will no notices mailed and no reinspection.

*Motion/second by Neal/Kilian to incorporate comments and bring a draft forward. Passed, 5-1.*

**b. Approving City bike rack request form.**

Carrie proposed a bike rack request form. Veronica provided an overview of a bike rack style and said that the welding students do have the ability to create more bike racks. She said it fits into course competencies very well. The racks could be produced for about \$80 per rack. Dimensions are 30 inches high by 26 inches long. They enable side by side parking for two bikes. April/May or October are ideal timelines for fabrication.

Carrie was considering a rolling fee of \$80 to pay for new bike rack production.

*Motion/second Neal/Filtz. Passed unanimously 6-0.*

**c. Approving May National Bike Month events**

Bike to Work with the Mayor is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 a.m. A press release will go out. Jonathan Smith has scheduled a social ride for Friday, March 15. It may be good to have a new bike rack at the end of the Bike to Work with the Mayor ride. We will need graphics.

**5. Discussion**

**a. Discussion on potential opportunities to provide youth safety flags and/or lights.**

The Wisconsin Bike Fed issued a statement saying there is not documented safety with safety flags, but there is with safety lights. Aspirus is coordinating a helmet fitting and will be handing out 500 free bike lights. Alder Neal would like to coordinate with the Wausau School District for the 2026-2027 school year. He stated that he would like to formulate a program, where these items would be made available to students. This could be funded through sponsorship from the private sector. Alder Neal volunteered to approach the school board. He would like staff to identify the why, cost, and method of distribution (likely through the schools).

- b. MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee update  
The MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee is looking at updating their MPO Bike/Ped plan including better prioritization of projects. The Attorney's Office is working through the e-bike ordinance. They are working on a bike map update, the Bicycle Friendly Community application is being updated, and the Healthy Communities Summit is upcoming.
- c. City of Schofield Trail concepts  
Schofield is looking at two concepts and is open to any feedback from the City of Wausau.

**6. Update on City projects.**

- a. Bikeshare expansion – City staff has received limited response.
- b. RRFB installation 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Bridge Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Callon Street  
No update.
- c. River Edge Parkway – The OCR petition is moving along. River Edge Parkway on-street signs are ready and a logo stencil for on-street painting has been created.

**7. Items for future agendas.**

E-bike ordinance, snow removal policy, and bike flags will all be on upcoming agendas. Jonathan stated that due to time constraints, next month will be his last month on the committee and as chair.

**8. Adjournment**

*Motion/second by Neal/Filtz to approve. Passed unanimously. 6-0* The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

**CITY OF WAUSAU**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS &**  
**UTILITIES**



**SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL**  
**NON-COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE**

**April 2026**

## 1. Purpose

To establish a consistent, legally compliant procedure for responding to sidewalk snow, ice and debris removal violations by private property owners in the City of Wausau.

## 2. Legal Authority

Wausau Municipal Code 12.28.050 – Cleaning of Sidewalks:

“The owner of property abutting on any sidewalk shall, without notice and at all times, keep such abutting sidewalk clean and free of debris, dirt, sweepings, obstructions and clear of snow and ice, and shall not deposit or place any sweepings or debris or other foreign matter upon the same.”

Wausau Municipal Code 12.28.060(b) – Abatement:

“If any owner shall fail or neglect to keep any sidewalk free of debris, obstruction, dirt, sweepings, snow and ice as provided by section [12.28.050](#), the City may proceed to clear such sidewalk and shall charge the expense thereof as a special tax against the premises to be collected as other taxes on real estate. The employee assigned the duties and responsibilities of the sidewalk inspector may, but shall not be required to, give notice to the owners of the property before providing for the City to clear such walks.”

The owner shall be billed for the associated costs pursuant to Wausau Municipal Code 12.52.30. In the event owner fails to pay such charges, the City shall add the unpaid charges to the tax roll and may collect them as delinquent taxes pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0907(5).

## 3. Definitions

Abutting Sidewalk – sidewalk directly adjacent to a private parcel.

Abatement – City-performed removal of snow, ice, or debris.

Sidewalk Inspector – designated employee who performs inspections.

## 4. Procedure Steps

Step 1 – Complaint Intake or Observation

Inspector logs complaints, address, and conditions.

## Step 2 – Initial Inspection

Inspector verifies presence or absence of snow/ice or obstructions and documents with photographs and notes.

## Step 3 – Abatement Authorization

If snow/ice/obstructions are present the inspector issues an abatement work order. City crews or contractors remove snow/ice and apply abrasives if needed within 24 hours of order given.

## Step 4 – Abatement Operations

Crews remove snow/ice/obstructions, clear ADA ramps, and document before/after photos, materials, and time.

Abatement will take place no sooner than 48 hours after the end of the snow/ice event. Sidewalk Inspector, with approval from the Director, may under special circumstances order abatement sooner than 48 hours.

## Step 5 – Cost Billed to Owner

Costs billed to owner are established in the City of Wausau Fee Schedule; [Finance | Wausau, WI](#).

## Step 6 – Repeat Violations

Repeat offenders may receive increased monitoring.

## Step 7 – Recordkeeping

All inspections, photos, work orders, and costs are saved and stored by the Sidewalk Inspector.

## 5. Public Communication

Newsletter, seasonal reminders, city website and use of social media as are available.

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

ORDINANCE OF	
Ordinance repealing and recreating Chapter 10.40 Bicycles, and repealing Chapter 10.41 Electric Scooters, Chapter 10.42 Go-Carts, Mini-Bikes, and Motorized Scooters, and Chapter 10.43 Motorized Bicycles.	
Committee Action: Approved _____	<b>Ordinance Number:</b>
Fiscal Impact: None	
<b>File Number:</b>	<b>Date Introduced:</b>

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 10.40, Bicycles, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

10.40 BICYCLES, E-BIKES, AND SIMILAR DEVICES REGULATED

10.40.010 Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish clear, consistent, and enforceable regulations for the use of bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters, and similar devices within the City in order to:

- (a) Promote the safety of all trail, sidewalk, and roadway users;
- (b) Provide clarity and consistency across jurisdictions;
- (c) Encourage responsible use of emerging micromobility technologies; and
- (d) Align local regulations with applicable Wisconsin State Statutes.

10.40.020 Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) *Bicycle* means a vehicle propelled solely by human power through pedals and having one or more wheels.
- (b) *Electric Bicycle* or *E-Bicycle* has the same meaning as in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(15ph).

- (c) *Class 1 E-bicycle* has the same meaning as in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(15ph)(a).
- (d) *Class 2 E-bicycle* has the same meaning as in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(15ph)(b).
- (e) *Class 3 E-bicycle* has the same meaning as in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(15ph)(c).
- (f) *Electric Motorized Device* or *E-Moto* means any electric-powered device designed for transportation without fully operable pedals, including electric dirt bikes, electric motorcycles, one-wheeled devices, or similar devices. E-Motos are not considered E-Bicycles or Electric Scooters under this ordinance.
- (g) *Electric Scooter* means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power, and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. Electric Scooter does not include any electric personal assistive mobility device, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.
- (h) *Motorized Bicycle* has the same meaning as in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(30).
- (i) *Multi-use Path* or *Trail* means any paved or unpaved off-street path intended for shared use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users.
- (j) *Personal Assisted Mobility Device* (“PAMD”) means a self-balancing device with two wheels not in tandem, designed to transport only one person by an electric propulsion system with an average power of seven hundred fifty watts (one horsepower) having a maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a propulsion system while ridden by an operator weighing one hundred seventy pounds, of less than twenty miles per hour or a self-balancing device with one wheel designed to transport only one person by an electric propulsion system with an average power of two thousand watts (two and two-thirds horsepower) having a maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a propulsion system, of less than twenty miles per hour.

10.40.030. State Law Adopted.

- (a) Wisconsin Stats. §§ 346.02(12), 346.80, 346.803, and 346.806 are hereby adopted by reference, as amended from time to time.

10.40.040 Rules of the Road and Areas of Operations.

(a) Roadways.

- (1) Any person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway without designated bicycle lanes, shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the unobstructed traveled roadway, including operators who are riding two or more abreast where permitted under Subsection

(4) below, except:

- i. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- ii. When preparing for a left turn or U-turn at an intersection or a left turn into a private road or driveway.
- iii. When reasonably necessary to avoid unsafe conditions, including fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to ride along the right-hand edge or curb.
- iv. When upon a one-way highway having two or more lanes available for traffic, a person may ride as near the left-hand edge or curb of the roadway as practicable.

(2) Any person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway shall exercise due care when passing a standing or parked vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(3) Operating two abreast.

- i. Persons riding Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway may ride two abreast if such operation does not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. Bicycle, electric scooter, or electric personal assistive mobility device operators riding two abreast on a two-lane or more roadway shall ride within a single lane.
- ii. Persons riding Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast except upon any path, trail, lane or other way set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric scooters, and electric personal assistive mobility devices.

(4) No person may operate a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway where a sign is erected indicating that bicycle, electric scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device, or moped riding is prohibited. The Infrastructure and Facilities Committee is the delegated authority to recommend to the Common Council rules restricting bicycle operation within the City. After adoption by the Council and publication, the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee shall cause signs to be posted bearing the restrictions at appropriate places upon the streets.

(5) Persons operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway with a designated bicycle lane shall operate within the bicycle lane.

(b) Sidewalks.

- (1) Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, and PAMD shall be permitted to operate on the sidewalks in the following locations:
  - i. Grand Avenue, from Schofield City limits to the southern boundary line of Forest Street.
  - ii. Forest Street, from the east boundary of Sixth Street to the west boundary of Fifth Street.
  - iii. East Randolph Street, at the beginning of the curb radii, of the East Randolph Street terminus, to approximately 350 feet east onto Burek Avenue.
  - iv. Bridge Street bridge
  - v. Thomas Street bridge
  - vi. Scott Street and Washington Street bridges.
- (2) When sidewalks are present on both sides of a roadway identified above, Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Electric Scooters, and PAMDs must use the sidewalk on the side of the roadway so as to travel in the same direction as traffic.
- (3) Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, and PAMD operating on sidewalks shall adhere to the rules of the road in Subsection (c)(2), (4), and (5).

(c) Multi-use Paths and Trails.

- (1) Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, and PAMD shall be permitted on Multi-use Paths and Trails, unless otherwise posted.
- (2) Every person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a Multi-use Path or Trail shall:
  - i. Exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, PAMD, or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.
  - ii. Obey each traffic signal or sign facing a roadway which runs parallel and adjacent to a bicycle way.
- (3) Every person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a Multi-use Path or Trail open to two-way traffic shall ride on the right side of the Multi-use Path or Trail.

- (4) Every operator of a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD entering a Multi-use Path or Trail shall yield the right-of-way to all Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Electric Scooters, PAMDs, and pedestrians in the Multi-use Path or Trail.
- (5) Bicycles and E-Bicycles operated on Multi-use Path or Trail shall be operated at a reasonable and prudent speed to avoid colliding with any other person, object, or vehicle.

#### 10.40.050 Operating Speed.

- (a) No E-bicycle shall be operated at a speed greater than the posted speed limit on any roadway, Multi-Use Path, or Trail.

#### 10.40.060 Disorderly and Reckless Operation of a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, or Similar Device.

- (a) Reckless Operation. No person may operate a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, PAMD, E-Moto, or Motorized Bicycle in a manner that:
  - (1) Endangers the safety of any person or property by negligent operation.
  - (2) Causes bodily harm or great bodily harm to another by negligent operation.
- (b) Disorderly Operation. No person shall operate Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, PAMD, E-Moto, or Motorized Bicycle in a manner that:
  - (1) Demonstrates carelessness or indifference to the safety of the operator or others;
  - (2) Is boisterous, raucous, or otherwise disorderly under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance; or
  - (3) Involves the intentional, deliberate, or unnecessary performance stunts or wheelies, skids, or other maneuvers that unreasonably endangers any person or property.
- (c) Penalties. Any person who shall violate this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$200.00 plus the costs of prosecution.

#### 10.40.070 Age Restrictions

- (a) Operators of Class 3 E-Bicycles must be at least 16 years of age.
- (b) There is no minimum age requirement for Class 1 or Class 2 E-Bicycles.

#### 10.40.080 Equipment Requirements

(a) E-Bicycles shall be equipped with:

(1) Fully operable pedals;

(2) A permanent manufacturer's label indicating the E-bBcycle class, top assisted speed, and motor wattage.

(b) Class 3 E-Bicycles must be equipped with a speedometer.

(c) Bicycles and E-Bicycles shall be equipped with lighting and reflector equipment that complies with Wis. Stat. § 347.489.

#### 10.40.090 Registration and licensing.

(a) No registration or licensing shall be required for Bicycles, E-Bicycles, E-Scooters, E-Motos, or Motorized Bicycles but owners are encouraged to register their devices with the Wausau Police Department.

(b) A driver's license is not required to operate an E-Bicycle of any Class.

#### 10.40.100 Prohibited Devices.

(a) E-Motos, Motorized Bicycles, and other electric motorized devices without pedals are prohibited from operating on:

(1) Sidewalks;

(2) Multi-use paths;

(3) Trails; and

(4) Parks, unless otherwise permitted by ordinance and posted.

#### 10.40.110 Penalties.

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, any person who shall violate this Chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$50.00 plus the costs of prosecution.

Section 2. That Chapter 10.41 Electric Scooters, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. That Chapter 10.42 Go-Carts, Mini-Bikes, and Motorized Scooters, is hereby repealed.

Section 4. That Chapter 10.43 Motorized Bicycles, is hereby repealed.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:  
Approved:  
Published:  
Attest:

Approved:

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Doug Diny, Mayor

Attest:

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Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

## Chapter 10.40 - BICYCLES

### 10.40.010 - Registration required.

No person shall operate a bicycle or motor bicycle upon any street, alley, public highway, sidewalk, bicycle lane, bicycle route, bicycle way or other public right-of-way in the City unless the bicycle or motor bicycle is registered as provided in this chapter. This chapter shall apply to all permanent and temporary residents of the City and to such nonresidents who operate bicycles or motor bicycles upon the streets of the City habitually or frequently, either in going to or from school, or to or from work, or for other purposes; but shall not apply to casual travelers or tourists passing through the City on their bicycles or motor bicycles, nor to those residents of cities, villages and townships adjacent to the City who are validly and currently registered within their respective jurisdictions.

(Ord. 61-5573 §1(part), 2013; Ord. 61-4776 §1(part), 1992.)

### 10.40.020 - Registration.

- (a) Registration shall be made with the Wausau Police Department who shall provide the appropriate forms therefor. Upon registration the bicycle or motor bicycle which shall be permitted to be operated within the City as provided in this chapter.
- (b) The registration shall be permanent from the date of registration; provided that the bicycle or motor bicycle remains with the owner/owners' family and at the registered address.

(Ord. 61-5573 §3 & 4 (part), 2013; Ord. 61-5573 §2(part), 2013; Ord. 61-4776 §1(part), 1992; Ord. 61-4776 §1(part), 1992; Ord. 61-4776 §1(part), 1992.)

### 10.40.050 - Rules of the road.

- (a) The rules of the road for bicycles as enacted by the State of Wisconsin have been adopted elsewhere in this Code as part of the Wausau motor vehicle rules of the road.
- (b) The Infrastructure and Facilities Committee is the delegated authority to recommend to the Common Council rules restricting bicycle operation within the City. After adoption by the Council and publication, the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee shall cause signs to be posted bearing the restrictions at appropriate places upon the streets.
- (c) Bicycles shall be permitted on the sidewalks on the following bridges:
  - (1) Bridge Street bridge;
  - (2) Thomas Street bridge.
  - (3) Scott Street and W. Washington Street bridge.

(d) Bicycles shall be permitted on the sidewalks in the following location:

- (1) Grand Avenue, from Schofield City limits to the southern boundary line of Forest Street.
- (2) Forest Street, from the east boundary of Sixth Street to the west boundary of Fifth Street.
- (3) East Randolph Street, at the beginning of the curb radii, of the East Randolph Street terminus, to approximately 350 feet east onto Burek Avenue.

(Ord. 61-5758, § 1, 2017, File No. 82-1252; Ord. 61-5705, § 9, 2016; Ord. 61-5631, § 1, 2014; Ord. 61-5498, § 1, 2011, File No. 82-1252; Ord. 61-5487, § 1, 2011, File No. 82-1252; Ord. 61-5328, § 5, 2007, File No. 82-1252; Ord. 61-4776, § 1, 1992.)

(Ord. No. 61-5959, § 13, 3-26-2024; Ord. No. 61-5984, § 1, 3-25-2025)

## Chapter 10.41 - ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

### 10.41.010 - Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

*Electric scooter* means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power, and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. Electric scooter does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

(Ord. No. 61-5933, § 1, 1-10-2023)

### 10.41.020 - State laws applicable.

Every person using an electric scooter upon a public roadway shall be subject to the provisions of all ordinances and state laws including Wis. Stats. §§ 346.02(12), 346.80, 346.803, and 346.805, applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions with reference to the equipment of vehicles and those provisions that, by their nature, would have no application.

(Ord. No. 61-5933, § 1, 1-10-2023)

### 10.41.030 - Provisions for operation.

- (a) *Where prohibited.* Except as provided in subsection (b), no electric scooters shall be operated on any public sidewalks or any City-owned parking ramps. No electric scooters shall be operated on any roadway, trail, path, or property where a sign is erected indicating that bicycles and/or electric scooters are prohibited.

- (b) *Permitted sidewalks.* Electric scooters are permitted on the sidewalks in the following locations:
- (1) Bridge Street bridge;
  - (2) Thomas Street bridge;
  - (3) Scott Street and W. Washington bridge;
  - (4) Grand Avenue, from Schofield City limits to the southern boundary line of Forest Street; and,
  - (5) Forest Street, from the east boundary of Sixth Street to the west boundary of Fifth Street.
- (c) *Riding on roadway.*
- (1) Every person using an electric scooter upon a two-way public street shall ride as near as practicable to within five feet of the right curb or edge of the roadway, except when passing another vehicle or making a left-hand turn; and when riding in groups, users of electric scooters shall ride in single file, except on residential streets which are not divided by painted or other marked extra lines where they may ride two abreast. On one-way roads, the user may ride as near as practicable to within five feet of the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
  - (2) Persons using electric scooters shall not impede the normal movement of motor vehicle traffic.
- (d) *Bicycle ways.* Operation of electric scooters are permitted on any ways, lanes, trails, paths, or other property designated for the use and operation of bicycles.
- (e) *Clinging to other vehicles.* No person using an electric scooter shall cling to or attach themselves or an electric scooter to any moving vehicle.
- (f) *Contests with other vehicles; stunt riding.* No person using an electric scooter shall participate in any race, speed, or endurance contest with any other moving vehicle on a City roadway or perform any trick riding on any highway, bicycle way, or sidewalk or operate with no hands on the handlebars or otherwise practice any fancy or acrobatic riding or stunts while operating such electric scooter.
- (g) *Traffic regulations and speed limits.* Every person using an electric scooter upon a public roadway shall obey all the instructions of official traffic-control devices, signs, and signals applicable to vehicles and shall not operate an electric scooter at a speed greater than the speed limit.
- (h) *Right-of-way.*
- (1) The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a person using an electric scooter in the same manner as for bicyclists and pedestrians. When using an electric scooter, every person shall, upon entering a public roadway, yield the right-of-way to motor vehicles, except that a person using an electric scooter shall be subject to the same regulations as bicyclists and pedestrians. Operators of electric scooters shall offer the right-of-way to bicycles in bicycle lanes and on bicycle paths.

- (2) Every person operating an electric scooter upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or bicyclist and shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle or other electric scooter or electric personal assistive mobility device or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.
- (i) *Towing prohibited.* The operator of an electric scooter shall not tow, drag, or cause to be drawn behind the electric scooter any coaster, sled, toy vehicle, trailer, person on in-line or other skates or skateboard, or any other type of conveyance.
- (j) *Passengers.* No electric scooter shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
- (k) *Age limit.* No person less than eight years of age shall operate an electric scooter on City roadways or sidewalks, except that persons six or seven years of age may do so during daylight hours if accompanied by an adult capable of remaining close enough to ensure the safe operation of the scooter by such child, such as by walking or running alongside, using their own electric scooter or bicycle, or engaging in a similar activity. This subsection is intended to permit the usage of electric scooters by families.
- (l) *Headphones prohibited.* No operator of an electric scooter shall wear any headphones, earphones, or earbuds covering or inserted into both ears while operating an electric scooter.
- (m) *Equipment regulations.* Every person using electric scooters between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall have the scooter equipped with a lamp firmly attached to the front of such electric scooter exhibiting a white light to the front, and with a reflector or a lamp mounted on the rear of the vehicle visible at a distance of 500 feet. The reflector shall not be less than three inches in diameter.
- (n) *Parking.* No owner of an electric scooter shall permit it to be left, nor shall any person using an electric scooter leave it, unattended in a manner which obstructs any City roadway or sidewalk or other public way.

(Ord. No. 61-5933, § 1, 1-10-2023)

#### 10.41.040 - Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be required to forfeit \$50.00 as well as court costs and the costs of prosecution.

(Ord. No. 61-5933, § 1, 1-10-2023)

#### Chapter 10.42 - GO-CARTS, MINI-BIKES, AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

#### 10.42.010 - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Fermented malt beverages* has the meaning designated in Wis. Stats. § 125.02(6).

*Intoxicating liquor* has the meaning designated in Wis. Stats. § 125.02(8).

*Go-cart* means a small, four wheeled, motorized vehicle with an open frame and no roof.

*Mini-bike* means a small, two wheeled, motorized vehicle approximately 18 inches high and includes pocket bikes, mini-choppers, or other mini-motorcycles. Mini-bike does not include a "moped" as defined in Wis. Stats. § 3.40.01(29m)(am), or "motor bicycle" as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(30).

*Motorized scooter* means a vehicle designed to be operated by a person in the standing position or is equipped with a bicycle or similar seat that does not have working pedals and is powered by an internal-combustion engine or electric motor capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion.

*Narcotic drug* has the meaning designated in Wis. Stats. § 961.01(15).

(Ord. 61-5519 §2(part), 2012; Ord. 61-5519 §1(part), 20012; Ord. 61-4239 §1(part), 1973.)

#### 10.42.020 - Provisions for go-cart, mini-bike and motorized scooter operation.

No person shall operate a go-cart, mini-bike or motorized scooter in the City in the following manner:

- (a) At a rate of speed that is unreasonable or improper under the circumstances;
- (b) In any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another;
- (c) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor, fermented malt beverages, narcotics or other controlled substances;
- (d) In such a way that the exhaust of the motor makes an excessive or unusual noise;
- (e) Without a functioning muffler;
- (f) On the private property of another without the consent of the owner or lessee. Failure to post private property does not imply consent for use. Any other motor-driven craft or vehicle principally manufactured for off-highway use shall at all times have the consent of the owner before operation of such craft or vehicle on private lands;
- (g) During the time period of one hour after sunset to sunrise, as reported by the United States Weather Service for the day in question;
- (h) On a slide, ski or skating area, except by the owner of such slide, ski or skating area, or the owners employees, contractors or agents for the purpose of servicing the area, crossing at places where marked or after stopping and yielding the right-of-way to any person;
- (i)

On or across a cemetery, burial ground, school or church property, without the consent of the owner;

- (j) On the lands of an operating airport or landing facility, except for the employees, contractors, or agents of the owner of such airport or landing facility in performance of their lawful duties or with consent of the owner, or owner's duly authorized employees or agents;
- (k) On any lands, operated or leased by the City of Wausau;
- (l) Upon any public right-of-way within the City, and specifically including sidewalks, boulevards and traveled portions of right-of-way.

(Ord. 61-5519 §3(part), 2012; Ord. 61-4587 §1, 1986; Ord. 61-4239 §1 (part), 1973.)

#### 10.42.030 - Penalties.

Section 1.01.11 shall be the penalty section for violations of this chapter.

(Ord. 61-4239 §1(part), 1973.)

### Chapter 10.43 - MOTORIZED BICYCLES

#### 10.43.010 - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Motor bicycle* has the meaning designated in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(30).

#### 10.43.020 - Provisions for motor bicycle operation.

- (a) Every motor bicycle shall be operated at all times with due regard to the safety of the operator and other persons upon a highway, bicycle way, or sidewalk and no person shall:
  - (1) Operate a motor bicycle in a way that interferes with or is likely to interfere with the rights of other persons using such highway, bicycle way, or sidewalk;
  - (2) Operate a motor bicycle in a careless or imprudent manner, or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under traffic or pedestrian conditions existing at the time;
  - (3) Perform any trick riding on any highway, bicycle way, or sidewalk or operate a motor bicycle with no hands on the handle bars;
  - (4) Park a motor bicycle on any highway, bicycle way, or sidewalk in such a manner as to interfere with free passage by the public.
- (b) No more than one person may ride on a motor bicycle at any one time.
- (c)

Motor bicycles shall be subject to the restrictions of section 10.40.050(a)–(c). Motor bicycles shall be subject to the provisions of section 10.40.050(d) provided such motor bicycle is operated without its motor at the time.

10.43.030 - Registration required.

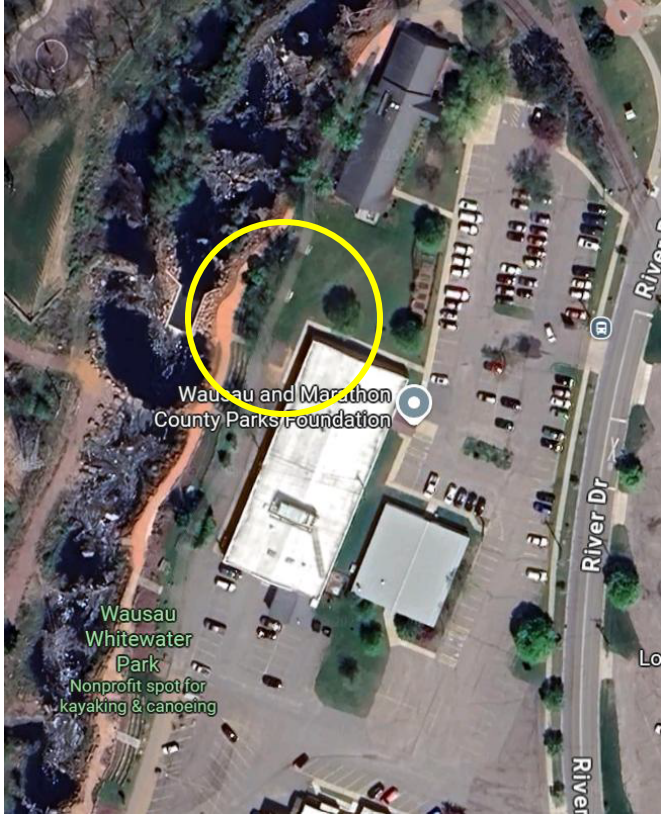
All motor bicycles shall be registered as provided in Sections 10.40.010 and 10.40.020.

(Ord. 61-5573 §6 (part), 2013, File No. 13-0610)

10.43.040 - Penalties.

Section 1.01.110 shall be the penalty section for violations of this chapter.

(Ord. 61-5573 §5(part), 2013, File No. 13-0610; Ord. 61-5522 §1, 2012, File No. 12-0708)







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## Bike/Ped Counter Data


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**From** Aaron Anklam <Aaron.Anklam2@marathoncounty.gov>

**Date** Fri 10/17/2025 2:02 PM

**To** Carrie Edmondson <Carrie.Edmondson@wausauwi.gov>

**Cc** Laurie Miskimins <Laurie.Miskimins@marathoncounty.gov>; Makayla Galecki <Makayla.Galecki@marathoncounty.gov>

 2 attachments (29 KB)

Wausau Counter Data 2025 2.xlsx; Wausau Counter Data 2025.xlsx;

Hi Carrie –

We picked up the 4 counters we had placed in Wausau at River Drive, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, WOW, and near the Woodchucks stadium today. Unfortunately, the counter near the Woodchucks stadium did not pick up any counts as something must have been programmed wrong. Attached is the data from the other three sites. As a reminder, the counters were only out from 9-8-2025 to 10-17-2025.

Best,



**Aaron Anklam**

Transportation Planner

Marathon County & Wausau MPO

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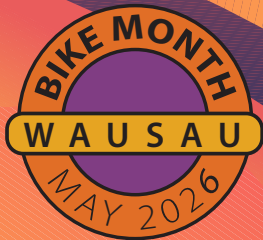


Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT	ADTx365	Days with data
2025	River Drive									5,457	4,069			160.579	58,611	38
	Wausau Water Treatment Plant									1,698	1,571			54.105	19,748	38
	WOW									13,965	12,927			445.079	162,454	38

# BIKE TO WORK

## WITH THE MAYOR

Tuesday, May 12



**7:15 am**

Meet at Marathon Junction  
in Marathon Park

**7:30 am**

Ride begins to City Hall

**7:45 am**

Breakfast treats and coffee  
at City Hall



Planning, Community and Economic Development

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

From: Carrie Edmondson, AICP, Assistant City Planner

**RE: Student Bicycle Safety Program (safety flags and bicycle lights)**

At the March meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee requested that staff provide information about what would be involved in supporting a bicycle safety program for students.

**Program Goals**

- Student Safety – visibility, accident prevention
- Access and equity – (cost barriers for some families)
- Healthy transportation- (encouraging biking to school)

**Wausau School District (WSD) Partnership**

- Elizabeth Channel, Interim Superintendent of Operations (overseeing transportation)
- School principals
- PTA/PTO groups
- School resource officers

**Initial Meeting**

- What items would we like to provide?
- Who are the items intended for?
- How will distribution work?
- Cost

**Pilot Program**

- Starting with 1-3 schools would probably work best

**Product Costs**

- Could be through grants or local sponsorship/support

Anley safety flag \$9.95 each

Cost x 100 = \$995

Safety lights \$13.49 each



Cost x 100 = \$1,349

The League of American Bicycles Spark Grant  
\$2000 maximum  
Closes end January

### **Bundle Gear with Education**

- In school bicycle safety classes
- After school information
- Sent home with parent education handouts

### **Distribution**

- In school - during PE or homeroom (depending on grade level)
- At events – bike rodeo or community safety events
- Need based – school counselors could identify students that need support

### **Summary of Roles**

City Staff-

- Securing funding
- Securing bicycle safety items
- Coordinating with WSD

School District Staff-

- Overseeing education/distribution strategy