

ORDINANCE NO. 59-26

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 416.13 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON RELATED TO MOTORIZED
BIKES/MOPEDS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, LOW SPEED
MICROMOBILITY DEVICES AND THE LIKE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Administration is reviewing existing legislation regarding rules and regulations for motorized bikes/mopeds (402.22), electric bicycles, (402.115), scooters, (402.198) and low speed micromobility devices, (402.196) etc. within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Committee of Council met on April 20, 2026 to hear from Administration officials and the public about the concerns being generated by the increased use of these devices; and

WHEREAS, the consensus of opinion at the conclusion of said meeting was that Council should immediately adopt a protective headgear (helmet) requirement for certain juvenile operators; and

WHEREAS, Council recommends the passage of the proposed amendment to Section 416.13(e) as being in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Avon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1 – That Section 416.13 of the Avon Codified Ordinance which currently reads as follows:

(d) No person shall operate a low speed micromobility device at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.

(e) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Shall be amended to read as follows: (New language in bold print; deleted language stricken)

(d) No person, **under the age of sixteen (16), shall operate a low speed micromobility device a motorized bike/moped (402.22), electric bicycle, (402.115), scooter, (402.198) and low speed micromobility device, (402.196) etc.** at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.

(e) No person, **under the age of sixteen (16), shall operate a motorized bike/moped (402.22), electric bicycle, (402.115), scooter, (402.198) and low speed micromobility device, (402.196) etc. without wearing proper protective headgear, (e.g., a helmet), with the chin strap properly fastened.**

(e) (f) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Section 2 – The Codifier is hereby instructed to insert the amendments to Section 416.13 in the appropriate order within the existing codified ordinances, renumbering and/or re-lettering anywhere applicable. All other language contained in Section 416.13 not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3– That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 – That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, Ohio; the immediate emergency being the necessity to require operators' to wear protective headgear when operating a motorized bike/moped, electric bicycle, scooter, or low speed micromobility device and the like; therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: May 11, 2026

DATE SIGNED: May 11, 2026

By: Brian Fischer
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: May 12, 2026

Bryan K. Jensen
Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior
John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

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Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

Prepared By:
John A. Gasior, Esq.
Law Director

I, Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of the Council of the City of Avon, Ohio, hereby certify this document to be a true and exact copy of Ordinance No. 59-26, passed by the Council of said City on May 11, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have on this 12th day of May 2026, affixed my signature and official seal.


Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of the Council
of the City of Avon, Ohio