

VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE

Proposed Local Law No. ____ of 2026

A LOCAL LAW REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES (E-BIKES), ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (E-SCOOTERS), AND ELECTRIC-ASSISTED MOBILITY DEVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dansville finds that the increasing use of electric bicycles (E-Bikes), electric scooters (E-Scooters), and other electric-assisted mobility devices has created new public safety concerns involving operators, pedestrians, and motorists.

The purpose of this Local Law is to promote public safety through the use of protective helmets, establish a registration system to assist in the identification and recovery of stolen devices, encourage responsible ownership, and provide local enforcement standards. Nothing contained herein is intended to conflict with the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Section 2. Applicability

This Local Law shall apply to all persons operating or possessing within the Village of Dansville:

- Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes);
- Electric Scooters (E-Scooters);
- Electric-assisted bicycles;
- Electric-assisted scooters; and
- Any other electrically powered personal mobility device permitted under New York State law.

Section 3. Enforcement of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law

The Dansville Police Department shall continue to enforce all applicable provisions of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) governing the operation of E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and electric-assisted mobility devices.

Nothing contained in this Local Law shall be interpreted to supersede, replace, or conflict with any provision of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Section 4. Mandatory Helmet Requirement

A. Every operator of an E-Bike, E-Scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, electric-assisted scooter, or other covered mobility device operated within the Village of Dansville shall wear a properly fitted and securely fastened bicycle helmet meeting nationally recognized safety standards.

B. No person shall operate or permit another person to operate any covered device within the Village without wearing the required helmet.

Section 5. Village Registration Required

A. Every E-Bike, E-Scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, and electric-assisted scooter operated within the Village of Dansville shall be registered with the Village Clerk prior to operation.

B. Registration shall include, at minimum:

1. Owner's name;
2. Owner's address;
3. Telephone number;
4. Make;
5. Model;
6. Color;
7. Serial number, if available; and
8. Any additional information deemed necessary by the Village Clerk or Chief of Police.

C. Upon registration, the Village shall issue a registration decal or other identifying marker which shall be displayed in a manner prescribed by the Village.

D. Registration shall be provided at no cost unless otherwise established by resolution of the Village Board.

Section 6. Violations and Penalties

Any person violating the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to the following civil penalties:

- **First violation:** Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)
- **Second violation within twelve (12) months:** One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)
- **Third or subsequent violation within twelve (12) months:** Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)

Each separate violation may constitute a separate offense.

Section 7. Authority to Stop and Issue Appearance Tickets

Members of the Dansville Police Department are authorized to stop operators reasonably believed to be in violation of this Local Law and may issue appearance tickets or other enforcement documents as authorized by law.

Section 8. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Local Law is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Local Law.

Section 9. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Purpose of this Local Law

The Village Board finds that mandatory helmet use and local registration of E-Bikes and E-Scooters will:

- Improve rider safety and reduce injuries;
- Assist law enforcement in identifying owners of lost or stolen devices;
- Encourage responsible operation of electric mobility devices;
- Promote accountability among operators; and
- Enhance the overall safety of residents and visitors within the Village of Dansville.