

E-BIKE LAWS & ENFORCEMENT

Ohio Revised Code 4511.522 &
Delaware Codified Ordinances Chapter 373

E-Bike Quick Rules:

- Class 1 & 2: Shared-use paths permitted (10 mph max)
- Class 3: No sidewalks or shared-use paths
- Class 3: Riders must be 16+
- Class 3: All operators & passengers must wear helmets
- No e-bike may be operated on a sidewalk with the motor engaged
- No bicycles or e-bikes may be ridden within the designated **Downtown No-Riding Area**

Bike Classes:

Class 1 - E-bikes provide **motor assistance** only when pedaling. **Max assisted speed = 20 mph.**

Class 2 - E-bikes have a **throttle-controlled motor** that can propel the bike **without** pedaling.
Max assisted speed = 20 mph.

Class 3 - E-bikes provide **motor assistance** only when pedaling. **Max assisted speed = 28 mph.**

- - Must be 16 years of age or older to operate.
- - Operators and passengers must wear an approved helmet.
- - Class 3 e-bikes must have a speedometer.
- - Cannot be operated on bicycle paths or shared-use paths.

Sidewalk & Path use:

- **Class 1 & Class 2** e-bikes may only be operated on sidewalks when the **electric motor is not engaged.**
- **Class 3** e-bikes are **prohibited on sidewalks, bicycle-only paths, and shared-use paths.**
- Riders must yield to pedestrians.
- No bicycles or e-bikes may be ridden within the designated Downtown No-Riding Area.
- **Class 1 and Class 2** e-bikes may use **bicycle paths and shared-use paths, but may not exceed 10 mph.**

Downtown Use:

No person shall operate a bicycle (including e-bikes), skateboard, roller skates or roller blades upon a sidewalk within the downtown area. (Delaware Codified Ordinances Sec. 373.12(c))

Trail Restrictions:

ALL e-bikes are prohibited on natural-surface trails, mountain bike trails, hiking trails, equestrian trails, and other trails historically reserved for non-motorized use.

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