

City of Lake Geneva

Bicycle and Scooter

Information

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Websites for more information:

- <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/safety/education/bike/>
- <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/motorcycles/mc-how-apply/cycle.aspx>
- [Wisconsin DMV Official Government Site -- Low-speed vehicle \(LSV\)](https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/low-speed-vehicle/)
- [eCFR :: 49 CFR 571.500 -- Standard No. 500: Low-speed vehicles.](https://www.ecfr.gov/49/cfr/571.500)

- must have headlamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors, exterior mirror, parking brake, windshield that conforms to federal standards, VIN, type 1 or type 2 seatbelt, comply with rear visibility requirements and a car horn
- * has a top attainable speed in one mile of more than 20 mph and not more than 25 mph on a paved level surface.
- * Operator must have a valid regular or probationary license
- * Must be insured
- * is self-propelled by gas or electric power (also known as "neighborhood electric vehicles").

Local Ordinances:

(74-187, 74-188, 74-189)

- Explain where the LSV can and can't be driven
- License requirements

NOTE: Golf carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) are NOT considered LSVs.



For more information, contact the Lake Geneva Police Department Non-emergency at 262-248-4455.

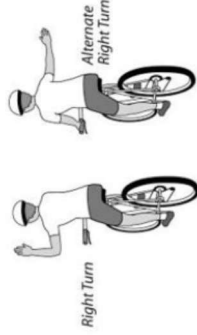
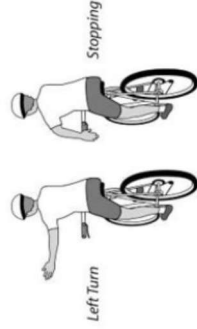
Note: It's YOUR responsibility to know the current rules and regulations.



General Rules for ALL Bicycles

- Ride at least three feet from the curb or parked vehicles or debris in curb area and in a straight line. Don't swerve in and out around parked vehicles.
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Sidewalk riding for bicyclists can be more dangerous than on the road.
- Riding on sidewalks in downtown Lake Geneva is NOT permitted. (Local Ordinance 74-223)
- Obey all traffic laws.

Be predictable! Let other users know where you intend to go and maintain an understood course.



Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes)

Definition: Wis. Statute 340.01 (15ph) “Electric bicycle” means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

- (a) **Class 1-** is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20mph.
- (b) **Class 2-** may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- (c) **Class 3-** is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

To operate

- A driver license is not required for operation of an electric bicycle.
- No person under the age of 16 years may operate an electric bicycle with throttle power that reaches speeds up to 28mph.
- Electric bicycles are legal to operate on public roads, public paths, trails and bicycles lanes but must follow restrictions for Interstates and some US Highways.

Register

- Must be registered with the City of Lake Geneva. \$2 Fee

Follow all [bicycle safety](#) and bicycle regulations for public roads.

Scooters

Definition

Electric standup scooter

- Has handle bar

To operate

- State law does not require you to have a driver license to ride an electric scooter

Title and plate

- Scooters cannot be titled with the Wisconsin DMV

Traffic laws

When local ordinances allow, a person may operate an electric scooter or an electric personal assistive mobility device on any sidewalk but must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and give an audible signal when passing.

Lake Geneva Ordinances

- Scooters are not allowed on sidewalks in downtown Lake Geneva. (Ordinance: 74-223)

BE SAFE WHILE RIDING, WEAR A HELMET

