

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR TRAFFIC AND THE
OPERATION OF ELECTRIC SCOOTERS**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07 permits local authorities to create laws to regulate traffic and the operation of vehicles within their jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of the police power, provided such regulations are not fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road prescribed by Chapter 4511 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, “local authorities” means every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to create laws to regulate the traffic and the operation of vehicles, including electric scooters; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that this Ordinance is necessary to advance significant and compelling state interests, including, but not limited to, protecting the health, safety, and well-being of City residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. The Council hereby adopts the attached Ordinance, which is incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

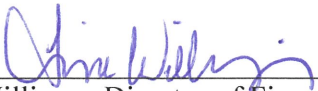
Section 2. The recitals contained in the Whereas clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 3. All formal actions of City Council regarding this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of City Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2026.



Linda S. Burke, Mayor

Attest: 

Petrina D. Williams, Director of Finance/Clerk

Ordinance 2026-11 – Regulations and Operations of Electric Scooters

Rules Suspended:	<u> - </u>	(if applicable)
First Reading:	<u> 6/18/26 </u>	
Second Reading:	<u> 7/2/26 </u>	
Vote:	<u> 5 </u> Yeas	
	<u> - </u> Nays	
Effective Date:	<u> 8/1/26 </u>	

Prepared by and approved as to form:

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Chase T. Kirby
Law Director
City of South Lebanon, Ohio

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Operation of Electric Scooters.

Electric scooter (“e-scooter”) means a device with two or three wheels, handlebars, and an electric motor or another type of motor such that is capable of transporting a person and is operated by electric power, whether privately owned or made available for shared use.

(a) Every person operating an e-scooter shall obey the rules of operation and right-of-way for all vehicles as provided by this chapter and elsewhere in the Basic Code except when clearly exempted from any section thereof.

(b) Every person operating an e-scooter upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(c) Persons operating e-scooters shall ride in the same direction as all other vehicular traffic.

(d) Persons operating e-scooters upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane.

(e) No operator of an e-scooter device shall do any of the following: (1) Fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times; (2) Fail to give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian; (3) Operate the device at night, unless the device or its operator is equipped with or wearing both of the following: (a) A lamp pointing to the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet; and (b) A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. (4) Park an e-scooter on a sidewalk in a manner that impedes the flow of pedestrian travel, interferes with an intended function of the sidewalk, or blocks or obstructs any doorway, crosswalk, or other access routes. (5) Operate an e-scooter while it is occupied by more than one person. E-scooters shall only be occupied by one person while in operation.

(f) No person under the age of 13 shall operate an e-scooter on any public property, unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his or her head, with the chin strap fastened under the chin.

(g) Violation of this section shall be punishable as a traffic violation minor misdemeanor as defined in the Basic Code. Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

h. ~~(f)~~ Parent’s Responsibility. No parent of any child or guardian of any ward shall authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance.