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Important Message from the Lyndhurst Police Department Regarding E-Bike Safety

Considering recent e-bike incidents across New Jersey and growing safety concerns surrounding their use, the Lyndhurst Police Department, under the direction of Mayor & Public Safety Commissioner Robert B. Giangeruso and Chief Richard L. Jarvis, would like to share the following important information:

Under New Jersey law, **no person under the age of 15 may operate a Class III e-bike**, as these high-speed "motorized bicycles" require a valid driver's license, registration and insurance. In addition, **Class III e-bikes must be registered and insured, and all riders—regardless of age—are required to wear a helmet.**

Failure to comply with these legal requirements can result in **summonses and other legal consequences**. **Parents** are ultimately responsible for ensuring their children follow traffic and safety laws. Unfortunately, we see many **Class III** e-bikes being operated by children as young as 10 years old, well below the legal age and without the necessary documentation.

Our Patrol Officers along with our School Resource Officers at both the high school and middle school are actively working to educate students about these laws, and we strongly encourage parents to reinforce this information at home.

If a violation is observed by a Lyndhurst Police Officer, the following actions will be taken:

- The e-bike will be removed from the roadway.
- Written/verbal warning(s) may be issued at first encounter. Repeat violators will be issued Summons(es).
- Summonses will be issued involving e-bike motor vehicle crashes
- Parents will be notified.

Our goal is not only to enforce the law but to **protect the safety of all children and residents in our community**. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Lyndhurst safe.

New Jersey Laws for Class III E-bikes

Low Speed Electric Bicycles (Class I & II):

- *20 mph max speed
- *750 watts or less
- *May be parked on sidewalks without blocking pedestrian traffic
- ***No** license, insurance, or registration required
- *Must follow all laws applicable to bicycles
- *Helmet use is required for those under age 17
- *May be pedal assist or throttle powered

How to Determine the Class

1. Look for a sticker: Many e-bike manufacturers and state laws require a highly visible sticker on the frame or battery indicating the e-bike's class.
2. Check for a throttle: Look for a "throttle" lever or twist-grip near the handlebars and test the max speed of the bike.

- Age Minimum: You must be at least 15 years old to operate a **Class III** e-bike in New Jersey.
- License Required: Riders **must** possess a valid operator's license or a motorized bicycle license issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC).
- Registration & Insurance: **Class III** e-bikes are classified as motorized bicycles or low-speed vehicles and are subject to registration and insurance requirements.
- Helmet Mandate: A helmet is **mandatory** for all riders of **Class III** e-bikes, regardless of their age.
- Obey All Traffic Laws: Riders of any e-bike must follow all state and local automobile traffic laws, including riding in the same direction as vehicular traffic. These bikes are not allowed on sidewalks.

Why Parents Should Be Aware

- Safety: **Class III** e-bikes are capable of high speeds (up to 40 mph), making them potentially dangerous for young, inexperienced riders, putting them and others at risk.
- Legal Responsibility: **Parents** can be held responsible for their child's violation of traffic laws, according to <https://www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm>.
- Enforcement: The Lyndhurst Police Department has highlighted the dangers and potential for accidents with children operating these bikes illegally and will continue enforcement.



For additional information please visit:

<https://www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm>

[Micromobility - The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center](#)

