ORDINANCE NO. 26-121

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STRUM WISCONSIN

The Village Board of the Village of Strum, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 349.18 and 349.23, the Village establishes regulations for the safe operation of electric scooters and electric bicycles to protect public safety and pedestrian traffic within the Village limits.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- **Electric Scooter:** A device with handlebars, a floorboard designed to be stood upon, and powered by an electric motor.
- **Electric Bicycle (E-Bicycle):** A bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, as defined by Wisconsin State Statute 340.01(15ph).
- **Roadway:** That portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

SECTION 3. ROADWAY RESTRICTION

- **Vehicles Restricted to Roadways:** Electric scooters and e-bicycles must be operated exclusively on designated public roadways.
- **Sidewalk Prohibition:** Operating an electric scooter or e-bicycle on any public sidewalk or pedestrian walkway within the Village is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 4. LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS REQUIRED

No person shall operate an electric scooter or e-bicycle during hours of darkness unless it is equipped with the following:

- **Front Lamp:** A lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front.
- **Rear Reflector:** A red reflector visible from all distances from 50 to 500 feet to the rear.
- **Rear Lamp:** A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

SECTION 5. MAIN STREET RESTRICTED ZONE

- **Prohibited Area:** The operation of electric scooters and e-bicycles is strictly prohibited lengthwise on 5th Avenue N between the Cedar Street and Elm Street.
- **Cross Traffic Allowance:** Operators may cross 5th Avenue N within this restricted zone at designated intersections only, moving directly from one intersecting street to another. Riding along the path of 5th Avenue within these boundaries is prohibited.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than the minimum fee of $50 for the first violation and not to exceed $500 for following offense's, together with the costs of prosecution.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- **Severability:** If any portion of this ordinance is deemed invalid, the remainder remains in full force.
- **Effective Date:** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 8th day of June, 2026.

Village President: Dean Bochner

Attest (Village Clerk): [signature]