



TRAFFIC COMMISSION, VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Regular Meeting
Village Hall Council Chambers
Thursday, July 22, 2021, 7:00 PM

MEETING AVAILABLE LIVE AT
WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/

Public hearings and meetings are currently being held virtually due to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act. Please be advised that if, prior to the scheduled public meeting date, Governor Pritzker rescinds, or does not extend, his current disaster declaration, the Traffic Commission will be required to conduct the public meeting in the traditional in-person format only, at Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. This will be the only notice of the meeting, and where and how the meeting will be conducted. Information regarding the location of the public meeting and instructions for participating in the public hearing will be posted on the Village's website (www.lincolnwoodil.org) and will include updates as needed. Please contact Chief Jason Parrott at (847)745-4748 for confirmation of meeting location.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Report by Chair Scott Troiani
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion – Regulating Electric Motor Scooters
8. Public Forum

Statement Regarding Public Comment

Anyone who desires to offer public comment during the meeting about any matter concerning the Traffic Commission may do so by submitting an email to jparrott@lwd.org prior to the commencement of the meeting, or by offering live oral comments at the stated time in the meeting agenda. To offer live comments, commenters must email jparrott@lwd.org to receive the GoToMeeting credentials for the meeting to participate electronically. All Emails received will be read aloud during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Emails should be kept to under 200 words to allow time for others to be heard and for the Traffic Commission to progress through the public meeting agenda. The Traffic Commission typically does not immediately respond to public comments or engage in open dialogue, but the Traffic Commission is actively listening to all comments.

9. Report by Staff

10. Good of the Order

11. Adjournment

Posted: July 19, 2021 - Village Website, Village Hall and Police Department



TRAFFIC COMMISSION, VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD

6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

Village Hall Council Chambers

6900 North Lincoln Avenue

Lincolnwood, IL 60712

1. Call to Order

Chairman Troiani called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chairman Troiani made a statement identifying that in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Traffic Commission would conduct its meeting without a quorum physically present, but instead via GoToMeeting.

2. Pledge to the Flag

Chairman Troiani led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Scott Troiani, Commissioners Antonio Costantino, Tony Jin, Lidia Zaia-Kaihara, and Raimond Pavely

Absent: Mark Bonner, John Ernst

Trustee Liaison Present: Craig Klatzco

Staff Liaison Present: Travis Raypole, Deputy Chief of Police

Staff Liaison Virtually Present: Nadim Badran, Director of Public Works, Daniel Dem, Assistant Village Engineer

Absent: None

4. Report by Chair

Chairman Troiani reminded the public about the upcoming blood drive on April 30th.

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jin moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Traffic Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Pavely seconded. Via a roll call vote, the motion was approved 5-0.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

a. Devon Avenue Median at Ridgeway

Assistant Village Engineer, Daniel Dem presented the item. Mr. Dem stated that eastbound traffic on Devon Avenue looking to turn north bound onto Ridgeway must navigate around a median that sticks out into the intersection. Mr. Dem displayed two exhibits on his screen showing options to improve the intersection. Option one included reducing the median to shorten its overall length. Option two included reducing the median and tapering it off so that a large trailer can safely make a turn. Mr. Dem asked if the Traffic Commission would like staff to ask IDOT to incorporate this work as part of their resurfacing project. The Traffic Commission unanimously agreed that Mr. Dem should present both options to IDOT in the hopes they include one in their resurfacing program.

8. Public Forum

None

9. Report by Staff

Deputy Chief Raypole stated that the Police Department has been increasing speed enforcement at the request of the Village Board to help reduce the number of speeding complaints throughout the Village and that the enforcement program has been successful to date.

10. Good of the Order

None

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Jin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Commissioner Costantino seconded. The motion was approved unanimously via a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadim Badran
Public Works Director

Traffic Commission – Presentation July 22, 2021

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REGULATING OF
ELECTRIC MOTOR SCOOTERS

Purpose of Discussion

- The Village has seen an increase in privately owned use of electric scooters
- The Village currently prohibits the use of gas operated motor driven scooters on the public right of way
- There is an inherent safety concern for individuals using electric motor scooters



Background on State Regulation

- No Illinois Regulation on Electric Motor Scooters.
- Illinois House Bill 1590 was introduced in 2019 for the 101st GA Session that would have allowed operation of what would be called Low Speed Electric Scooters on the public way with the same requirement as bicycles but with an age restriction of 16 and older for use. HB 1590 had no Home Rule Preemption.
- Many states regulate the use by prohibiting use of streets, sidewalks and speeds. Additionally, some states require an age restriction, requirement for a driver's license and use of a helmet.

Current Lincolnwood Ordinance

Chapter 7 Article 3 of the Lincolnwood Code:

BICYCLE

- A vehicle propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having at least two tandem wheels either of which is at least 20 inches in diameter

MOTOR-DRIVEN SCOOTER

- Any gas-driven wheeled scooter, all-terrain vehicle, go-cart, mini-bike, motorized skateboard, off-road motorcycle, or other similar motor-driven vehicle for which the State of Illinois does not issue a title document and does not issue license plates or registration documents.

Current Lincolnwood Ordinance

7-3-4 Prohibition of Motor-Driven Scooters

No person shall operate a motor-driven scooter upon any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, park, or on any other public property within the Village, or on any private property without the express consent of the owner, or on any location prohibited by signs restricting such operation or use; provided,

- Exemptions Section 7-3-4 shall not apply to:
 - Any motor-driven scooter used by an authorized representative of the Police Department, Fire Department, or unit of government in the course of his or her official duties;
 - Any motor-driven scooter or motorized vehicle, including, without limitation, a motorized wheelchair, designed for and used by a person with disabilities;
 - Any electric personal assisted mobility device (also known as a "segway"), as defined in Section 5/1-117.7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/1-117.7, provided such device is operated in a safe manner and so as not to impede pedestrian traffic, and that the speed of such device does not exceed 10 miles per hour;
 - or Any motor-driven scooter operated in a parade authorized by the Village pursuant to the applicable sections of this Code.

Nearby Communities & Regulations

Village of Niles: No Person Shall Use or Operate

Similar to Lincolnwood but has Electric Scooter in the definition of Motor Driven Scooter.

- Prohibitions are the same with exception to parades
- Fines are \$200.00 to \$1000.00 for an offense
- Juveniles have the parents subject to fine.

Village of Skokie: Unlawful to Use or Operate on the Public Way

Motorized scooter shall mean every board or other device or object having wheels, utilizing a platform, with or without a seat and which is propelled by some type of motor and steered in some manner by an individual.

No person shall use, operate or be in control of a motorized scooter on a public or private street, parking lot, sidewalk, bike path or other area open to the public. Operation of a motorized scooter may be permitted on private property with the permission of the property owner.

- No Exceptions noted in their Village Code
- Code Has Parental Responsibility for under 17
- Fine is \$35.00 to \$250.00
- Juveniles parents are subject to fine due to responsibility

Nearby Communities & Regulations

City of Evanston: Unlawful and a Public Nuisance

To operate or propel any motorized or motor assisted skateboard, motorized or motor assisted roller skates, motorized scooter, or motor assisted pedicycle, upon any sidewalk, street, or public way or in or upon any municipal parking area, parking lot, or upon any street, roadway, or public way within the corporate limits of the City. Subsection 10-1-9-6(B)(2) does not apply to Class 1 or Class 2 low-speed electric bicycles, as defined by City Code Section 10-1-9.

Exemptions similar to Lincolnwood Code:

- Government use
- Wheel Chairs
- Electric Personal Assistance Devices
- Authorized Devices by the City in Parades
- Fines are \$25.00 to \$100.00 with some exceptions

Nearby Communities & Regulations

Village of Glenview: No Person Shall Use or Operate

Motor driven scooter defined. For the purpose of this article, a "motor driven scooter" is defined as any electric or gas driven wheeled scooter, motor driven cycle or other similar motor driven vehicle for which the State of Illinois does not issue a title document, and does not issue license plates or registration documents.

Operation of motor driven scooters restricted - No person shall operate a motor driven scooter upon any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, park or on any other public property.

Exemptions:

- Government use
- Wheel Chairs
- Electric Personal Assistance Devices
- Fines are \$100.00 to \$750.00 with minors, parents subject to fine

Nearby Communities & Regulations

Village of Morton Grove: No Person Shall Use or Operate

Definition- "motor driven scooter" shall mean any battery operated, electric, or gas driven wheeled scooter, motor driven bicycle, all-terrain vehicles, go-carts, minibikes, motorized skateboards, off road motorcycles, or other similar motor driven vehicles for which the state of Illinois does not issue a title document and does not issue license plates or registration document

No persons shall operate a motor driven scooter upon any public street, sidewalk, parking lot, bike path, park, or on any other public property within the Village of Morton Grove, or on any private property without the express consent of the owner, or on any location prohibited by signs restricting such operation or use.

Exemptions:

- Government use
- Wheel Chairs
- Electric Personal Assistance Devices
- Allowed of Village sanctioned parades
- Fines for first offense \$50-\$100, second offense \$100-\$750, third offense within twelve months, confiscation of scooter. Parental responsibility attached for juveniles

Staff Recommendations

- Amend the definition of the Village Code regarding Motor Driven Scooter to include electric or any type of motor.
- Amend the Fine for such violation to be comparable to surrounding communities such as \$50 to no more than \$500.00. This allows for escalating penalties in administrative adjudication for repeat or egregious use.
- Consideration of a specific attachment for parental responsibility for minors committing this violation within the Code.

DISCUSSION

- Questions of Staff ?
- Recommendations to the Village Board by the Traffic Commission?