

FILE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA.

BILL NO. 4 SESSIONS 2026-2027

INTRODUCED BY Mrs. Karen S. Haitos, August 24, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ARTICLE 523, "PEDALCYCLES (BICYCLES) AND PEDALCYCLE (BICYCLE) LICENSING" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING PEDALCYCLE AND PEDALCYCLE WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. Article 523, "Pedalcycles (Bicycles) and Pedalcycle (Bicycle) Licensing" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Pa., is hereby repealed, rescinded, and deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced by the following new article:

"ARTICLE 523 Pedalcycles, Pedalcycles with Electric Assist, and Licensing of Pedalcycle and Pedalcycles with Electric Assist

§523.01 Definitions

DEALERS IN SECOND-HAND GOODS. Includes any person who otherwise in the normal course of business purchases personal property not from a retail or wholesale entity or auction for the purposes of reselling the property.

PEDALCYCLE . A vehicle propelled solely by human-powered pedals or a pedalcycle with electric assist. The term does not mean a three-wheeled human-powered pedal-driven vehicle with a main driving wheel 20 inches in diameter or under and primarily designed for children six years of age or younger.

PEDALCYCLE WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST. A vehicle weighing not more than 100 pounds with two or three wheels more than 11 inches in diameter, manufactured or assembled with an electric motor system rated at not more than 750 watts and equipped with operable pedals and capable of a speed not more than 20 miles per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. The term does not include a device specifically designed for use by persons with disabilities.

§523.02 License required

Except for Lebanon City Police Officers or other authorized law enforcement officers, no person shall operate or use a pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist on any of the streets, alleys or highways of the City without first obtaining and displaying on it a license for it from the city, or another municipality if required in which he/she resides.

§523.03 License application and fee

Application for a pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist license and license certificate shall be made upon a form provided by the City of Lebanon and shall be made to the Lebanon Police Department. A license fee in the amount of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for a period of one year or Five Dollars (\$5.00) for a period of three years shall be paid to the City at the time of issuance.

§523.04 License decals and certificates

The City shall provide license decals together with license certificates, each having numbers in numerical order. The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, upon receiving proper application, shall issue a license decal and license certificate which shall be effective until January 31 of the year following expiration or until the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist is sold or disposed of by the owner in any manner prior to that date.

§523.05 Applicant entitled to possession

The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, shall not issue a license for any pedalcycle when it knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist.

§523.06 License records

The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, shall maintain a record of such license, the date issued, the name of the person to whom issued, the serial number on the frame of the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist for which issued and a record of all pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist fees collected.

§523.07 Attaching decal

The license decal as issued shall be firmly attached to the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist in such a position as to be plainly visible and shall remain attached to the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist until the expiration of such license.

§523.08 License renewal

When any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist license expires, it shall be renewed by submitting an appropriate application and paying the required fee.

§523.09 Inspection before licensing

The Lebanon Police Department, or authorized agent, shall inspect each pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist before licensing it or renewing a license for it; it shall refuse a license for any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist which it determines is in an unsafe mechanical condition.

§523.10 Surrender or transfer of pedalcycle

Upon the sale or other transfer of a licensed pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist, the licensee shall transfer the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist and certificate of license at the Lebanon Police Department or authorized agent. This transfer shall be witnessed by an official of the Lebanon Police Department (licensing officer) and/or authorized agent, the new owner being required to pay for a new license decal.

§523.11 Rental agencies

A rental agency shall not rent or offer any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist for rent unless the pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist is licensed and license decal is attached thereto as provided herein and such pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist is equipped with the equipment required by law.

§523.12 Reports by dealers of purchases

Every dealer in second-hand goods who purchases second-hand pedalcycles or pedalcycle with electric assist shall issue a report to the Chief of Police in accordance with §315.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

§523.13 Subject to traffic and vehicle codes

Every person operating a pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist upon a roadway in this City shall be subject to the City of Lebanon Traffic Code and the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, both of which are applicable to drivers of a motor vehicle, except as to those provisions of the Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code which by their very nature have no application nor pertinence.

§523.14 Riding on the Sidewalk

- (a) **Except for Lebanon City Police Officers or other authorized law enforcement officers,** no riding of pedalcycles, pedalcycles with electric assist, or other types of motorized, electric, or gas-powered modes of transportation or recreation is permitted on sidewalks in business districts in the City. The use of a motorized wheelchair or mobility scooter operated by a person with a disability shall be permitted. Business districts are defined as follows:
- (1) Cumberland Street from Second Street to Tenth Street;
 - (2) Third Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
 - (3) Fourth Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street

- (4) Fifth Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
- (5) Sixth Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
- (6) Seventh Street from Chestnut Street to Willow Street;
- (7) Eighth Street from Walnut Street to Scull Street;
- (8) Ninth Street from Walnut Street to Scull Street;
- (9) Lehman Street from Second Street to Spruce Street

(b) It is not the intent of this article to compel young children to ride their pedalcycles in the streets where they may create a driving hazard or be injured or killed. Therefore, in areas other than business districts, and at the sole discretion and responsibility of a parent or guardian, only children under the age of nine, in the absence of proper supervision, may operate their pedalcycles on sidewalks.

(c) Children under the age of nine riding their pedalcycles on sidewalks or anyone riding a pedalcycle on a pedalcycle path used by pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

§523.15 Removing, destroying, etc., numbers and license decals

No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number stamped on the frame of any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist nor the license decal on any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist licensed under this article. No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license decal or license certificate during the time in which such license decal or license certificate is effective.

§523.16 Pedalcycle route

The following streets within the City are hereby designated as pedalcycle routes:

- (a) Eighth Street, from Hauck Street to Maple Street; and
- (b) Chestnut Street, from Fifth Avenue to Sixteenth Street

The routes shall be marked with clearly visible signs.

§523.17 Notice to parent or guardian

The Chief of Police shall send to the parent, guardian or legal custodian of such minor a written notice of the violation of this article, together with notice to such parent, guardian or legal custodian that unless the terms of this article are complied with, the penalty thereof shall be invoked against such parent, guardian or legal custodian of such minor

§523.99 Penalty

- (a) Whoever violates any of the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code shall be prosecuted and penalized in accordance with it.
- (b) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article or of the City Traffic Code shall be fined not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and/or be imprisoned in the Lebanon County Correctional Facility for not more than 30 days.
- (c) Any pedalcycle or pedalcycle with electric assist ridden in the City in violation of Section 523.02 shall be impounded. Starting the sixth day of impoundment, a storage charge of One Dollars (\$1.00) for each day shall be imposed upon and collected from the owner. “

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.