ORDINANCE NO. 16 -24

By: Danny Hurley

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 474.02(j) to add protective helmet requirements in instances of persons under 18 years of age to wear a protective helmet while operating an electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, roller blades, hoverboard or similar vehicle on any city street, alley, park, recreational path, or sidewalk.

Whereas: helmets are a simple and effective way to protect young riders and passengers from suffering a traumatic brain injury or other injury; and

Whereas: data from the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that 75% of bike-related fatalities would have been prevented by a helmet; and

Whereas: in addition to bicycles, children ride many other types of wheeled vehicles, including some that can propel themselves; and

Whereas: the City of Bexley has required children to wear bike helmets on city streets, allies and sidewalks since 2010; and

Whereas: the City of Bexley has expanded and will continue to expand options for recreation in our public spaces; and

Whereas: studies continue to show that helmet usage in recreational activities such as bicycling, rollerblading, skateboarding results in fewer injuries and less severe injuries; and

Whereas: we desire that all children in Bexley be able to enjoy our public spaces safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1.
That Section 474.02(l) is hereby amended to add the following:

(1) No person under the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) shall operate a bicycle, electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, roller blades, hoverboard or similar vehicle on a city street, alley, park, recreational path, or sidewalk unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head. The helmet shall conform to the regulations prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
(2) No parent or legal guardian shall permit said person to operate a bicycle electric bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates,

roller blades, hoverboard or similar vehicle without a protective helmet.

(3) No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be a passenger on a bicycle, electric bicycle or bicycle trailer unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head. The helmet shall conform to the regulations prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio.

(4) No person under the age of one (1) shall be a passenger on a bicycle, electric bicycle, or bicycle trailer.

(5) Whoever violates paragraph (2) of this section shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars ($25.00); however, said violation shall not be considered a criminal offense.

Section 2.

That this Ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: Sept 24, 2024

Monique Lampke, President of Council

Attest: _____

Matt McPeek, Clerk of Council

Approved Sept 24, 2024

Ben Kessler, Mayor

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