ORDINANCE NO. 1746

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 412.04 THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF COLDWATER REGARDING TOY VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT LEGISLATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Village of Coldwater, Ohio has adopted the Codified Ordinances of Coldwater;

WHEREAS, the Village of Coldwater, Ohio deems it necessary and appropriate to amend Section 412.04 - Toy Vehicles on Roadway, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Coldwater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, three-fourths of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: Section 412.04 the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Coldwater, shall be amended to hereafter state as follows:

412.04 PERSONAL CONVEYANCE VEHICLES ON ROADWAY.

(a) No person shall ride or propel any coaster, roller skates, roller blades, skateboard, motorized skateboard, hoverboard, scooter, motorized scooter, sled, toy vehicle, segway, or other similar device ("Personal Conveyance Vehicle") upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk, and when so crossing, such person shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to pedestrians. Operators shall obey all traffic signals and operate at a safe speed. Operators shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and human-powered vehicles at all times and give an audible signal when overtaking and passing pedestrians. Reckless or negligent operation of Personal Conveyance Vehicles is prohibited and such vehicles shall not be used for racing, stunting or trick riding. Personal conveyance vehicles shall not be left unattended in public spaces, inside buildings, and shall not obstruct any sidewalk, street, path, or other routes of pedestrians or vehicle traffic.

(b) In accordance with Ohio law, when operating a Personal Conveyance Vehicle after dark, the device or the operator must be equipped with or wearing both of the following:

(1) A lamp pointing to the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet; and

(2) A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

(c) Use of a helmet is highly recommended. Use of headphones or ear buds while riding a Personal Conveyance Vehicle is strongly discouraged.

(d) The operator of Personal Conveyance Vehicles is liable for any injuries or damage resulting from the misuse or improper storage of vehicles.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. Individuals repeatedly violating the rules are subject to having the Personal Conveyance Vehicle confiscated and impounded.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3: All legislation inconsistent herewith shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed on this 9TH day of December, 2024.

Douglas S. Bertke, Mayor

Approved:

Judy A. Koesters, Law Director

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council