



AGENDA

Monday, June 16, 2025 - 6:15 PM

Legislative Committee Meeting
Agawam Senior Center
954 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Minutes dated **May 5, 2025**

TOR-2025-5 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 49-7 of the Code of the City of Agawam regarding Meals on Wheels Drivers (Sponsored by Mayor Johnson)

TOR-2025-6 - An Ordinance to add Article V to Chapter 169 of the Code of the City of Agawam to provide for the safe operation of electric bicycles (Sponsored by Councilor Mercadante)

TOR-2025-5

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 49-7 OF THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF AGAWAM REGARDING
MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS**

(Sponsored by Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor)

WHEREAS, the position of Meals on Wheels Driver provides valuable assistance to Senior Citizens in the City of Agawam;

WHEREAS, the position of Meals on Wheels Driver is part time non-bargaining unit position with a current salary range of \$11.00 to \$15.00 per hour;

WHEREAS, the hourly salary range for the position of Meals on Wheels Driver needs to be raised in order to continue to attract quality persons to that position and to afford the current occupants of those positions some opportunity for wage growth;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Agawam to increase the hourly salary range for the position of Meals on Wheels Driver; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL hereby makes the following amendment to §49-7 of the Code of the City of Agawam entitled "Human Resources":

Amend §49-7 D (3) to read as follows: Meals on Wheels Driver \$15.00 to \$20.00

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Rosemary Sandlin, President, Agawam City Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Christopher S. Cappucci, Solicitor

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE V TO
CHAPTER 169 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AGAWAM
TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES**

(Sponsored by Councilor Dino Mercadante)

WHEREAS, electric bicycles, more commonly known as E-Bikes, are growing in popularity in Agawam and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, E-Bikes allow for faster operation than traditional pedal bicycles and present new challenges for public safety; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 85, §11B¾ provides that operators of E-Bikes shall be subject to all of the duties of operators of bicycles or duties set forth by local ordinance, provided however that electric bicycles shall not be ridden or operated on sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Agawam to regulate electric bicycles by ordinance to ensure E-Bike operators along with other bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists are safe on the public ways in the City of Agawam; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby amends Chapter 169 of the Code of the City of Agawam entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” by adding Article V entitled “Electric Bicycles” which shall read as follows:

§169-29 Definitions

“Electric bicycle” shall be inclusive of the definition of Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, §1, as amended from time to time. For the purposes of this Article, the term shall also include a two or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 horsepower), whose maximum speed is less than 20 miles per hour.

“Operator” shall, for the purposes of this Article, refer to a person who intentionally manipulates some mechanical or electrical part of the electric bicycle which, alone or in sequence, will set the electric bicycle in motion.

§169-30 Application of this Article

This Article shall apply whenever an electric bicycle is operated upon any city owned property, public way or upon any public path that is set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

§169-31 Safety of Electric Bicycles

Electric bicycles shall comply with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and shall further comply with all Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws and regulations relative to speed and motors. No person shall operate an electric bicycle that has been tampered with or modified to affect the motor-powered speed capability or engagement of the electric bicycle.

§169-32 Safe Operation of Electric Bicycles in Agawam

Operators of electric bicycles shall be subject to the following:

- A. Electric bicycles shall not be operated in a reckless manner that unreasonably endangers the safety of the operators or their passengers, pedestrians or motorists.
- B. Electric bicycles shall not be operated or ridden on sidewalks.
- C. The operator of an electric bicycle shall not carry passengers on their bicycle unless a seat that is designed for that purpose is used, but trailers and seats that are designed for transporting children are permitted.
- D. Operators of electric bicycles riding together shall not ride more than two abreast but, on a roadway with more than one lane in the direction of travel, operators shall ride within a single lane. Nothing in this clause shall relieve an operator of the duty to facilitate overtaking as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 89, §2, as amended from time to time.
- E. Any person operating an electric bicycle or being carried as a passenger on an electric bicycle on a public way, bicycle path or on any other public right-of-way shall wear a helmet. Said helmet shall fit the person's head, shall be secured to the person's head by straps while the electric bicycle is being operated, and shall meet the standards for helmets established by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

§169-33 Penalties

Violations of this Article shall be punishable by a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Rosemary Sandlin, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


Christopher S. Cappucci, Solicitor