

ORDINANCE 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING MOTORIZED BICYCLES AND LOW SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, In December 2025, Governor Murphy signed S4834/A6235 into law establishing regulations governing motorized bicycles and requiring certain riders to have registration, a license and insurance; and

WHEREAS, S4834/A6235 establishes which public right-of-ways and highways motorized bicycles, and electric scooters may operate; and

WHEREAS, S4834/A6235 authorizes municipalities to expressly prohibit the operation of motorized bicycles and low speed electric scooters on public land: and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general public welfare to prohibit the operation of motorized bicycles and electric scooters on Township owned property, trails, paths and/or greenways, except such vehicles may operate in parking lots and parking lot access roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows: (additions to text indicated by **underline**; deletions to text indicated by ~~strikeout~~).

SECTION 1: That Chapter 164 “Peace and Good Order” Article I “Miscellaneous Offences” Section 164-22 “All-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and dirtbikes” is hereby amended and supplemented in the following parts only.

§ 164-22 All-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and dirt bikes

The use or operation by any persons of all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, ~~and dirt bikes~~, **motorized bicycles and low speed electric scooters** on Township-owned property, **trails, paths and/or greenways** is strictly prohibited at all times. **Except motorized bicycles and low speed electric scooters may operate in parking lots and parking lot access roads.**

SECTION II: That Chapter 177 “Recreation Areas, Parks and Nature Preserves” Article II “Use of Parks” Section 177-21 “Prohibited Actions” be amended and supplemented in the following parts only.

§ 177-21 Prohibited actions

(A) While in the public parks and/or recreation areas regulated by this article in Colts Neck Township, all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner; and, in particular no person shall:

(12) Drive any vehicle, **motorized bicycle or low speed electric scooter** on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas or such areas as may, upon occasion, be specifically designated as temporary areas.

SECTION III: That Chapter 177 “Recreation Areas, Parks and Nature Preserves” Article IV “Freer Nature Preserve” Section 177-28 “Prohibited Actions” be amended and supplemented in the following parts only.

§ 177-28 Prohibited actions

(A) While in the Freer Nature Preserve, all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner; and, in particular, no person shall:

(11) Drive any vehicle, whether or not motorized, and including but not limited to bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, motorbikes, **motorized bicycles, low speed electric scooters**, etc., into or upon the Freer Nature Preserve.

SECTION IV: That Chapter 225 “Vehicles, Motor-Driven” Article I “Unlicensed Vehicles” Section 225-1 “Operation on public property” be amended and supplemented in the following parts only.

§ 225-1. Operation on public property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any type of unlicensed motor-driven vehicle or conveyance, including but not necessarily limited to snowmobiles, two-wheel motor vehicles known as “Minibicycles”, “trail bicycles”, ~~and “motor scooters”~~, **“motorized bicycles”, “low speed electric scooters”**, and four-wheel motor vehicles, ~~commonly known as “go-carts,”~~ upon any public property or township-owned land in Colts Neck Township, New Jersey. **Except motorized bicycles and low speed electric scooters may operate in parking lots and parking lot access roads.**

SECTION V: Severability.

If any section, paragraph subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION VI: Repealer.

The remainder of all other sections and subsections of the aforementioned ordinance not specifically amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VII: Inconsistent Ordinance.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

SECTION VIII: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, publication and filing according to law.

I hereby certify the Ordinance foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township on the 13th day of May, 2026.

Kathleen Capristo

Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

| RECORD OF VOTE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | April 29, 2026 | | | | | May 13, 2026 | | | | | | |
| | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Viola | | | X | | | | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Buzzetta | | | X | | | | M | | X | | | |
| Rizzuto | | | X | | | | | | X | | | |
| Torchia Buss | M | | X | | | | S | | X | | | |
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