ORDINANCE NO. 26-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 (PARKS AND RECREATION) OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CEDAR HOLLOW REGARDING THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND ELECTRIC MOBILITY DEVICES IN VILLAGE PARKS

DRAFT — REDLINE FOR SECOND READING. Underlined blue text is proposed to be added; ~~struck red text~~ is proposed to be deleted. Prepared by the Village Attorney, April 20, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Village of Cedar Hollow is a home rule municipality pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the increased use of ~~remote-controlled model aircraft~~ unmanned aircraft systems, electric scooters, electric bicycles and similar electric mobility devices in Village parks warrants updated regulation to protect the safety of park users; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission and the Parks Advisory Board reviewed the proposed amendments at public meetings held on March 18 and April 2, 2026 and recommended approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cedar Hollow, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14-2-1 (Definitions) is amended as follows:

"ELECTRIC MOBILITY DEVICE" means any electric scooter, electric skateboard, hoverboard, electric unicycle, or low-speed electric bicycle as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-140.10, but does not include a mobility device used by a person with a disability.

"~~MODEL AIRCRAFT~~UNMANNED AIRCRAFT" means ~~any aircraft that is flown for hobby or recreational purposes and is capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere~~an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft, including any associated elements required for the operator to control the aircraft, as defined in 14 CFR Part 107.

SECTION 2. Section 14-3-7 (Prohibited Activities) is amended as follows:

(A) No person shall operate ~~a model aircraft~~an unmanned aircraft in any Village park except ~~in areas designated by the Director~~(1) within the designated flying field at Riverbend Park during posted hours, or (2) pursuant to a special-use permit issued under Section 14-5-2.

(B) No person shall operate an unmanned aircraft over any athletic field, playground, pool, pavilion or special event while in use, or within 100 feet of any person not participating in the operation.

(~~B~~C) No person shall operate ~~a bicycle, skateboard, roller skates or similar wheeled device~~a bicycle or electric mobility device on any turf area, playground surface, or in any area where signs prohibit such use. Electric mobility devices shall not exceed 15 miles per hour on any trail and shall yield to pedestrians at all times.

(~~C~~D) No person shall ~~ride a bicycle after dark without a lamp~~operate a bicycle or electric mobility device between sunset and sunrise without a front lamp visible from 500 feet and a rear red reflector or lamp.

~~(D) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle of any kind on any trail.~~

SECTION 3. Section 14-7-1 (Penalties) is amended as follows:

Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than ~~twenty-five dollars ($25.00)~~fifty dollars ($50.00) nor more than ~~five hundred dollars ($500.00)~~seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) for each offense. A person operating an unmanned aircraft in violation of Section 14-3-7(B) shall, in addition to any fine, be subject to immediate removal from the park.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ~~from and after its passage, approval and publication~~on July 1, 2026, following its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.
AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

APPROVED: _____
Nadia Ferreira, Village President

ATTEST: _____
Marcus Oyelaran, Village Clerk

STAFF MEMORANDUM

To: President Ferreira and Board of Trustees
From: Lena Gutierrez, Community Development Director
Date: April 20, 2026
Re: Ordinance 26-11 — Summary of changes since first reading

Section	First reading (Apr 6)	Second reading draft	Reason
14-2-1	Defined “model aircraft”	Replaces with FAA-aligned “unmanned aircraft”; adds “electric mobility device”	Consistency with federal definitions; Trustee Kim request
14-3-7(A)	Director-designated areas	Names the Riverbend flying field; permits by special use	Parks Advisory Board recommendation
14-3-7(B)	—	New 100-foot standoff and no overflight of active facilities	Risk Management review
14-3-7(C)	Wheeled devices on turf	Adds 15 mph trail limit for e-devices	Public comment, Mar 18
14-7-1	$25–$500	$50–$750; removal for overflight violations	Aligns with Chapter 9 fine schedule
Sec. 5	Effective on publication	Effective July 1, 2026	Allows signage and public education