

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF JAMESTOWN**

**COUNTY OF OTTAWA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Jamestown, held at the Township Hall, on the 19th day of January, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: VanHaitsma, DeHaan, Brouwer, Miller, Tacoma and Wolfert

ABSENT: Members: Windemuller

The following Ordinance was offered by Member Miller and supported by Member DeHaan.

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-001**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 02-003, THE  
SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS ORDINANCE  
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF JAMESTOWN, AS AMENDED**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF JAMESTOWN ORDAINS:

**Section 1.**     **Amendment of Section 5 of Ordinance 02-003.** Section 5 of Ordinance 02-003, the Sidewalks and Bicycle Paths Ordinance of the Charter Township of Jamestown, as amended by Ordinance No. 06-11, and Ordinance No. 25-009 (collectively the “Sidewalks and Bike Paths Ordinance”) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 5.     Definitions. The following listed words and phrases are defined for the purpose of their use in this Ordinance. These definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Ordinance unless otherwise specifically stated.

**“Bicycle”** means a device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having either two or three wheels in a tandem or tricycle arrangement.

**“Bicycle Path”** means a paved surface paralleling and usually separate from the paved surface of a street or road, typically installed on one side of a street or road only, which is wider than a Sidewalk and is for use by bicycles with possible incidental use by pedestrians.

**“Electric Bicycle”** means a device upon which an individual may ride that satisfies all of the following:

- (a) The device is equipped with all of the following:

- (i) A seat or saddle for use by the rider.
  - (ii) Fully operable pedals for human propulsion.
  - (iii) An electric motor of not greater than 750 watts.
- (b) The device falls within 1 of the following categories:
- (i) Class 1 electric bicycle. As used in this subparagraph, "class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
  - (ii) Class 2 electric bicycle. As used in this subparagraph, "class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied.
  - (iii) Class 3 electric bicycle. As used in this subparagraph, "class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.

**"Electric Skateboard"** means a wheeled device that has a floorboard designed to be stood upon when riding that is no more than 60 inches long and 18 inches wide, is designed to transport only 1 person at a time, has an electrical propulsion system with power of no more than 2,500 watts, and has a maximum speed on a paved level surface of not more than 25 miles per hour. An electric skateboard may have handlebars and, in addition to having an electrical propulsion system with power of no more than 2,500 watts, may be designed to also be powered by human propulsion. An Electric Skateboard includes an electric scooter.

**"Micromobility devices"** means any small, lightweight, human-powered or electrically-powered transportation devices, typically designed for single-person use and includes, but is not limited to, a Bicycle, Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 Electric Bicycle, Electric Skateboard, or similar device that is not gas-powered and has a speed 20 mph or less. Micromobility device does not include a Motor Vehicle.

**"Moped"** means a 2- or 3-wheeled vehicle to which both of the following apply: (a) is equipped with a motor that does not exceed 100 cubic centimeters piston displacement and cannot propel the vehicle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on a level surface; and (b) its power drive system does not require the operator to shift gears. A Moped does not include an Electric Bicycle.

**“Motorcycle”** means a Motor Vehicle having saddle or seat for the use of a rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

**“Motor Vehicle”** means a vehicle that is self-propelled and as defined in the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act 300 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1949, as amended, as that definition may be revised from time to time; provided, however, that a Micromobility Device is not a Motor Vehicle for purposes of this Ordinance.

**“Sidewalk”** means a paved surface paralleling and separate from the paved surface of a street or road, typically installed on both sides of a street or road, for use primarily by pedestrians.

**“Snowmobile”** means a motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice of a type which utilizes sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated.

**“Township”** means the Charter Township of Jamestown, Ottawa County, Michigan.

**“Vehicle”** means a device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn, except devices exclusively moved by human power.

**Section 2.     Amendment of Section 6 of Ordinance 02-003.** Section 6 of the Sidewalks

and Bicycle Paths Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 6.     Use By Certain Vehicles Restricted. No person shall operate a Snowmobile, Moped, Motorcycle, or any other type of Motor Vehicle upon any Sidewalk or Bicycle Path within the Township except to enter or leave adjacent property. This Section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of Sidewalks and Bicycle Paths by persons using motorized wheelchairs or other Micromobility Devices; provided, however, that such use shall be in accordance with the requirements of Sections 7 and 8 of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.     Amendment of Section 7 of Ordinance 02-003.** Section 7 of the Sidewalks

and Bicycle Paths Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 7.     Pedestrian Right-of-Way. A person operating a motorized wheelchair, Micromobility Device, or Bicycle on a Sidewalk or Bicycle Path, or a person who is skating with in-line skates or using a skateboard or riding a scooter, or some other device with wheels on a Sidewalk or Bicycle Path, shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

**Section 4.     Amendment of Section 8 of Ordinance 02-003.** Section 8 of the Sidewalks

and Bicycle Paths Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 8.     Operation of Micromobility Device. The maximum speed limit for a person operating a Micromobility Device on a Sidewalk or Bicycle Path, skating on a Sidewalk or Bicycle Path with in-line skates or with a skateboard, or riding a scooter or other device with wheels, is 15 miles per hour. Any person operating a Micromobility Device on a Sidewalk or Bicycle Path, skating on a Sidewalk or Bicycle Path with in-line skates or a skateboard or riding a scooter or other device with wheels, shall do so in a manner that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing and yield the right of way to motor vehicles that are crossing the Sidewalk or Bicycle Path.

**Section 5.     Amendment of Section 19.A. of Ordinance 02-003.** Section 19.A. of the

Sidewalks and Bicycle Paths Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

A.     Sidewalk and Bicycle Path Construction Standards. The following construction requirements shall apply to all Sidewalks and Bicycle Paths.

1.     The following construction requirements shall apply to Sidewalks:

- (a)     All Sidewalks shall be of concrete construction.
- (b)     All Sidewalks shall conform to the minimum requirements for Sidewalk construction as adopted and amended from time to time by the Ottawa County Road Commission.
- (c)     Sidewalks located along minor subdivision streets shall be a minimum of five (5) feet in width.

2.     The following construction requirements shall apply to Bicycle Paths:

- (a)     Bicycle Paths shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet in width.
- (b)     Bicycle Paths constructed of concrete shall be constructed in accordance with the same construction requirements as apply to sidewalks as provided above.
- (c)     Bicycle Paths constructed with bituminous pavement shall have a compacted sub base of six (6") inches of MDOT class II sand, overlaid by six (6") inches of MDOT 21AA aggregate compacted in place. Geotextile fabric shall be laid between the class II sand subbase and the 21AA aggregate. The Bicycle Path shall be surfaced with two courses of bituminous pavement. The base course shall consist of 165#/sy (1 ½" thick) MDOT 5EL bituminous mixture. The

top course shall consist of 165#/sy (1 ½" thick) MDOT 5EL bituminous mixture. A bond coat shall be applied between successive courses of bituminous at a rate of 0.10 gallons per square yard.

**Section 6. Penalties: Enforcement**

(a) Any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to payment of a civil fine, as well as any other action by the Township to abate the violation. The minimum fine for a municipal civil infraction under this ordinance shall be Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars plus costs and other sanctions for each violation. The maximum fine for a municipal civil infraction shall be Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars plus costs and other sanctions for each violation. Increased civil fines shall be imposed for repeated offenses by the same person. As used in this section, the term "repeated offense" means a second (or any subsequent) municipal civil infraction of the same requirement or provision of this ordinance which is committed by a person, firm or corporation within twelve (12) months of a prior municipal civil infraction for which the person, firm or corporation admitted responsibility or was determined to be responsible and for which the person, firm or corporation admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. Each day on which a violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be subject to penalties or sanctions as a separate offense.

(b) The Township Supervisor, the Township Attorney, the Township Zoning Administrator, the Building Inspector and an Ottawa County Sheriff's Deputy are hereby authorized to issue municipal civil infraction citations (directing alleged violators to appear in court) for violations of this ordinance. All such citations shall be issued in accordance with all of the requirements of Chapter 87 of the Revised Judicature Act of the State of Michigan, as amended from time to time (MCL 600.8700, et. seq.).

(c) Any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a nuisance per se. The Township is authorized to take any and all actions appropriate to prevent, abate, enjoin or remove any such violation.

(d) The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

**Section 7. Severability and Captions.** This Ordinance and its various parts, sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, and clauses are severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, phrase, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected. The captions included at the beginning of each Section are for convenience only and shall not be considered as part of this Ordinance.

**Section 8. Repeal.** All ordinances which are in conflict in whole or in part with any of the provisions of this Ordinance as of the date of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of that conflict.

**Section 9. Publication/Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

AYES: Members: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma

NAYS: Members: None


ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Passed and adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Jamestown, County of Ottawa, Michigan, on January 19, 2026.



Laurie VanHaitsma, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Jamestown

Attest:


  
Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

Ordinance #	26-001
First Reading:	December 15, 2025
Second Reading:	January 19, 2026
Ordinance becomes effective:	February 4, 2026

#### **CERTIFICATE OF TOWNSHIP CLERK**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Jamestown, County of Ottawa, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 19, 2026, and that the public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, being Act No. 267 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township and such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

  
Candy DeHaan  
Township Clerk

### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Jamestown, County of Ottawa, State of Michigan, hereby certify pursuant to MCL 42.22 that Township Ordinance No. 26-001, or a summary thereof, was published in the *Grand Rapids Press* on January 27, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candy DeHaan", written over a horizontal line.

Candy DeHaan  
Township Clerk