

From: [Diana Quast](#)
To: [Maura Weissleder](#)
Subject: FW: Town of Yorktown bicycle and eBike classification within the Unregistered Self-Propelled and Limited-Use Off-Road Vehicle law
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:55:30 AM

From: Sam Lee <sam@wmba.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:15 PM
To: Ed Lachterman <elachterman@yorktownny.org>; Sergio Esposito <sesposito@yorktownny.org>; Luciana Haughwout <lhaughwout@yorktownny.org>; Patrick Murphy <pmurphy@yorktownny.org>; Diana Quast <dquast@yorktownny.org>
Cc: ben@wmba.org; Hugo Salinas <hugo@wmba.org>; Megan Cea <megan@wmba.org>; John Ford <john@wmba.org>
Subject: Town of Yorktown bicycle and eBike classification within the Unregistered Self-Propelled and Limited-Use Off-Road Vehicle law

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Town of Yorktown Council members,

I am writing to ask the Board to revise the existing draft of the Unregistered Self-Propelled and Limited-Use Off-Road Vehicle law.

The change to Yorktown's Vehicle laws is poorly written because the town's proposed change puts ATVs and bicycles in the same classes of vehicles – Unregistered self-propelled vehicles and Limited-Use Off-Road Vehicles.
(Section § 275-27. Definitions)

The state already has defined ATVs/off-road vehicles as separate and distinct from e-bicycles and trail bicycles.

- **NYS Bicycle Definition**
(<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/VAT/102>)
- **NYS Electric Bicycle Definition**
(<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/VAT/102-C>)
- **NYS Rules for ATVs/Dirt Bikes** (<https://dmv.ny.gov/brochure/atvs-information-owners-and-operators>)

The proposed revision offered by the NY NJ Trail Conference in partnership with the Yorktown Trail Town Committee (attached) ensures that this vital distinction is made between bicycles and ATVs, dirt bikes, and limited off-road use vehicles. ATVs and dirt bikes have a far more damaging impact on the trails than trail bicycle and electric bicycle use. Further, it aligns the town's laws with the State's definitions and requirements.

As a trail bicycle rider on Yorktown's trails, I encourage the Town Board to adopt clear definitions for each vehicle category to ensure the law is effective and enforceable.

I have attached a link to a Google Docs file with photos of what your green spaces will look like if you allow ATVs if you permit off-road activities by that user group. The 3 parcels that make up the

Yorktown trail system is an amazing gem that is loved by all, and we appreciate the partnership between WMBA, the NYNJTC, and the Town of Yorktown for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

Sam Lee

President, Westchester Mountain Biking Association

17 Spur Rd.

Putnam Valley, NY 10579

<https://www.wmba.org/our-trails>

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ITtH1i8bcKBIKpxfoUtxLjkRo_Uyz7B47CnHsXLI0/edit?usp=sharing