

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2004-52

No. 587 **AN ORDINANCE** IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 15
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," BY ADDING ARTICLE
XI, SECTION 15-131, "MOTORIZED DEVICES"

Approved December 7, 2004

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the operation of motorized devices, such as
scooters equipped with motors has created a hazardous situation on public sidewalks,
where pedestrian safety is being threatened; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that the noise produced by the motors of
these scooters, especially during the night hours, is unreasonable, interferes with the quiet
of residential neighborhoods, and constitutes a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, danger is created when scooters travel at high speeds on busy streets,
both for automobiles and scooters; and

WHEREAS, no permit, registration, and or licensing is currently required by state
law for these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, many operators do not obey the rules of the road;

Be it ordained that the City of Providence:

Section 1.

Sec. 15-131. Motorized Devices.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized device on any public sidewalk
or street. For the purposes of this section, a "motorized device" means a device which
may be propelled by human power or helper power or by both, with a motor rated not
more than one and one-half (1.5) brake horsepower or two (2) (S.A.E.) horsepower,
which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour, except

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IN CITY COUNCIL
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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES

Michael K. Bennett
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THE COMMITTEE ON

Ordinances

Recommends

Ann M. Steen

CLERK

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10-13-04. Cn 4

THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES

Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, as

Ann M. Steen, as Amended

Clerk

11-8-04

Council President Lombardi, By Request

vehicles moved exclusively by human power, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, including Segways, motorized wheelchairs and motorized scooters designed for individuals with disabilities, or any other vehicle utilized by a disabled person as a means of transportation without which he or she would be unable to travel his or her only practicable means of transportation.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the terms "disabled" and "disabilities" refer to an impairment which prevents or impedes walking, which shall include but not be limited to: (i) an impairment which prevents walking and requires use of a wheelchair; (ii) an impairment which involuntarily causes difficulty or insecurity in walking or climbing stairs with or without the need to use braces, crutches, canes or artificial support; (iii) an impairment caused by amputation, arthritis, or an orthopedic condition; (iv) an impairment in respiratory, circulatory, or neurological health which limits the person's walking capability; or (v) an impairment caused by the taking of medication that prohibits a person from holding a driver's license.

When a minor operates a motorized device, the minor's legal guardian is liable and legally responsible for all injuries and damages caused by the minor's operation of the motorized device, and for the minor's violation of this ordinance.

Any person convicted of willfully violating this ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and/or a requirement to perform community service for a total time not to exceed twenty (20) hours over a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, during times other than his or her hours of school attendance and employment. Each violation of this section mentioned section shall be a separate infraction.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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FINAL READING
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PRESIDENT

CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

12/7/04