

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2004-27

No. 257

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, "MOTORIZED
VEHICLES," SECTION 15-131, "MOTORIZED DEVICES,"
AS AMENDED

Approved June 4, 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;

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
vehicles moved exclusively by human power, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility
Devices, including Segways, and motorized wheelchairs.

No.

Amended
5/27/04

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IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 7 2003
FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES
Michael R. Clement *ams*
CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
Ordinances
Recommends

11-4-03 CLERK
(Amended) *ams*

THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES
Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance

Ann M. Steen
5-11-04 Clerk

THE COMMITTEE ON
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Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, as Amended
Ann M. Steen
5-27-04 Clerk

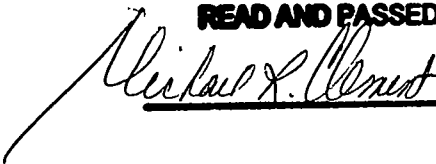
Councilman Butler, Hussell, DeLuca, Mancini, Luna + Councilwoman Romano

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.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20 2004

FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED, and Referred Back to the Committee on Ordinances

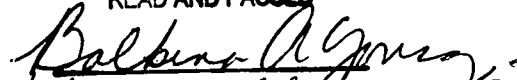


CLERK

APPROVED


MAYOR 6/4/04

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 3 2004
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED


PRESIDENT ACTING

CLERK