

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.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

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5-11-04
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Councilman Butler, Hussell, DeLuca, Mancini, Luna + Councilwoman Romms

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

Michael R. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED

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MAYOR 6/4/04

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