

MOTORIZED SCOOTER

A vehicle consisting of any two wheeled device that has handlebars or other steering device, designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, which is powered by a motor and not defined as a “motor vehicle” or “motorized bicycle” under Chapter 90, except that an electronic personal assistive mobility device or other mobility device for a person with disabilities shall not be considered a motorized scooter under this section G.L.c. 90.

ARTICLE XXIII REGULATIONS FOR MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

Sec 23.1 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- (a) Every person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge shall wear protective headgear conforming to the standards governing bicycles helmets.
- (b) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge unless such motorized scooter is equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the scooter traveling at a speed of fifteen miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within thirty feet on a dry, clean, hard level surface.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge unless the handlebars are below shoulder height of the operator.

Sec 23.2 OPERATING REGULATIONS

- (a) A person under the age of 16 may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge.
- (b) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, safety of any person or the property of any other person.
- (d) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge while under the influence of alcohol as set forth in G. L. c. 90 s. 24.
- (e) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the

City of Cambridge in violation of any federal, state, or local traffic and parking laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations.

- (f) A person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge may not permit any person to ride as a passenger on such scooter.
- (g) A person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge may not pass or overtake another motorized scooter traveling in the same direction.
- (h) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge during hours of darkness (one half hour before sunrise or one half hour after sunset).
- (i) No person can park a motorized scooter in such a manner as to restrict safe and unobstructed access for pedestrians. No parked motor scooter shall impede access to persons with disabilities.

Sec 23.3 RIDING BANNED IN CERTAIN AREAS

- (a) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any sidewalk, except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property.
- (b) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge prohibiting bicycles.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge with a posted speed limit greater than 30 m.p.h.
- (d) A person may not operate a motorized scooter on an off-street recreational bicycle path, park, playground or other City owned recreational facilities.

Sec 23.4 ENFORCEMENT

- (a) A person who is charged with violating this regulation shall give his or her name or address to the enforcing authority.
- (b) A person who violates this section or knowingly permits another to violate this section shall be punished by a fine of \$50 in the manner provided by G. L. c. 40, § 21D. The police department is the enforcing authority for violations of this section.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action or other legal remedy available to the City.