

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF
ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO SCOOTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. Section 16-1 of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended to add a new definition as follows:

Sec. 16-1. – Definitions.

Standup electric scooter means a two-wheeled device that has handlebars, a floorboard, designed to be stood upon when riding, and is powered by electricity with a motor of 750 watts or less. The electricity is stored on board in a rechargeable battery. The maximum motor-assist speed shall be less than 20 miles per hour (mph) on level ground.

Section 2. Section 16-221, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE V. – BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, AND SCOOTERS AND PLAY VEHICLES

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 16-221. - Impoundment of bicycles and scooters.

Any law enforcement officer or parking enforcement employee of this city may impound any bicycle or standup electric scooter operated or parked in violation of the provisions ~~of division 2~~ of this article and retain possession of the same until ownership is established; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the authority of law enforcement officers to take into custody any bicycle or standup electric scooter believed to be stolen.

An administrative fee incurred by the city set by the city manager or his designee incident to impounding and stringing a bicycle or scooter shall be paid by the owner or person in charge of the impounded bicycle or scooter to the city.

Section 3. Section 16-222 of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-222. - Use of skateboards, roller skates, and scooters.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person riding on a skateboard, roller skates or non-motorized scooter to ride any of such devices on any street, on the premises of the municipal building or of any municipal parking facility, or to ride any of such devices on any sidewalk located in the central business district of the city, ~~hereby defined as being bounded on the north by Lindsay Street, on the east by Church Street, on the west by Edgeworth Street, and on the south by McGee Street.~~ In addition, it shall be unlawful for

any person riding on a skateboard, roller skates or a non-motorized scooter to ride any such device on the sidewalks adjacent to South Elm Street between McGee Street and West Gate City Boulevard ~~Lee Street~~.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a standup electric scooter on the premises of any municipal parking facility or on any sidewalk.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a standup electric scooter on streets with a speed limit exceeding 35 miles per hour.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a standup electric scooter unless that scooter is equipped with reflectors or reflective paint on the base and handle-bar support column.

Section 4. Section 16-228, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-228. - Bicycle-street lanes.

The street or portions of streets designated in traffic schedule no. 11 are established as bicycle-street lanes for the use of ~~nonmotorized bicycles requiring manual operation~~ or standup electric scooters. When official traffic signs are in place designating a bicycle-street lane, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, drive, or enter any vehicle (except a bicycle or standup electric scooter as defined above) within a bicycle-street lane as designated by traffic schedule no. 11.

Section 5. Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

Sec. 16-229. – Standup electric scooter share permit.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate a commercial standup electric scooter share program within any public right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Director of Transportation and paying the proper fees.
- (b) The Director of Transportation may issue a permit for the operation of a Standup Electric Scooter Share Program.
- (c) For good cause, the Director of Transportation may revoke any permit issued under this Section. Good cause shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:
 - (1) Permittee failed to pay a fine imposed by the City of Greensboro within 30 days;

- (2) Permittee failed to pay a permit fee within 30 days following notice of nonpayment;
 - (3) Permittee has violated any statute or ordinance governing operation of the powered scooters; or
 - (4) Permittee has violated one or more conditions of the permit.
- (d) Any authorized employee of the City or designated official may impound any standup electric scooters found in violation of this section and charge an impound fee.

Secs. 16-~~229~~230—16-240. - Reserved.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.