

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

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

Section 1. Section 16-1. - Definitions of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 16-1. - Definitions.

Electric Sstandup ~~electric~~-scooter means a ~~two-wheeled~~ device with no more than three 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels, that has handlebars, ~~a floorboard~~, is designed to be stood upon when by the user while riding, and is powered by an electricity with a motor of seven hundred fifty (750) watts or less that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. ~~The electricity is stored on board in a rechargeable battery. The maximum motor assist speed shall at a speed no greater than (20) miles per hour (mph) on a paved level surface ground.~~

Electric assisted bicycle means a bicycle with two or three wheels that is equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider, fully operable pedals for human propulsion, and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts, whose maximum speed on a level surface when powered solely by such a motor is no greater than 20 miles per hour.

Bicycle means a nonmotorized vehicle with two or three wheels tandem, a steering handle, one or two saddle seats, and pedals by which the vehicle is propelled, or an electric assisted bicycle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(7a). (1977, c. 1123, s. 1; 2016-90, s. 13(c).)

Micromobility vehicle means a lightweight, electric-powered vehicle with maximum propulsion speeds of 20 mph or less, including electric assisted bicycles and standup electric scooters.

Motor vehicle means a vehicle which is self-propelled or is designed to run upon the highways and is pulled by a self-propelled vehicle. This does not include mopeds as defined in G.S. 105-164.3 or micromobility vehicles.

Vehicle means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon fixed rails or tracks; provided that for the purposes of this chapter, bicycles and all micromobility vehicles shall be deemed vehicles.

Shared-use path means a paved pathway for bicycles and pedestrians either paralleling a roadway and located within the right-of-way of said roadway, or located within a public easement or right-of-way other than that of a roadway, and designated by signage as a public trail or greenway.

Section 2. ARTICLE V. – BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, AND SCOOTERS of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

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

Section 3. Section 16-221, of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-221. - Impoundment of bicycles and micromobility vehicles ~~scooters~~.

Any law enforcement officer or parking enforcement employee of this city may impound any bicycle or ~~standup electric scooter~~ micromobility vehicle operated or parked in violation of the provisions 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 ~~scooter~~ micromobility vehicle believed to be stolen.

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

Section 4. Section 16-222 of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-222. - Use of skateboards, roller skates, and non-motorized 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. 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.
- (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 5. Section 16-224 of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-224. - Clinging to motor vehicle.

It shall be unlawful for any person riding a bicycle, micromobility vehicle, sled, roller skates, skateboard, or nonmotorized vehicle to attach it or himself to a vehicle which is in motion on a street.

Section 6. Section 16-225 of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-225. – Bicycle and micromobility vehicle brakes.

It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle or a micromobility vehicle on a street unless it is equipped with brakes in good working order adequate to control and stop the movement of the bicycle or micromobility vehicle.

Section 7. Section 16-227 of Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-227. – ~~Driving bicycles~~ Use of bicycles and micromobility vehicles on sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful to drive or ride a bicycle or micromobility vehicle within a sidewalk area in the central business district unless it is at a permanent or temporary driveway. ~~All other sidewalks shall be for the joint use of pedestrians and non-motorized bicycles requiring manual power.~~ In the interest of public safety, the director shall be authorized to prohibit the operation of bicycles and micromobility vehicles on other sidewalks located in high pedestrian traffic areas. All bicycles and micromobility vehicles shall yield the right of way on sidewalks to pedestrians.

Section 8. 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 bicycles ~~or standup electric scooters~~ and micromobility vehicles. 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~~ micromobility vehicle scooter as defined above) within a bicycle-street lane as designated by traffic schedule no. 11.

Section 9. Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-229. – ~~Standup electric scooter share~~ Shared micromobility service permit.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate a commercial ~~standup electric scooter share~~ shared micromobility service ~~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~~ Shared Micromobility Program Service.

(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~~ micromobility vehicles; 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~~ micromobility vehicles found in violation of this section and charge an impound fee.

Section 10. Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

Sec. 16-230. – Number of riders on a micromobility vehicle.

It shall be unlawful for more than one person to ride upon a micromobility vehicle at a time.

Secs. ~~16-230~~231—16-240. - Reserved.