



Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

Re: Amending Chapters 11, 14 and 17 of the City Code Relating to Motor Propelled Scooters and Electric Assist Bicycles

Executive Summary

An ordinance has been prepared to amend Chapters 11 (Health and Sanitation), 14 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) and 17 (Parks and Recreation) of the City of Columbia Code of Ordinances relating to the regulation of motor propelled scooters and electric assist bicycles.

Discussion

Due to changes in technology and modes of transportation, amendments to the City Code are proposed to provide for the regulation and use of motor propelled scooters and electric assist bicycles. In general, the amendments provide for the regulation of motor propelled scooters and electric assist bicycles in a similar manner as roller skates, skateboards and bicycles.

The proposed amendments will provide for the following:

1. A "motor propelled scooter" will be defined within Chapters 14 and 17 and is limited to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour;
2. Electric assist bicycles are added to the definition of "cycle" in Section 14-491;
3. A person must be age 16 or older to operate a motor propelled scooter;
4. Operation of a motor propelled scooter is prohibited in city parks and trails;
5. Motor propelled scooters are prohibited on sidewalks and public parking lots and garages within the boundaries of the Central Business District;
6. Operation of motor propelled scooters is required to be consistent with traffic laws and safety equipment; and
7. Any person who violates the regulations could be subjected to a fine of no less than five dollars (\$5.00) and no more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: none

Long-Term Impact: none

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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	None.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation.