



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, April 8, 2024

Subject: Ordinance Adopting New Section of the Medina Municipal Code for E-Vehicle Safety

Category: Ordinance/Consent

Staff Contact: Jeff Sass, Chief of Police

Summary

On September 11, 2023, the Council previously discussed the creation of a new code section providing for E-Vehicle Safety. During that meeting, the City Council provided the staff with guidance on proposed revisions to the draft code. The revised code is now before the Council in ordinance form for adoption. The proposed attached draft ordinance is recommended to be adopted by Council.

Under state law, persons under the age of 16 may not operate motorized foot scooters¹ unless allowed by local law (which Medina does not have). In addition, state law also prohibits persons under the age of 16 from operating a Class 3 E-Bike² (which can reach speeds of 28 miles per hour). Persons under the age of 16 *can* operate Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bikes.³

The Ordinance creates a new section 10.48.030 in the Medina Municipal Code in the “Bicycles” chapter which includes the following:

Section A: the Ordinance incorporates the state (RCW) definitions for “Motorized foot scooter” and “Electric-assisted bicycle”.

Section B: the Ordinance requires any person operating a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device to obey all the rules of the road applicable to vehicle or pedestrian traffic, as well as the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Section C: the Ordinance requires helmets for any operator, rider, or person “in tow” of a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device, upon any public area in the City of Medina.

Section D: the Ordinance establishes a \$100 penalty for violation of the Ordinance.

¹ RCW 46.20.500(5).

² RCW 46.20.500(3).

³ RCW 46.20.500(3).

This meets and supports Council's priorities 3 and 4.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

Attachment

Proposed Ordinance No. 1026.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 1026

City Manager Approval: *Aimee Kellerman* Signed on behalf of Stephen R. Burns

Proposed Council Motion: "I move to adopt Ordinance No. 1026 as proposed regarding E-Vehicle Safety."