



# MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDINA HELMET MUNICIPAL CODE

### RECOMMENDATION



#### 1. Definitions:

- a. RCW 46.04.336: "Motorized foot scooter" means a device with two or three wheels that has handlebars, a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, and is powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that has a maximum speed of no greater than twenty miles per hour on level ground.
- b. RCW 46.04.169: "Electric-assisted bicycle" means a bicycle with two or three wheels, a saddle, fully operative pedals for human propulsion, and an electric motor. The electric-assisted bicycle's electric motor must have a power output of no more than seven hundred fifty watts. The electric-assisted bicycle must meet the requirements of one of the following three classifications:
  - i. (1) "Class 1 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-assisted bicycle in which the motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour;
  - ii. (2) "Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-assisted bicycle in which the motor may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour; or
  - iii. (3) "Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-assisted bicycle in which the motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour and is equipped with a speedometer.

#### 2. Duty to Obey Traffic-Control Signs and Rules of the Road.

- a. Any person operating a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device shall 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.

#### 3. Use Prohibited in Certain Areas.

- a. Motorized foot scooters, electric-assisted bicycles, or similar devices shall not be operated in any park, trail, walking path or walkway. Exception: this section shall not apply to the use of wheelchair conveyances when operated by a disabled person, as defined in RCW [46.04.710](#), or to strollers used to transport small children.

#### 4. Helmets Required.

- a. Any person operating a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device, or riding as a passenger on or in tow of a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device, upon any public area in the City of Medina shall wear a helmet designed for safety and shall have either a neck or chin strap on the helmet fastened securely while the a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device is in motion. No person shall transport any person on or in tow of a motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device upon a public area in the jurisdiction of the City of Medina unless the passenger is wearing a helmet that meets the requirements of this chapter.

#### 5. Hours of Operation.

- a. No motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device shall be operated between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour after sunrise.

#### 6. Mufflers Required.

- a. Motorized foot scooter, electric-assisted bicycle, or similar device shall have a muffler attached to muffle engine noise.

#### 7. Penalty.

- a. A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00