

Ordinance No. O-2122-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTIONS 20-401 THROUGH 20-407, IN ARTICLE IV (BICYCLES) OF CHAPTER 20 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) IN ORDER TO UPDATE TERMINOLOGY AND ADD REFERENCES TO MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, SIMILAR DEVICES, AND OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 1. That Article IV of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. – BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

§ 2. That Section 20-401 of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-401 – Traffic laws apply to bicycle and motorized scooter riders.

Every person riding a bicycle or motorized scooter upon a street shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except:

- (1) As to those special provisions contained in this article; and
 - (2) As to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.
- (Ord. No. 0-7273-67; Ord. No. 0-9394-48)

§ 3. That Section 20-402 of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-402 – Riding upon bicycles and motorized scooters.

- (a) No person shall ride upon a bicycle or motorized scooter other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and with at least one (1) hand upon the handlebars.
- (b) No person shall carry persons upon a bicycle or motorized scooter in excess of the number for which the bicycle or motorized scooter was designed and equipped.
- (c) No person under 16 years of age may operate a motorized scooter.

§ 4. That Section 20-403 of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-403 – Riding on sidewalk.

- (a) No person shall ride a bicycle, motorized scooter or skateboard upon any sidewalk or sidewalk area where such riding is specifically prohibited by signs.
- (b) Persons exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of this section are police officers ~~on bicycles~~ in the normal course of police duties who are exercising due caution.

§ 5. That Section 20-404 of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-404. – Riding on streets.

(a) Any person operating a bicycle or motorized scooter upon a roadway at less than normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following situations:

(1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle, motorized scooter or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

(3) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles or similar device, pedestrians, animals or surface hazards.

(b) Any person operating a bicycle or motorized scooter on a one-way highway with two (2) or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.

(c) Persons riding bicycles or motorized scooters upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or similar devices. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable use of traffic and, on a ~~laned~~ striped roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

(d) A person riding a bicycle or motorized scooter across a roadway and within a crosswalk shall walk the bicycle or motorized scooter as a pedestrian and have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

§ 6. That Section 20-405 of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-405. – Carrying articles.

No person shall carry any packages, bundles or articles upon a bicycle or motorized scooter which prevents the rider from keeping at least one (1) hand upon the handlebars.

§ 7. That Section 424.2 of Chapter 22 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-406. – Parking.

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than in a standing position upon the roadway against the curb, or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle, or against a building, or adjacent to the curb, in such a manner so as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

No person shall park a motorized scooter upon a street or sidewalk other than in a standing position and in such a manner so as to afford the least obstruction to traffic, including pedestrian traffic. Further, motorized scooters shall be parked in accordance with the following:

- a. Motorized scooters shall be parked upright on hard surfaces in the furnishings zone or frontage zone of the sidewalk, beside a bicycle rack or in another area specifically designated for bicycle parking;
- b. Motorized scooters shall not be parked in such a manner as to block the through pedestrian zone of the sidewalk, including space necessary to access the button or other device activating the crosswalk signal light; any fire hydrant, call box, or other emergency facility; bus bench; or utility pole or box;
- c. Motorized scooters shall not be parked in such a manner as to impede or interfere with the reasonable use of any commercial window display or access to or from any building;
- d. Motorized scooters shall not be parked in such a manner as to impede or interfere with the reasonable use of any bicycle rack or news rack;
- e. Motorized scooters may be parked on blocks without sidewalks only if the travel lane(s) and pedestrian clear zone are not impeded.
- f. Motorized scooters shall not be parked in the furnishings zone directly adjacent to or within the following areas, such that access is impeded:
 - i. Transit zones, including bus stops, shelters, passenger waiting areas and bus layover and staging zones, except at existing bicycle racks;
 - ii. Loading zones;
 - iii. Accessible parking zone;
 - iv. Street furniture that requires pedestrian access (for example – benches, parking pay stations, bus shelters, transit information signs, etc.);
 - v. Curb ramps;
 - vi. Entryways; and
 - vii. Driveways.

§ 8. That Section 20-407 of Chapter 20 shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20-407. ~~BICYCLE RACING~~

(a) Motorized scooter racing is strictly prohibited.

~~(b) Bicycle racing on the highways is prohibited herein and by section 20-547, except as follows: authorized in this section.~~

- ~~(b)~~ Bicycle racing on a highway shall not be unlawful when a racing event has been approved by State or City authorities. Approval of bicycle highway racing events shall be granted only under conditions which assure reasonable safety for all race participants, spectators

and other highway users, and which prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow which would seriously inconvenience other highway users.

- (~~e~~ii) By agreement with the approving authority, participants in an approved bicycle highway racing event may be exempted from compliance with any traffic laws otherwise applicable thereto, provided that traffic control is adequate to assure the safety of all highway users.

§ 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

(Mayor)

(Mayor)

ATTEST:

(City Clerk)