

§ 73.17 **MOTORIZED SCOOTERS.**

(A) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

MOTORIZED SCOOTER. A self-propelled vehicle or power assisted vehicle drawn by a motor having a piston displacement capacity of 25 cubic centimeters or less or an electric motor that is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour on a flat surface.

(B) Operating restrictions. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized scooter on a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel; on any public street, highway or right-of-way, unless licensed pursuant to state law; or on publicly owned land including school grounds, park property, playgrounds, or recreation areas.

(C) Exceptions. This section does not apply to licensed mopeds, motorized/electric-assisted bicycles or electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined and regulated by state law. Motorized scooters may be operated on public property, streets or sidewalks if the operator has obtained a permit from Police Services. The permit shall be granted only upon the applicant's demonstrated need to operate a motorized scooter for medical reasons.

(D) Penalty. A violation of this section shall be punished as a petty misdemeanor.

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