

ORDINANCE 1843

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS, AMENDING NORTH BEND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.20.020 RELATING TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATION OF MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS; ADOPTING A NEW NBMC SECTION 10.20.050 RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT AND PENALTIES FOR MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend currently regulates motorized foot scooters under chapter 10.20 of the North Bend Municipal Code (“NBMC”); and

WHEREAS, the City has seen increased use of motorized foot scooters within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to regulate motorized foot scooters to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to amend NBMC Section 10.20.020 to lower the speed limits for motorized foot scooters to mirror the speed limit in the City of Snoqualmie, lower the age to operate a motorized foot scooter, and to allow motorized foot scooters on sidewalks within the City; and

WHEREAS, to aid the enforcement of the City’s motorized foot scooter regulations, the City finds it appropriate to adopt a new NBMC Section 10.20.050 to authorize impoundment of motorized foot scooters used in violation of City regulations and to provide for additional penalties;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NBMC Section 10.20.020 (General Requirements and Operation),

Amended: North Bend Municipal Code Section 10.20.020 (General requirements and operation) is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.20.020 General requirements and operation.

A. No person may operate a motorized foot scooter on a public way unless such person is ~~16~~12 years of age or older.

~~B. It is unlawful for any person to use or operate a motorized foot scooter upon any sidewalk or public trail within the city of North Bend.~~

~~B~~C. Every motorized foot scooter when in use during hours of darkness as defined in RCW 46.37.020 shall display a lighted headlight, lighted stop light and at least two illuminating rear reflectors.

~~C~~D. It is unlawful to operate a motorized foot scooter without a muffling device in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise. Operation of a motorized foot scooter with a modified muffling device is unlawful.

~~D~~E. It is unlawful for any person to operate~~Operation of a~~ motorized foot scooter on a public roadway ~~with~~that has a speed limit ~~exceeding in excess of~~ 25 miles per hour, ~~except that unless the motorized foot scooters is~~may be operated within a designated bicycle lanes at a speed not exceeding 25 miles per hour, is unlawful.

~~E~~F. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized foot scooter in excess of 15 miles per hour on the sidewalk.

F. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized foot scooter while carrying a passenger.

G. It is unlawful for any person to tow any person or thing while operating a motorized foot scooter.

H. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have committed a traffic infraction and shall be subject to a penalty ~~of \$30 pursuant to NBMC 10.20.050.~~

Section 2. New NBMC Section 10.20.050 (Impoundment and Penalties), Adopted: A new North Bend Municipal Code Section 10.20.050, to be entitled "Impoundment and penalties," is hereby adopted to read as set forth below:

10.20.050 Impoundment and penalties.

A. A law enforcement officer may impound any motorized foot scooter operated in violation of this chapter.

B. The officer must provide the violator with a written notice setting forth the procedure for reclaiming the motorized foot scooter.

C. The impounded motorized foot scooter shall only be released upon payment of all applicable fines and fees.

D. Fines for violations:

1. First offense: \$250.

2. Second offense: \$500.

3. Third and subsequent offenses: \$750 and possible referral for criminal citation under RCW 46.20.005.

E. If an impounded motorized foot scooter is not claimed within 60 calendar days, it may be declared abandoned and disposed of in accordance with RCW 63.32.010.

Section 3. Severability: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Kendra Rosenberg, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk