

ORDINANCE NO. 385

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF WHEELED ELECTRONICALLY PROPELLED DEVICES IN THE CITY OF ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

I.

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish reasonable regulations of wheeled electronically propelled devices to promote the safety of the operators of wheeled electronically propelled devices.

Sec. 2. Definitions of Terms.

- A. Wheeled electronically propelled devices means any wheeled device that is powered wholly or partially by an electric motor or battery and includes but is not limited to: electric bicycles, electric scooters, self-balancing personal transporters, electric skateboards or longboards, or any other motor-assisted personal mobility devices.
- B. Other wheeled, electronically propelled devices means any wheeled, electronically propelled device which is not defined in Section A above. These devices shall comply with all State and local bicycle ordinances.

Sec. 3. Restrictions.

- A. No person under 18 years of age may operate or ride upon a wheeled, electronically propelled devices at a speed exceeding 15mph on the public streets or highways of this city unless the person wears a protective helmet of a type meeting Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218 as in effect on January 1, 1984.
- B. No person may operate a wheeled, electronically propelled device with any other person under age 18 as a passenger if the passenger is not wearing a protective helmet.
- C. No person may operate a wheeled, electronically propelled device at a speed exceeding 15pmh unless wearing eye protection. However no person may operate a wheeled, electronically propelled device when headlights must be lighted while wearing eye protection which is tinted or shaded to reduce the light transmittance of the device to a level below 35%.

Sec. 4. Requirements to Obey Traffic Signals. At intersections where traffic is directed by traffic signs, it shall be unlawful for any user of a wheeled electronically propelled device to cross the roadway unless they shall obey all traffic signs.

Sec. 5. Hours of Operation. Unless a headlight or headlamp is utilized, wheeled electronically

propelled devices may only be operated 15 minutes after sunrise to 15 minutes prior to sunset.

Sec. 6. Penalty for Violation. A fine of \$50 may be assessed for failure to comply with this ordinance.

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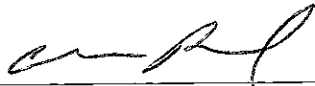
Any and all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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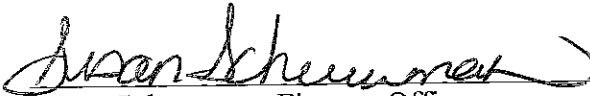
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CITY OF ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA



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