

# Chapter 75: Motorized Scooters

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This ordinance shall govern the use of all motorized scooters, also known as Go-Peds or motorized skateboards, on all public streets, alleys and highways within the City of Manchester and the property of any designation owned by the city. Motorized scooters are not considered motorized vehicles per NH motor vehicles laws

### 75.01 Definition.

For the purpose of this ordinance the term motorized scooters shall mean any vehicle with a gas or electric engine and wheels joined to the bottom of a narrow platform with a vertical handle fixed to the platform, frame or wheels which is intended to be ridden in a standing position.

### 75.02 Obedience to traffic control ordinances; effect of conflict

Any person operating a motorized scooters upon any public highway or path

within the city shall operate the same in accordance with all the provisions contained in the traffic ordinances of the city and with the provisions of R.S.A. 265:143 through 265:153, except that when any provision contained in such ordinances conflicts with any provision in this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall predominate, or when by their nature they can have no application thereto.

### 75.03 Obedience to traffic control devices; exceptions

All official traffic signals, signs, and other control devices within the city used in regulating and directing traffic must be obeyed, unless otherwise directed by a police officer; and on public highways where authorized signs are erected, indicating that no left, right, or "U" turn is permitted, no person or persons operating a motorized scooters in the city shall disobey the regulation contained therein, except that when such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, he shall obey all the traffic ordinance provisions applicable to pedestrians.

### 75.04 Age Requirements

The use of a motorized scooter is allowed by anyone 16 years of age or older, anyone under this age is restricted from using them. A valid motor vehicles drivers license is not required to operate a Go-Ped.

### 75.05 Equipment Required

No person shall operate a motorized scooters unless it is equipped with a brake. Operators shall wear footwear consisting of a sturdy sole and which completely covers the feet and toes.

Any motorized scooters operated upon any way during the period from ½ hour

after sunset to ½ half hour before sunrise, and whenever rain, snow, or fog shall interfere with the proper view of the road shall be equipped with a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of the go-ped and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from a distance of 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of the headlamps of a motor vehicle. If operated at night, as defined by RSA No person shall operate a vehicle defined in this ordinance without a head lamp emitting a white light visible at night and a red rear reflector that is visible to traffic from the rear.

### **73.06 Speed; direction**

Motorized scooters shall not be operated within the city at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing, and shall be operated as near the right-hand side of the highway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a parked vehicle, or one proceeding in the same direction.

### **75.07 Yielding Right-of-Way**

Motorized scooters emerging from an alley, driveway, or building within the city shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, or driveway yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the said sidewalk or sidewalk area; and upon entering the highway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said highway.

### **75.08 Rental**

No person shall rent, or offer for rent, any motorized scooter within the city unless it is properly licensed and equipped in accordance with the provision of this chapter.

### **75.09 Penalties**

Any person or persons violating any act or provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for a second offense. Also Any person or persons violating this ordinance a third time faces a must appear summons as well as impoundment of the vehicle and any cost of towing and storage. Any person or persons operating an unregistered vehicle as defined in this ordinance are subject to a fine of \$10 for the first offense and \$25 for a second offense.

### **Licenses**

#### **75.10 Licenses Required**

No person shall ride or propel a motorized scooter on any public highway within the city, or upon any other public path established for the exclusive use of bicycles, unless such bicycle has been properly licensed as herein provided.

#### **75.11 Application**

Any person requiring a motorized scooters license shall submit his application in writing to the Chief of Police, or his authorized agents. Each application shall be made on an approved form to be provided by the Police Department and contain such information as the Chief of Police may deem necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter

#### **75.12 Issuance**

It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or his agents to act on all motorized scooters license applications received and to issue the same when the provisions of this chapter have been complied with by the applicant, including the certification by the applicant that the

motorized scooters is in good and safe mechanical condition.

**75.13 Fee; Duration**

A. The fee for each motorized scooters license issued shall be \$5. A motorized scooter shall be considered registered for the entire life of the motorized scooter, unless the plate provided by the Chief of Police has been mutilated, destroyed, altered, or the ownership of the motorized scooter has been transferred to another person.

B. Upon transfer of ownership of the motorized scooter the new owner shall re-register the motorized scooter as provided in § 72.21.