

ORDINANCE NO. 4815

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, TO ENACT SECTION 50-704 OF THE OFFICIAL HASTINGS CITY CODE ESTABLISHING LIGHTWEIGHT E-SCOOTER, E-BIKE, AND HOVERBOARD USAGE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS INCONSISTENT HERE WITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Section 50-704 of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, be and the same is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 50-704. Lightweight E-Scooter, E-Bike, and Hoverboard usage on public property.

- (a) Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings prescribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
1. Business district: the area from 5th Street south to South Street, and from Burlington Avenue east to Minnesota Avenue.
 2. Lightweight E-Scooter: Propelled by an electronic or gas motor, stand on deck, with handlebars, two to three wheels, 12" or smaller wheels.
 3. Hoverboard: Self-balancing single or double wheel electronic board scooter or electric skateboard.
 4. E-Bike: Propelled by electronic or gas motor, fully operative pedals for human propulsion, capable of exceeding 15 miles per hour, two to three wheels
 5. Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device: Any motorized wheelchair or other self balancing, two-non tandem-wheeled device designed to transport only one person, powered solely by such a propulsion system, not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour on a level surface
- (b) No person shall ride a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard upon a roadway on which the posted speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour. Any person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or one-wheeled scooter may cross such roadways at a marked intersection.
- (c) No person shall ride a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard upon 2nd Street from

Burlington Avenue east to Minnesota Avenue. Any person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard may cross 2nd Street at a marked intersection.

- (d) Any person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard shall not ride upon a sidewalk within the business district. Any such person is permitted to carry or walk alongside such lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard on the sidewalks located in the business district.
- (e) It shall be lawful for any person to operate an e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard on hike and bike trails, unless such activity is expressly prohibited by posted signage. Any person riding on such hike and bike trail must travel at a speed deemed safe and reasonable.
- (f) Every person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or a hoverboard upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by this Code or other traffic ordinances of this City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this section and as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.
- (g) Any person operating a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or a hoverboard shall obey the instruction of official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.
- (h) Any person operating an e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard upon a street shall clearly signal their intention for turning left and right by utilizing hand signals.
- (i) Any lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard being ridden at nighttime shall be equipped with a light on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front on a clear night and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible on a clear night from all distances between one hundred (100) feet and six hundred (600) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle. A light emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to such red reflector.
- (j) When riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard on a sidewalk, hike and bike trail, or other pedestrian walkway, the user shall yield the right of way to all pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. When three or more lightweight e-scooters, e-bikes, and/or hoverboards ride in a group, such group must proceed in single file so as to not impede others.
- (k) The operator of a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard emerging from an alley, driveway, or building, shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to

all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

- (l) Any person operating an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device is exempt from the provisions of this section. This exemption applies to devices designed primarily for individuals with mobility impairments and operated in accordance with applicable state and federal accessibility laws and regulations.

(m) Penalties for violations of this section:

1. First offense: A person convicted of violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine not less than \$0.00 nor more than \$50.00.
2. Second offense: A person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00
3. Third and successive offenses: A person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$150.00.

- (n) A Police Officer apprehending a person for violating this section may impound the lightweight e-scooter or hoverboard, and a Court may order it to be sold by the City of Hastings or destroyed.

Section 2. Any ordinance passed and approved prior to the passage, approval and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner and form provided by law and shall take effect and be in full force from and after its due passage, approval, and publication in electronic form.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance are separable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2025.

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

By: _____

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:



Tyler Ficken, Clerk



Approved as to form:



Jesse Oswald, City Attorney