



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE BY DELETING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW BICYCLES, ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS CHAPTER.

BY PRESIDENT HOBBS:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 9 of the Duluth City Code be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

CHAPTER 9

BICYCLES, ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS.

Sec. 9.1. Scope.

State laws and the provisions of this chapter will govern the operation of bicycles, electric-assisted bicycles and motorized foot scooters upon any street, roadway, sidewalk, trail or public path.

Sec. 9-2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to by this Section:

Bicycle. Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over 14 inches in diameter, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels.

Bicycle lane. A lane for bicycles, electric-assisted bicycles, and motorized foot scooters established within the portion of a street or highway easement which has been improved for vehicular traffic

Bicycle path. A path for bicycles, electric-assisted bicycles, and motorized foot scooters established on that portion of a street or highway easement which has not been improved for vehicular traffic or on other property owned by the city.

Business District. Business District shall have the same definition as provided in Chapter 33-1 of this Code.

Electric-assisted bicycle. Electric-assisted bicycle shall have the same definition as provided in Minn. Stat. Section 169.011 Subd. 27, as amended.

Motorized foot scooter. Motorized foot scooter shall have the same definition as provided in Minn. Stat. Section 169.011 Subd. 46, as amended.

Sec. 9-3 Riding Restrictions

(a) No person shall ride a motorized foot scooter or electric-assist bicycle on any sidewalk, except when necessary to enter or leave adjacent property.

(b) No person shall ride a bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle or motorized foot scooter on any street, sidewalk, roadway, public path or public property where signs have been erected prohibiting bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle or motorized foot scooter riding.

(c) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.

(d) Except as prohibited by this section or state law, a person may ride a bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle, or motorized foot scooter on any street, sidewalk, roadway, public path, or trail.

Sec. 9-4 Parking.

(a) No person shall park a bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle or motorized foot scooter upon a street, highway or alley other than at the edge of the developed portion of such street, highway or alley;

(b) No person shall park a bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle or motorized foot scooter on a sidewalk other than in a bicycle rack or as near to the edge of the sidewalk as practicable so as to create the least possible obstruction to pedestrian traffic

Sec. 9-5 Establishment of bicycle lanes and paths

The council may, by resolution, establish bicycle lanes or bicycle paths in the city. Bicycle lanes shall be distinguished from the portion of the roadway to be used by motor vehicles by appropriate paint striping or other pavement markings, barriers or indicators and may, in addition, be designated by appropriate signing. Bicycle paths shall be designated by either appropriate signing or paint striping or other pavement markings or indicators.

Sec. 9-6 Operation of bicycles, electric-assist bicycles and motorized foot scooters on bicycle lanes and paths.

(a) Where a combination bicycle-pedestrian path has been established, people riding bicycles, electric-assist bicycles and motorized foot scooters shall yield to the right-of-way to pedestrians;

(b) When a person is operating a bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle or motorized foot scooter within a bicycle lane he may overtake and pass motor vehicles operating on the traffic lane to the person's left;

(c) Whenever a bicycle lane or bicycle path is designated as one way only, no person shall operate a bicycle, electric-assisted bicycle or motorized foot scooter within such lane or path in other than the designated direction.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance updates the city's bicycle regulations.