

## **REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SCOOTERS**

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.** Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 and 24 V.S.A. § 2291 (14) the Selectboard of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, place and manner of the operation of scooters within the Town.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and safety of people in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.**

A. **“Scooter”** shall mean a vehicle consisting of a long, narrow footboard made of metal, wood, plastic or other rigid material, mounted on wheels, with an upright steering handle.

B. **“Operation”** shall include any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of scooters whether they be in motion or at rest.

### **SECTION 4. OPERATION OF SCOOTERS.**

A. Scooters being operated on sidewalks and public paths shall stay to the right and shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

B. Operators of scooters shall obey all traffic control devices which apply to pedestrians.

C. Scooters shall not be operated on a Town highway except to cross the highway.

D. No person operating a scooter shall attach him or herself or attach the scooter to any other vehicle, such as a bicycle or a motor vehicle, for the purpose of being towed or propelled by that vehicle.

E. No person shall operate a scooter in any public parking lot in Town, including parking lots of schools, churches, nursing homes and hospitals.

### **SECTION 5. PENALTIES**

First offense .....Verbal warning  
Second offense .....\$25.00 fine, \$15.00 waiver fee  
Third offense .....Confiscation of scooter for 3 days

**SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT.** The Town’s [constable?, police?, etc.] shall be the designated enforcement officers. They shall issue complaints and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

**SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.** If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the \_\_\_\_\_ Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

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SIGNATURES

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**Adoption History**

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read and approved at regular Selectboard meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Posted in public places on \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Notice of adoption published in the \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper on \_\_\_\_\_ with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]