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## **Sec. 30-90. Motorized Scooters, Electric Bicycles and Electric Assisted Bicycles.**

(a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

***Shared streets:***

All existing public or private street rights-of-way where bicycles share the roadway with motor vehicles unless otherwise prohibited by law. Shared streets may utilize signs placed on vertical posts or markings stenciled on the pavement.

***Motorized scooter:***

A device with no more than three 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood upon or that is equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider, and is powered by an electric or gasoline motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion at a speed no greater than 15 miles per hour on a paved level surface.

***Electric bicycle:***

A bicycle with two or three wheels that is equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider, no pedals for human propulsion, and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts, whose maximum speed on a level surface when powered solely by such motor is no greater than 20 miles per hour. Any electric bicycle that travels at a speed of over 20 miles per hour on level ground is defined as either a motorcycle or a moped according to N.C. General Statutes and the driver is responsible for adhering to all N.C. laws regarding the operation of same.

***Electric assisted bicycle:***

A bicycle with two or three wheels that is equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider, fully operable pedals for human propulsion, and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts, whose maximum speed on a level surface when powered solely by such motor is no greater than 20 miles per hour.

(b) Operation of motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric assisted bicycles.

1. All motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric assisted bicycles used and operated upon and across shared streets and other designated bicycle facilities within the Town of Wake Forest's jurisdiction shall be considered vehicles and the riders of such motorized scooters shall be subject to all provisions of the Town of Wake Forest Code and Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes applicable to the driver of vehicles except those which by their nature can have no application.
2. Motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric assisted bicycles are not permitted to operate on sidewalks. Motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric assisted bicycles may operate on shared streets, greenways, parks, multi-use paths, and bicycle lanes. The operator of a motorized scooter, electric bicycle, and electric assisted bicycle using parks, greenways, or multi-use paths shall comply with all traffic regulations posted along the facility shall stop or otherwise yield the right-of-way before entering or crossing a public street.
3. Motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric assisted bicycles use or operation in Town parks that does not comply with this ordinance or is otherwise detrimental to the health, welfare, or

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safety of the general public in the opinion of the Town Manager or Designee may result in a suspension from Town parks pursuant to Town Ordinance Section 22-20.

4. A motorized scooter or an electric bicycle may not operate on any road with a speed limit over 25 miles per hour.
5. No motorized scooter electric bicycle or electric assisted bicycle shall exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour while being operated on a greenway, in a park, or on a multi-use path.

**Sec. 30-91. Pedestrian Right-of-Way On Bicycle, Electric Bicycle, Electric Assisted Bicycle, And Scooter Facilities.**

The operator of a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric assisted bicycle, and motorized scooter shall at all times yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on and across sidewalks, parks, shared streets, greenways, bicycle lanes, and multi-use paths.

**Sec. 30-92. Requirements For Helmets.**

With regard to any motorized scooter, electric bicycle, or electric assisted bicycle used on a public roadway, shared street, greenway, in a park, on a multi-use path, or other public right-of-way: It shall be unlawful for any parent or legal guardian of a person below the age of 16 to knowingly permit that person to operate or be a passenger on motorized scooter, electric bicycle, or electric assisted bicycle unless at all times when the person is so engaged he or she wears a protective bicycle helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet.