



City of Bellevue

Bellevue City Code 11.48.210 Amendments to revise the City's regulations on motorized foot scooters

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Direction

Consider directing staff to prepare an ordinance amending Bellevue City Code (BCC) 11.48.210 to define and regulate motorized foot scooters, and to bring the ordinance forward for final action as part of the consent agenda at a future Council meeting.

Agenda

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Background

BCC 11.48.210

- Responded to community safety, noise concerns
- Council-directed staff work began in 2005
- Ordinance adopted in 2007

Limitation of current code

- Difficult to operate scooters legally
- Not aligned with RCWs or rules in neighboring jurisdictions
- Doesn't represent current vehicle options or address community needs



Go-Ped gas-powered scooter from early 2000s

Policy Context

Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-13. Evaluate and facilitate car-sharing and micromobility-sharing programs.
- TR-31. Monitor and implement as appropriate, emerging technologies that are intended to improve mobility, safety, efficiency and people-moving capacity on existing and planned transportation network facilities.



Engagement Process

- **City Council (2/25):** Management Brief outlining timeline to update BCC 11.48.210 for consistency with state law on motorized foot scooters.
- **Transportation Commission (3/27):** Introduced BCCA goal and themes.
- **One City Engagement (4/4-4/18):** Website launched; BCCA recommendation confirmed with department SMEs.
- **Transportation Commission (5/8):** BCCA confirmed.
- **City Council (7/22):** Study Session recommending BCCA.
- **City Council (8/4):** Consent Agenda – BCCA Ordinance.

BCCA Components

	State RCW	Current BCC	Proposed BCCA
Riding on roadways	Allowed	Allowed only on roadways with speed limits of ≤ 25 MPH	Allowed
Riding on sidewalks	Not allowed (unless there is no safe alternative)	Not allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not allowed (unless there is no safe alternative) • Traffic Engineer is authorized to create dismount zones
Riding on paved trails and shared use paths	Allowed	Not specified	Allowed, except where signed as prohibited
Riding on unpaved (gravel) trails	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Riding in bike lanes	Allowed	Not specified	Allowed
Riding in city parks	Not specified	Not allowed	Allowed, except where signed as prohibited

BCCA Components

	State RCW	Current BCC	Proposed BCCA
Helmet requirement	Not required	Required	Not required; encouraged
Speed limit	15 mph max	Not Specified	15 mph max
Age requirement	16 and older	14 and older	16 and older
Hours of operation	Anytime with reflectors	Dawn to dusk	Anytime with reflectors

Next Step – Potential Shared Program Permit

Pending Council adoption of the BCCA Ordinance, next steps include evaluating program elements and issues.



- Lessons learned from programs in adjacent/peer cities
- Permit requirements and management
- Interdepartmental coordination including enforcement
- Staffing/contract needs
- Revenue potential and how revenue could offset staffing costs
- Evaluation plan to monitor and report on program performance and permit compliance



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