

ORDINANCE NO. 1086

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE IN REGARDS TO MOTORIZED BICYCLES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

Be it ordained by the City of Stafford, Kansas

The Standard Traffic Ordinance incorporated in this article shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 135.1. Electric-Assisted Scooters, Traffic Law Application.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an electric-assisted scooter or electric unicycle on any interstate highway, federal highway or state highway, except for crossing a state highway as necessary.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), traffic regulations applicable to bicycles, Sections 127 to 133, inclusive, shall be applicable to operators of electric-assisted scooters and electric unicycles.

(c) Operators of electric-assisted scooters and electric unicycles, regardless of where they are operated within this city:

(1) must yield the right of way to any pedestrian, and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian;

(2) must not engage in any activity that interferes with the operator's ability to give full attention and remain alert to the safe operation of the device;

(3) must not operate the device in a careless, reckless or negligent manner that may endanger persons or property; and

(4) shall be operated with due regard to conditions then existing, including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, parked or moving bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or narrow areas that make it unsafe to continue along a route of travel.

(d) The number of persons allowed on an electric-assisted scooter shall not exceed the number for which it is designed to carry, as identified by the manufacturer.

Sec. 135.2. Motorized Skateboards.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized skateboard on any street, road or highway in this City.

(b) Motorized skateboards that have an electric motor and are either designed to be and are actually stood upon by the operator, or are designed to be and are actually sat upon by the operator with a minimum seat height of 24 inches as measured from the ground to the top of the seat at the time they are operated, may be operated upon a sidewalk or paved recreational path or trails, provided that:

- (1) No person shall operate or ride upon a motorized skateboard between the time from sunset to sunrise, or at any other time when due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions persons and vehicles on the highway or sidewalk are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead;
- (2) No person shall operate a motorized skateboard in excess of 15 miles per hour; and
- (3) All persons must operate a motorized skateboard with caution and due regard to conditions then existing, including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazard

General Provisions for operating Electric Bicycles, electric scooters and electric skateboard in Stafford, Kansas.

- (a) Helmet: Helmet is defined as a protective headgear designed to absorb impact and protect the head during an accident, and which meets or exceeds the safety standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or equivalent standard setting body for bicycling or skateboarding activities. Minor: Minor is defined as a person under 18 years of age.
- (b) Helmet Required for Minor Riders. All minor riders, including non-operators, on motorized scooters or electric-assisted bicycles within the city limits of Stafford are required to wear a secured helmet while riding.
- (c) Warnings and Fines. Violations of this Section will result in a warning for a first offense, which warning shall be logged and tracked by the City's police department. Subsequent violations will result in a fine of \$50.00. If the offender is a minor, then the police shall give the parent the notice to appear. Any parent who knowingly or negligently allows a minor to ride without a helmet may be charged with this ordinance.
- (d) Exemptions. This Section [11-224](#) does not apply to minor riders on motorized scooters or electric-assisted bicycles on private property where the owner has explicitly allowed for such use without a helmet requirement.

- (1) No electric bicycle, electric scooter or electric skateboard shall be operated on the Sidewalks between two blocks of Main Street North of Broadway and the two blocks South of Broadway on Main Street. No electric scooter or electric skateboard shall be operated on the Sidewalks on Broadway Street two blocks West of Main Street and two blocks East of Main Street East in Stafford, Kansas.

This Ordinance is hereby approved on this 28th day of September, 2026 and shall be effective after its publication on the official city website.

ATTEST:

s/s Don Hardin, Mayor

s/s Jami Downing, City Administrator