



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date Issued: January 30, 2019

**Temporary Prohibition on Shared Mobility Services Using Motor-assisted Scooters and Electric Bicycles**

Under Section 126-33 in the New Braunfels City Ordinances, the Chief of Police is empowered to make regulations necessary to make and enforce temporary or experimental regulations to cover emergencies or special conditions.

Under this authority, and in the immediate interest of the public safety of motorists and pedestrians, I hereby authorize the following temporary regulation prohibiting shared mobility services that provide the use of motor-assisted scooters, electric bicycles, and bicycles, equipped with global positioning systems (GPS) on any public sidewalk or public rights-of-way within the city limits. Included in this prohibition is the operation of any personal transportation device listed in this order that was acquired through a shared mobility service upon public sidewalks and public rights-of-way within the city limits.

Shared mobility services mean any service that displays, offers or places for rent on a public way or public property one or more motor-assisted scooters, electric bicycles, bicycles, or other similar personal transportation devices equipped with GPS that may be locked and unlocked with or without a docking station.

Motor-assisted scooter means a self-propelled device, not including a pocket bike or mini-motorbike with:

- a. At least two (2) wheels in contact with the ground during operation;
- b. A braking system capable of stopping the device under typical operation conditions;
- c. A gas or electric motor not exceeding forty (40) cubic centimeters;
- d. A deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit while operating the device; and
- e. The ability to be propelled by human power alone.

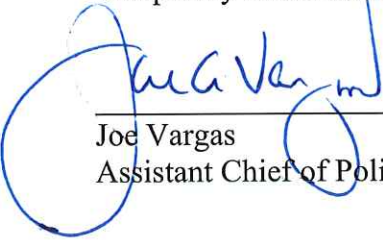
Electric bicycle means a bicycle that:

- a. Is designed to be propelled by an electric motor, exclusively or in combination with the application of human power;
- b. Cannot attain a speed of more than twenty (20) miles per hour without the application of human power; and
- c. Does not exceed a weight of one hundred (100) pounds.

**Penalties.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this regulation or fail to comply with any of the provisions herein, shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined a sum not exceeding \$500.00. Each day any violation of this regulation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

This temporary regulation shall expire after 90 days from this date, or until City Council adopts an ordinance regulating shared mobility services if adopted before the expiration of this temporary regulation.

Temporary Order Issued By:



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Joe Vargas  
Assistant Chief of Police Acting as Interim Chief