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ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE CITY OF BYRON CITY CODE CHAPTER 73 TITLED TOY VEHICLES

The City Council of the City of Byron Ordains:

Chapter 73 Titled Toy Vehicles to be repealed and replaced in its entirety:

§ 73.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety arising out of the use of skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, roller skis, scooters, bicycles, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and E-Motos within the city. The City Council finds that the operation and use of skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, roller skis, scooters, bicycles, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and E-Motos creates an unnecessary potential danger to either the user of such devices or the general public and that the use of said devices in an improper manner may cause destruction of property.

§ 73.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ROLLER DEVICE. Any one of the following devices:

(1) **ROLLER SKATES AND ROLLER BLADES** means a shoe with wheels attached or a device with wheels which is designed to be attached to a shoe;

(2) **SKATEBOARD** means a wheeled self-propelled and manually propelled device to transport a rider which device is not otherwise secured to the rider's feet or shoes;

(3) **ROLLER SKIS** means a pair of skis platformed with wheels attached which is intended to simulate skiing;

(4) **SCOOTER** means a foot-operated vehicle consisting of a narrow board mounted between two wheels, tandem, with an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel.

OPERATE means to ride or control the operation of a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis, scooter, bicycle, E-Bike, E-Scooter, or E-Moto.

OPERATOR means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis, or scooter, bicycle, E-Bike, E-Scooter, or E-Moto.

BICYCLE means every device capable of being propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels.

MOTORIZED DEVICE. Any one of the following devices:

(1) **E-BIKE** means a two- or three-wheeled bicycle with small (not more than 750 watts) electric motors that aids in generating momentum through pedaling or via a hand throttle. These bikes are classified into three types: Class 1 (pedal-assist up to 20 mph), Class 2 (throttle-assist up to 20 mph), Class 3 (pedal-assist up to 28 mph), and multiple-mode e-bikes, provided they meet state classification requirements;

(2) **E-SCOOTER** means a device with handlebars designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator and powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion, and that has no more than two 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels and has an engine or motor that is capable of a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour on a flat surface.

(3) **E-MOTO** means a bicycle that is propelled by an electric or a liquid fuel motor of a piston displacement capacity of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and a maximum of two brake horsepower, which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than one percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged.

§ 73.03 OBSERVATION OF RULES OF THE ROAD.

(A) Any person who is operating any roller device, bicycle, or motorized device on any of the streets or roadways within the city must observe the same rules of the road as required of bicycles pursuant to M.S. § 169.222, M.S. § 169.223, and M.S. § 169.225 as amended from time to time.

(B) No person operating a roller device, bicycle, or motorized device shall attach the same or the person of the operator to any vehicles upon a roadway.

(C) Every person operating a roller device, bicycle, or motorized device upon a roadway shall ride as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(D) No person shall use a roller device, bicycle, or motorized device upon a public street, sidewalk, or other roadway after sunset and before sunrise, except as allowed under state statute.

(E) No person shall ride or use a roller device, bicycle, or motorized device in any careless, reckless, or negligent manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.

(F) No person shall ride or use a roller device, bicycle, or motorized device on private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.

Penalty, see § 73.99

§ 73.04 OBSERVATION OF RULES OF THE ROAD SPECIFIC TO MOTORIZED DEVICES.

(A) No person shall operate a Class 3 E-Bike, E-Scooter, or E-Moto upon any public sidewalk within city limits, except for the direct, immediate access to a roadway from a driveway or alley.

(B) In areas where Class 1 or Class 2 E-Bikes are permitted on sidewalks, operators must yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and give an audible warning before passing.

(C) *Rules regarding public trails, bicycle lanes, and multi-use paths.* The following items are to be observed by all operators of motorized devices.

(1) Permitted Vehicles: Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bikes and E-Scooters are permitted to operate on all paved city bicycle paths, trails, and shared-use paths.

(2) Prohibited Vehicles: Class 3 E-Bikes and E-Motos are strictly prohibited on all city-managed recreational trails and multi-use paths.

(3) Natural Surface Trails: No electric-propelled vehicles of any class are permitted on unpaved or natural-surface walking/hiking trails.

(4) Speed Limit: No person shall operate any device on a city multi-use path or trail at a speed exceeding 10 mph.

(D) E-Bikes and E-Scooters may operate on public streets following the same rules of the road as traditional human-powered bicycles, riding as close to the right-hand side of the roadway as practical.

(E) E-Motos are prohibited from being operated on city roadways unless the vehicle is properly registered, insured, and operated by persons with a valid license including a motorcycle endorsement or permit.

(F) Pursuant to state law, no person under 15 years of age shall operate an E- Bike, and no person under 12 years of age shall operate an E-Scooter on any public right-of-way.

(G) Any operator or passenger under the age of 18 years must wear a properly fitted, federally approved protective helmet while operating an E-Bike, E-Scooter, or E-Moto.

(H) Passengers are prohibited on E-Bikes and E-Scooters unless the vehicle is specifically designed and equipped by the manufacturer to carry more than one person.

(I) Every E-Bike and E-Scooter must be equipped with a front lamp emitting a white light visible from at least 500 feet and a red rear reflector or light.

§ 73.05 FUTURE RESTRICTIONS.

The City Council may, in the future, by resolution, prohibit the use of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis, scooters, bicycles, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, or E-Motos in areas of the city.

§ 73.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person, including minors, found to be in violation of the chapter shall be charged a civil penalty fee established by the City Council's annual Fee Schedule. In the case of a minor, the parents or legal guardian are jointly and severally liable with the minor for payment of all fines.

(B) Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor as defined in M.S. § 609.02, subd. 02(4a), and punishable as provided in this code, section § 10.99, as may be amended from time to time.

(C) Any peace officer who observes any person violating any provisions of this chapter is authorized to seize the offender's skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, roller skis or scooter roller device, bicycle, or motorized device and to hold the same at Olmsted County Law Enforcement. The owner shall be liable for reasonable towing and storage fees. If an adult, Adults may secure the return of the article seized after 24 hours have elapsed since the seizure. In the case of a minor, the article seized shall be returned only to the parent or guardian of such minor offender after 24 hours have elapsed since the seizure.

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Passed by the City Council of Byron, Minnesota on this 14th day of July 2026.

Attested:

Mayor, Daryl Glassmaker

City Administrator, Al Roder