

<p><b>TITLE</b></p> <p><b>AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF RENTAL OR COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTERS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO</b></p>	<p><b>DATE</b></p> <p>05/25/2021</p>	<p><b>ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV.</b></p> <p><b>SPONSOR OR COUNCILMEMBER</b></p>
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**PURPOSE**

This ordinance will ban the operation of rental or commercial electric low speed scooters within the city limits of Shreveport.

This Ordinance or Resolution will have direct impact on Council District: **ALL**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of Shreveport desires to adopt an ordinance to ban the operation of rental or commercial electric low speed scooters on any sidewalk, bicycle path, public rights of way, streets or highways within the city limits. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the use of privately owned electric low speed scooters in residential areas. Violation of this proposed ordinance shall carry a fine of \$100.00 per offense.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: **June 8, 2021**

Final Passage: **June 22, 2021**

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

**FINANCES**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

The council may:

1. Approve the Resolution if deemed appropriate.
2. Approve an amended version of the Resolution.
3. Reject the Resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

Thea R. Scott, Deputy City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2021

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**BY COUNCIL MEMBER:**

**WHEREAS**, due to the risk to pedestrians and riders the Shreveport City Council finds that this ordinance is necessary in the interest of safety to protect the public; and

**WHEREAS**, both streets and sidewalks in the City of Shreveport are congested and the introduction of Low Speed Scooters will increase the risk of injury to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport finds that it is in the interest of public safety and welfare to prohibit the operation of electric low speed scooters (" Scooters") as defined herein, within the City Shreveport;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due regular and legal session convened, that **Chapter 90, Article IV is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:**

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**Chapter 90 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**ARTICLE IV- OPERATIONS OF VEHICLES**

**DIVISION 5. – MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES**

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Sec. 90-175. – Prohibition of Electronic Low Speed Scooters.

- (a) As utilized herein, the terms " electric low-speed scooter" or " Scooter" shall be defined as a rental or commercial scooter weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is solely powered by an electric motor or human power, and is capable of a maximum speed of more than five (5 mph) miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by an electric motor.
- (b) As utilized herein, the term “rental or commercial scooter” shall be defined as an electric low-speed scooter made available for short-term or long-term rentals by a commercial scooter rental service.
- (c) To protect the safety and welfare of the public the operation of electric low-speed scooters on any and all sidewalks, bicycle paths, public rights- of-way, streets, or highways with in the city limits of the City of Shreveport shall be unlawful.
- (d) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined \$100.00 per offense.

(e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of privately owned electric low-speed scooters in residential areas.

Secs. 90-176-90-195.-Reserved

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the remainder of Chapter 90, of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY