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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 3-17 ENTITLED “SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS AND OTHER NON-MOTORIZED PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES” AND 3-18 ENTITLED “ELECTRIC PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES”

Ordinance Summary: This Ordinance amends and supplements Chapter 3, Police Regulations to add a new Section 3-17, entitled “Skateboards, Scooters, Bicycles, and other Non-Motorized Personal Transportation Devices.” The purpose of this Section is to prohibit the use of non-motorized personal transportation devices in the designated Downtown District and to establish a penalty upon violation.

This Ordinance also adds a new Section 3-18 entitled “Electric Personal Transportation Vehicles.” The purpose of this Section is to prohibit the use of low and high-speed electric bicycles and scooters, as defined under New Jersey law on sidewalks and pedestrian pathways in the City.

WHEREAS, electric and non-motorized personal transportation devices serve as viable alternatives to automobiles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Summit seeks to ensure pedestrian safety while allowing for reasonable use of these devices in designated areas; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to prohibit the use of electric transportation devices on sidewalks and restrict non-motorized devices in specified areas for the safety of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 3 of the City Code, Police Regulations, shall be amended and supplemented to add a new Section 3-17 as follows:

3-17 SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, BICYCLES, AND OTHER NON-MOTORIZED PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES

3-17.1 Riding on the Sidewalk

a. No person may operate a bicycle, skateboard, roller blades, roller skates, or other non- motorized

personal transportation device upon a sidewalk within the designated Downtown District, defined as:

- Springfield Avenue (between Kent Place Boulevard and Summit Avenue)
- Maple Street (between Railroad Avenue and DeForest Avenue)
- Beechwood Road (between Union Place and DeForest Avenue)
- DeForest Avenue (between Woodland Avenue and Summit Avenue)
- Summit Avenue (between Union Place and DeForest Avenue)

- b. Outside of the Downtown District, individuals may operate non-motorized personal transportation devices on sidewalks but must slow down and yield the right of way to pedestrians. Failure to do so will result in a fine not exceeding \$100.
- c. Users of non-motorized personal transportation devices are prohibited from using public or private benches, rails, walls, fences, or any other public or private infrastructure.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 3 of the City Code, Police Regulations, shall be amended and supplemented to add a new Section 3-18 as follows:

3-18 ELECTRIC PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

3-18.1 Prohibition on Sidewalks and Pedestrian Pathways

- a. The use of low-speed and high-speed electric bicycles and electric scooters, as defined by N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-14.16, is prohibited on any sidewalk or pedestrian pathway within the City.
- b. Electric bicycles and electric scooters may be operated only on roadways where bicycles are legally permitted.

3-18.2 Penalties

- a. Maximum penalty. Any person found violating Section 3-18 is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.
- b. In addition to any penalty, a police officer may confiscate the electric transportation device and obtain the person's name, address, telephone number, and age. Any device confiscated will be returned after 24 hours upon the execution of a declaration of ownership. If the violator is under 17 years of age, the device will be released only to a parent or guardian.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, sentence clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, that portion will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the holding will not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sections hereof.

SECTION 4. INCONSISTENCY. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance will take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Dated: April 22, 2025

I, Rosalia M. Licatase, City Clerk of the City of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 22, 2025

Approved:



Dr. Elizabeth Fagan, Mayor



City Clerk