

Current Yakima Municipal Code Requirements for Motorized Scooters

9.50.850 Requirements for operating motorized foot scooters.



A. Minimum Age. No motorized foot **scooter** shall be operated on streets or other public areas not otherwise prohibited to motorized foot **scooters** by this chapter unless the operator has a valid driver's license.

(1) Failure of a motorized foot **scooter** operator to have a valid driver's license on their person while operating a motorized foot **scooter** in the city of Yakima is a traffic infraction.

(2) Only one person may occupy a motorized foot **scooter** at one time. No motorized foot **scooter** operator may transport passengers or tow other devices or persons behind a motorized foot **scooter**.

B. Helmet, Light and Reflectors. The following equipment shall be required whenever a motorized foot **scooter** is operated on streets or other public property within the city.

(1) Helmet Required. Any person operating a motorized foot **scooter** upon any public area in the city shall wear an approved helmet designed for safety and meeting or exceeding the standards set forth in YMC [9.50.810](#). The operator shall have the helmet's neck or chin strap fastened securely while the motorized foot **scooter** is in motion. A parent or guardian is responsible for requiring that a child under the age of eighteen years wears an approved helmet while said child is operating a motorized foot **scooter** in the city, and that the child's helmet neck or chin strap is securely fastened.

(2) Light and Reflectors Required. Pursuant to RCW [46.61.780](#), a motorized foot **scooter** operated during the hours of darkness as defined in RCW [46.37.020](#) shall, as a minimum requirement, be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Washington State Patrol which shall be visible from all distances up to six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

(3) Brake Required. Every motorized foot **scooter** shall be equipped with a brake which, when applied, will enable the operator to make the braked wheel(s) skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(4) Muffler Required. Every motorized foot **scooter** powered by an internal combustion engine shall have a properly functioning engine muffler attached and constantly operational during use of the motorized foot **scooter** to prevent excessive and/or unreasonable noise as defined in YMC [6.04.180](#)(D)(2) and (E).

(5) Motorized foot **scooters** operated within the city of Yakima shall not be modified or enhanced in design or construction from the specifications provided by the manufacturer. (Ord. 2004-70 § 6, 2004; Ord. 2004-39 § 1 (part), 2004. Formerly 9.50.450).