

CITY OF LACEY

ORDINANCE NO. 51

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES: PRESCRIBING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATORS OF MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES; PRESCRIBING EQUIPMENT FOR MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES AND OPERATORS AND RIDERS THEREOF.

Section 1. No person shall drive a motorcycle, as defined in RCE 46.04.330, or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.332, unless such person has a valid driver's license specially endorsed by the director to enable the holder to drive such vehicles.

Section 2. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, bypass or similar device upon a motor vehicle on a highway.

Section 2A. The State Commission herein used shall be the State Commission on Equipment by the State Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Section 3. The engine and power mechanism of every motor vehicle shall be so equipped and adjusted as to prevent the escape of excessive fumes or smoke.

Section 4. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motorcycle in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the engine of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle, and it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle not equipped as required by this ordinance, or which has been amplified as prohibited by this ordinance.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful: For any person to operate a motorcycle not equipped with a mirror on each side of the handlebars thereof, the two mirrors shall be so located as to give the driver a complete view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of the motorcycle.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful: For any person to operate a motorcycle in excess of thirty-five miles per hour which does not have a windshield unless he wears goggles or a face shield of a type approved by the commission. The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and amend regulations covering the types of goggles and face shields and the specifications therefor and to establish and maintain a list of approved goggles and face shields which meet the specifications of the established list hereunder.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful: For any person to operate or ride upon a motorcycle unless he wears a protective helmet of a type approved by the commission on equipment, such a helmet must be equipped with either a neck or chin strap which shall be fastened securely while the motorcycle is in motion. The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and amend regulations covering the types of helmet and the special specifications therefor and to establish, maintain and distribute to law enforcement agencies throughout the state a list of approved helmets which meet the specifications to be established by the commission on equipment.

Section 8. A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the operator: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the motorcycle must contain foot pegs of a type approved by the equipment commission.

Section 9. No person shall operate on a public highway a motorcycle in which the handlebars or grips are more than fifteen inches higher than the seat or saddle for the operator.

Section 10. No person shall ride a motorcycle in a position where both feet are placed on the same side of the motorcycle.

Section 11. Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

This ordinance adopted this 3rd day of August, 1967.

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