

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 44-199 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of the La Crosse regarding the operation of electric personal assistive mobility devices or Segways in the downtown business district.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 44-199 is hereby created to read as follows:

44-199. - Use of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMD) or Segways.

(a) *Definition.* An Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device hereinafter referred to as EPAMD has the same meaning as Wis. Stat. §340.01(15pm.)

(b) *Riding on Sidewalks.* No person shall ride an EPAMD on any public sidewalk in the business district as defined by Wis. Stats. §340.01(6), or past any building which has any entrance or exit abutting on the sidewalk. Except as herein specified, it shall be lawful to ride on any public sidewalk provided that a reasonable rate of speed is maintained and every person operating a EPAMD upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction. If unable to pass in a safe manner, the operator shall dismount from the EPAMD and push it past the pedestrian.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this section be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this section shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Timothy Kabat, Mayor

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

Passed:

Approved:

Published: