

10-1-21: PENALTY:

A Violation of any provision of this Chapter of the Mesa City Code shall be a civil traffic offense punishable by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

WRITTEN CONSENT FORM INFORMATION

Must be signed and notarized and in the possession of the minor at all times while operating the motorized skateboard.

- A. The name and date of birth of the minor.
- B. The residence address of the minor and parent/guardian.
- C. The residence and work telephone number of the parent/guardian.
- D. The following statement:

“I am the parent/guardian of the minor named herein and hereby authorize said minor to operate a motorized skateboard in the City of Mesa. I have read and discussed with said minor the applicable laws of the State of Arizona and of this City regarding the operation of motorized skateboards and have assured myself that said minor understands these regulations. “

If you have questions concerning the Motorized Skateboard Ordinances in Mesa, further information may be obtained by calling:

Mesa Police Department Traffic Unit
130 N. Robson
Mesa, AZ 85201
Telephone: 480-644-3533

Mesa Municipal Court Civil Traffic Sanction Schedule

Selected Arizona Traffic Laws pertaining to Motorized Skateboards
(effective January 1, 2001)

Sanction amounts listed apply if paid before hearing date, mandatory state surcharges are included. If payment for sanction is not received by your court appearance date, you will be in default and will be required to pay \$70.00 in addition to the sanction amount.

You may be cited:

- 28-704A** Speed Less than Reasonable & Prudent (blocking traffic)- If more than five cars are backed up behind rider and vehicles are unable to safely pass.
Sanction.....**\$125.00**
- 28-815(D)** No Motorized Skateboards in bicycle path.
Sanction**\$ 95.00**
- 28-855(B)** Obey all traffic control devices (stop signs, stop lights, etc.)
Sanction **\$125.00**
- 28-893B** Obstructing Drivers Mechanism/ Control (NO riding double).
Sanction.....**\$125.00**
- 28-904A** No Riding on Sidewalks (street side, parks, etc.)
Sanction.....**\$125.00**

See the Arizona Criminal and Traffic Law Manual for complete listing of traffic laws that may pertain to Motorized Skateboards (Go-Peds) — www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp

Contact the Mesa Municipal Court for Sanction amounts not listed: 480-644-2255.

MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS...

AND THE LAW



YOUR Duties and Responsibilities

**Mesa Police Department
480-644-2211**



Motorized skateboards, or as they are sometimes called — motorized recreational vehicles — are a very popular toy among children in our community. If used responsibly and under adult supervision, these can be a lot of fun. However, if these motorized skateboards are not used properly and responsibly, serious injury and even fatal accidents can happen. As parents, we need to ensure our children are kept safe at all times. If you are a parent of a child who has a motorized skateboard, please ensure they are mature enough to ride responsibly and that you, and they, are aware of the traffic laws. This information is taken from Mesa City Code 10-1-18 which covers the use of motorized skateboards on Mesa streets. As parents you are encourage to ensure your children are in compliance.

Duties and Responsibilities

Arizona State law defines Motorized Skateboards (Go-Peds) as “motor vehicles”.

What does that mean?

- > Any person operating a motorized skateboard on public roads or property must obey all traffic laws and local ordinances that apply to motor vehicles, except for registration or licenses.
- > No Driver's License is needed to operate a motorized skateboard. It is suggested that the operator study the Driver's License Guide from the MVD since the operator must be aware of all traffic laws.
- > Ultimately, it is the parent that is responsible for the safety and the actions of the minor child that is operating the motorized skateboard

- > Violation of any State Law or Local Ordinance could result in the operator being issued a citation (ticket) and responsible for any and all fines. If a fine is imposed upon a minor who is found to be in violation of any ordinance, the parents or legal guardian having custody or control of the minor shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for payment, whether the parent knew of, or anticipated, a violation of any ordinance.

Mesa City Code 10-1-18

NO person shall operate a motorized skateboard:

- > Under the age of fourteen (14).
- > On any sidewalk except for use in crossing the sidewalk to gain access to any public or private road or driveway.
- > On any property posted by the owner prohibiting motorized skateboards.
- > On any public roadway having a speed limit greater than 30 mph.
- > Except during daylight and in no event before seven (7:00) A.M. or after eight (8:00) P.M.
- > With passengers.
- > While carrying any package, bundle or article which prohibits using both hands on the vehicle.
- > In a manner causing excessive, unnecessary, or offensive noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person.

- > Without possessing the written consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian. (see Written Consent Information)
- > Attach themselves or the motorized skateboard in any manner to another vehicle.
- > Any person operating a motorized skateboard, approaching a sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle lane, or multiuse path in order to cross such, shall yield the right-of-way to all other users.

Safety Equipment Required:

No person shall operate a motorized skateboard:

- > When there is not light sufficient to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of five hundred feet (500') ahead.
- > Unless it is equipped with a brake which enables the operator to make a braked wheel(s) skid on pavement.
- > Under the age of 18 years without a helmet on his or her head that meets minimum standards as approved by the bicycle industry.
- > Unless wearing footwear which has a sole and completely covers the feet and toes.
- > Unless wearing glasses or goggles or a transparent face shield of a type approved for motorcycles.