



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Scooter Ordinance Passes Unanimously**

[*Everett, Wash.*] A measure to regulate motorized foot scooters has been unanimously approved by the Snohomish County Council, a direct result of multiple complaints from constituents across the county.

“Clearly there was a need for some type of regulation given the number of calls that our offices have received with regard to safety, noise and traffic complaints,” stated Councilman Sax. “It saddens me that government has to put an ordinance like this in place, but kids are getting killed on these things.”

The ordinance requires that riders must be at least 16 years old to operate a scooter that has a muffler and must wear a helmet. Violators would be subject to a fine for a traffic infraction, up to \$250.

Other provisions in the ordinance include that scooters may not be operated in county property, including parks, on sidewalks or on paths not marked for bicycle traffic or on roads with speed limits above 25 MPH.

“Primary concerns raised are the fact that these scooters do not have a muffler and their riders are unfamiliar with basic traffic laws,” added Sax. “The intention of this measure is to educate our kids and their parents how to operate scooters in a safe and responsible manner.”

The ordinance originated in the Sheriff’s office, at the direction of Councilman Sax and constituents and is the first county-wide ordinance in Washington State. Multiple cities, including Everett, Stanwood, Marysville and Lake Stevens, have already adopted scooter regulations.

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