

ORDINANCE NO. 1758

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES, ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 10.21 OF THE BONNEY LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE (BLMC) "ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CORRECTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Bonney Lake, along with other local communities, is experiencing dangers to public safety from the proliferation of electric motorcycles, especially among teenagers and young adults; and

WHEREAS, The City recognizes that there is a need to focus on the differences between electric motorcycles and electric-assisted bicycles to provide a clear means of regulating electric motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, The dangers created by unregulated electric motorcycles has been a topic of priority for the Public Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Bonney Lake City Council finds that the passage of this Ordinance supports and furthers the interest in the public health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The findings and recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. New Chapter Added. A new chapter 10.21 is hereby added to the Bonney Lake Municipal Code to read as follows:

10.21 Electric Motorcycles

10.21.010 Definitions

- A. "City property" means any park, parking lot, municipal facility or other real property owned by the city.
- B. "City Street" means every public highway, road, or street, as defined in RCW Chapter 46.04, or part thereof, located within the city.
- C. "Electric motorcycle" means a motorcycle, as defined by RCW 46.04.330, which is powered by an electric motor and:
 - 1. Is not equipped with fully operable pedals capable of propelling it. Foot pegs are not considered pedals; or

2. Has a motor with a power output that exceeds 750 watts; or
 3. Has a motor that continues to provide assistance when the vehicle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour.
- D. “Guardian” means a parent, legal guardian, or adult responsible for the care and supervision of a minor.
- E. “Helmet” means a protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell, and a neck or chin strap type retention system, with the manufacturer's certification applied in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.218 indicating that the helmet meets standards established by the United States department of transportation.
- F. “Impound” means removal of a vehicle, electric motorcycle, or similar motorized device to a storage facility either by a law enforcement officer of the Bonney Lake Police Department or by a contractor for towing and storage.
- G. “Minor” means any person under the age of 18.

For the purposes of this chapter, all references to federal or state laws or regulations incorporate the law or regulation as existing and as may be amended from time to time.

10.21.020 Prohibited operation of electric motorcycles.

- A. The following regulations apply to the operation of electric motorcycles in the City of Bonney Lake streets, right-of-way, easements, publicly accessible parking lots, parks, and open space.
1. No person under the age of 16 may operate an electric motorcycle within the City of Bonney Lake.
 2. No person may operate an electric motorcycle that is not registered with the Washington State Department of Licensing and does not have a valid license plate.
 3. No person may operate an electric motorcycle without a valid driver’s license with a motorcycle endorsement.
 4. No person may operate an electric motorcycle on a public street or road unless it meets the requirements of RCW [46.61.705](#).

5. No person may operate an electric motorcycle on any sidewalk, pedestrian path, shared use path, or park trail.
6. No person may operate an electric motorcycle within any City-owned or controlled parks, or on any other City property, except parking lots.
7. A guardian may not authorize, knowingly permit, or by insufficient control allow a minor in their care to operate an electric motorcycle in violation of this chapter. A guardian who authorizes, knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows a minor in their care to operate an electric motorcycle in violation of this chapter shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor, with the guardian cited separately to any violation in Chapter BMC 10.21.

B. Violations of BLMC 10.21.020, Prohibited operation of electric motorcycles, are deemed civil infractions unless otherwise specified herein and are subject to the following monetary penalties:

1. First violation: \$125.00 plus costs and assessments.
2. Second and subsequent violations: \$250.00 plus costs and assessments.

10.21.030 Helmet Required and Penalty.

Any person operating an electric motorcycle on city streets or right-of-way of the City of Bonney Lake, or on any city property as defined in BLMC 10.21.010(A)(B),

- (1) Shall wear a helmet and shall have either the neck or chin strap of the helmet fastened securely while the electric motorcycle is in motion.
- (2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have committed a traffic infraction and shall be subject to a penalty of \$50.00 plus costs and assessments

10.21.040 Impoundment

- (1) In addition, a police officer may take custody of an electric motorcycle, at his or her discretion, and provide for its prompt removal to a place of safety under any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) Upon determining that a person is operating an electric motorcycle without a valid and, if required, a specially endorsed driver's license or with a license that has been expired for 90 days or more (RCW 46.55.113(2)(h)).
- (2) All towing and hauling and storage charges on each electric motorcycle impound pursuant to this chapter shall be paid by the registered owner thereof or their agent, or other persons redeeming the vehicle. In no event shall the City be liable for any such charge.

10.21.050 Enforcement Authority.

The Bonney Lake Police Department is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter and may issue civil infractions, impound electric motorcycle, and take other lawful actions necessary to protect public safety and ensure compliance.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or unconstitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

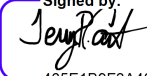
Section 4. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 5. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, and/or the city clerk, the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance number, section/subsection, and any reference thereto. Provided, however, that nothing in this section allows the city attorney, the city clerk, and/or the code publisher to change the intent of this Ordinance.

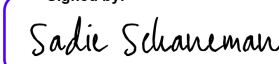
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 16th day of June 2026.

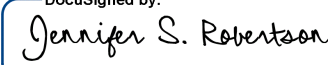
APPROVED by the Mayor this 16th day of June 2026.

Signed by:

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Terry Carter, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Signed by:

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Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

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Jennifer S. Robertson, City Attorney

City of Bonney Lake, Washington
City Council Agenda Bill (AB)

Agenda Bill Number:	AB26-48 -
Agenda Item Type:	Ordinance
Presenter:	Mark Berry, Chief Of Police
City Strategic Goal Category:	Public Safety Vision
Department/Division Submitting:	Police Director
Impacted Departments That Received Notification:	Executive Police Department

Full Title/Motion: An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating to Electric Motorcycles, Establishing Chapter10.21 of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code (BLMC) "Electric Motorcycles"; Providing For Severability and Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Short Background Summary:

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Budget Explanation:

N/A

Committee, Board, Commission, & Hearing Examiner Review

Name Of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting:

Date of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting:

Date of Committee/Commission Public Hearing:

Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting Decision:

Council Action

Date of Council Workshop

Date of Council Meeting

Date of Council Public Hearing

6/16/2026