



MOPED LAWS

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WHAT IS A MOPED?

AS WRITTEN UNDER THE CODE OF VIRGINIA §46.2 -100 AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, MOPEDS ARE: EVERY VEHICLE THAT TRAVELS ON NOT MORE THAN THREE WHEELS IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND THAT HAS (1) A SEAT THAT IS NO LESS THAN 24 INCHES IN HEIGHT, MEASURED FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE SEAT PERPENDICULAR TO THE GROUND AND (2) A GASOLINE, ELECTRIC OR HYBRID MOTOR THAT DISPLACES LESS THAN 50 CUBIC CENTIMETERS. FOR PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 8 (46-800 ET SEQ.) OF THIS TITLE, A MOPED SHALL BE A VEHICLE WHILE OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY

WHEN DO THE NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT?

JANUARY 01, 2000

REGISTRATION:

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 2000, ALL MOPEDS OWNED BY CITY RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY AND DISPLAY A CITY MOPED LICENSE PLATE. **MOPEDS CAN BE REGISTERED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT THE LYNCHBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM AND 4:45 PM.**

WHO MAY REGISTER A MOPED?

YOU MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE TO REGISTER & OPERATE A MOPED UPON ANY HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA OF THE CITY.

YOU MAY NOT REGISTER OR OPERATE A MOPED IF:

1. YOU HAVE BEEN DECLARED HABITUAL OFFENDER
2. YOU HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED/REVOKED FOR A CONVICTION OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS (UNLESS YOU HAVE A RESTRICTED PERMIT, COURT ORDER, OR DMV CARD THAT STATES THAT YOU CAN OBTAIN A RESTRICTED PERMIT).

HOW DO I REGISTER A MOPED?

YOU MUST BRING YOUR MOPED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ORIGINAL PAPERWORK THAT CAME WITH IT, TO BE INSPECTED BY AN OFFICER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

THE PAPERWORK MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: MAKE, MODEL, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO REGISTER A MOPED? \$5.00

HOW DO I GET A LICENSE PLATE?

ONCE THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FILLED OUT AND THE REGISTRATION FEE PAID, YOU WILL BE ISSUED A MOPED LICENSE PLATE. THE LICENSE PLATE WILL NEED TO BE ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE MOPED, MUCH LIKE A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE.

WILL I HAVE TO REGISTER MY MOPED EVERY YEAR?

NO. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE FOR AS LONG AS YOU OWN THE MOPED. IF YOU SELL THE MOPED OR GIVE IT AWAY, THE NEW OWNER WILL NEED TO TRANSFER THE REGISTRATION.

WHAT IF I DON'T REGISTER MY MOPED AND ATTACH THE CITY MOPED LICENSE PLATE?

THE MOPED WILL BE TOWED AND IMPOUNDED UNTIL IT HAS BEEN REGISTERED AND DISPLAYS A CITY MOPED LICENSE PLATE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY MOPED IS IMPOUNDED?

IF A MOPED IS IMPOUNDED, THE OWNER MUST REGISTER THE MOPED AND DISPLAY A LICENSE PLATE. TOWING EXPENSES MUST ALSO BE PAID.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO REGISTER MY MOPED?

YOU MUST REGISTER THE MOPED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF PURCHASE, OR RECEIVING IT AS A GIFT.

WHAT ARE THE NEW MOPED TRAFFIC LAWS?

FIRST, MOPEDS MUST OBEY ALL THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS THAT BICYCLES HAVE TO OBEY:

1. COMPLY WITH ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND LIGHTS
2. KEEP AT LEAST ONE HAND ON THE HANDLEBAR AT ALL TIMES
3. NO RIDING ON SIDEWALKS
4. MOPEDS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH PROPER BRAKES AND LIGHTS
5. MOPED OPERATORS MUST USE HAND SIGNALS IF THE ELECTRONIC SIGNAL DEVICES ON THEIR MOPED ARE NOT WORKING
6. NO RECKLESS RIDING
7. KEEP TO THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE ROADWAY UNLESS PASSING OR TURNING LEFT

ALSO, THE FOLLOWING LAWS APPLY TO MOPED OPERATION:

1. ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOPED ON A PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY SHALL WEAR A FACE SHIELD, SAFETY GLASSES, OR GOGGLES OF A TYPE APPROVED BY THE STATE POLICE, OR HAVE THE MOPED EQUIPPED WITH A SAFETY GLASS OR WINDSHIELD AT ALL TIMES.
2. WHILE OPERATING SUCH MOPED, ALL OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS (IF ANY) SHALL WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET OF A TYPE APPROVED BY THE STATE POLICE.

WHAT IF I FAIL TO WEAR A HELMET OR PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR?

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE CITY ORDINANCE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$50.00.

WHAT ABOUT PASSENGERS RIDING ON A MOPED?

NO PERSON OTHER THAN THE OPERATOR SHALL RIDE ON A MOPED, UNLESS SUCH MOPED IS DESIGNED TO CARRY MORE THAN ONE PERSON, IN WHICH SUCH MOPED WILL HAVE A SEPARATE AND PERMANENT SEAT FOR EACH PASSENGER TO INCLUDE FOOT PEGS.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE ARE TWO PERSONS ON A ONE-PERSON MOPED?

ANY PERSON WHO ALLOWS A SECOND PERSON TO RIDE ON A MOPED WITHOUT THE MOPED BEING EQUIPPED TO RIDE DOUBLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$200.00.