WHAT IS A MOPE D?
AS WRITTEN UNDER THE CODE OF VIRGINIA §46.2 -100 AND
ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, MOPE DS 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 MOPE D 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 MOPE DS OWNED BY CITY
RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE
CITY AND DISPLAY A CITY MOPE D LICENSE PLATE. MOPE DS
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 MOPE D?
YOU MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE TO REGISTER & OPERATE A
MOPE D UPON ANY HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA
OF THE CITY.
YOU MAY NOT REGISTER OR OPERATE A MOPE D 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 MOPE D?
YOU MUST BRING YOUR MOPE D TO THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ORIGIAL 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 MOPE D? $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 MOPE D LICENSE PLATE. THE LICENSE PLATE WILL NEED
TO BE ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE MOPE D, MUCH LIKE
A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE.

WILL I HAVE TO REGISTER MY MOPE D EVERY YEAR?
NO. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE FOR AS LONG AS
YOU OWN THE MOPE D. IF YOU SELL THE MOPE D OR GIVE IT
AWAY, THE NEW OWNER WILL NEED TO TRANSFER THE
REGISTRATION.

WHAT IF I DON’T REGISTER MY MOPE D AND ATTACH THE
CITY MOPE D LICENSE PLATE?
The MOPE D WILL BE TOWED AND IMPounded UNTIL IT HAS
BEEN REGISTERED AND DISPLAYS A CITY MOPE D LICENSE
PLATE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY MOPE D IS IMPounded?
IF A MOPE D IS IMPounded, THE OWNER MUST REGISTER
THE MOPE D AND DISPLAY A LICENSE PLATE. TOWING
EXPENSES MUST ALSO BE PAID.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO REGISTER MY MOPE D?
YOU MUST REGISTER THE MOPE D WITHIN 15 DAYS OF
PURCHASE, OR RECEIVING IT AS A GIFT.

WHAT ARE THE NEW MOPE D TRAFFIC LAWS?
FIRST, MOPE DS 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. MOPE DS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH PROPER BRAKES AND
   LIGHTS
5. MOPE D OPERATORS MUST USE HAND SIGNALS IF THE
   ELECTRONIC SIGNAL DEVICES ON THEIR MOPE D 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 MOPE D OPERATION:
1. ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOPE D 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 MOPE D EQUIPPED
   WITH A SAFETY GLASS OR WINDSHIELD AT ALL TIMES.
2. WHILE OPERATING SUCH MOPE D, 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 MOPE D?
NO PERSON OTHER THAN THE OPERATOR SHALL RIDE ON A
MOPE D, UNLESS SUCH MOPE D IS DESIGNED TO CARRY MORE
THAN ONE PERSON, IN WHICH SUCH MOPE D 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 MOPE D?
ANY PERSON WHO ALLOWS A SECOND PERSON TO RIDE ON A
MOPE D WITHOUT THE MOPE D BEING EQUIPPED TO RIDE
DOUBLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND
BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO $200.00.