



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 29, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to provide copies of the regulations on scooters from Malibu, CA and New York City, NY and the Federal Department of Transportation technical definition of "operator control."

In City Council July 29, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" at the beginning.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Commissioner Watson informed the committee that the post office will be using segways and, if banned, post office employees will be unable to deliver the mail. The Police Department has been asked to test the segways for police use. He asked how will this vehicle be addressed. Ms. Clippinger responded that segways is not defined and as new vehicles are used the vehicles can be defined. Mr. Rossi stated that if conflicts arise research is needed to develop appropriate rules.

Vice Mayor Davis opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. John VanSaun, 770 Mass. Ave., stated that he was the originator of this issue. The scooter is a unique vehicle and it does not fit into the regulations. The scooter is like the child-kick-and-ride scooter that has been adapted to have a lawn motor engine on the back. He stated concerns with use, pedestrian and vehicular safety and engineering considerations. He also had concerns with operator control. These vehicles are unable to provide operator control. These vehicles are dangerous and should be banned. Segways, used by the post office, would be used based on federal safety standards and would be used by an adult, not a child.

Mr. Nicholas Churchill, 29 Essex Street, stated that children use the scooters and he has witnessed near accidents. He is concerned with the noise. Scooters sound like chain saws. The police claim there is nothing they can do about the noise from these vehicles.

Councillor Maher made the following motion:

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The motion carried on a voice vote.

Councillor Maher asked Mr. Fosque if he had information about the response to scooter accidents. Mr. Fosque stated he would provide this information.

Vice Mayor Davis moved the issue of scooter noise to the noise hearing. She thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at six o'clock and twenty-seven minutes p.m.

For the Committee,

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair

**City Council
Public Safety Committee
June 18, 2002
6PM**

Motorized Scooter Regulations

Prepared by:
Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department

Introduction

There are a variety of different types of vehicles that use the City's streets and sidewalks. Motor vehicles must register with the Mass Registry of Motor Vehicles and receive a license plate. Other vehicles – bicycles, in line skates, roller skates, skateboards and scooters are not licensed by the RMV. Motorized scooters are also not regulated by the RMV although they have a small motor.

The State Law regulates the operation of registered motor vehicles and bicycles on the city's streets. Enforcement is done by the Police Department through the use of moving violations.

TP&T Regulations

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department also regulates how vehicles can use the City's streets and sidewalks.

Through the work of the City Council and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees a regulation was implemented on May 1, 1997 that banned bicycles from sidewalks in specific areas and created rules for how they could use the sidewalks where allowed. These regulations are Article XII Regulations for Bicycles in the Department's Traffic Regulations.

On September 30, 2001 regulations were implemented that also bans scooters, inline skates and skateboards from the same sidewalks that bicycles are banned on and where allowed on the sidewalk subjects them to the same regulations as the bicycles. A new Article XXII Regulations for Scooters, Inline Skates and Skateboards was promulgated.

TP&T Regulations

Attached are the relevant sections of the TP&T Regulations currently in effect.
Article I Definitions.
Article XII Regulations for Bicycles.
Article XXII Regulations for Scooters, Inline Skates and Skateboards.
Schedule 4B.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 DEFINITION OF WORDS AND PHRASES

- (a) The following words and phrases when used in these regulations shall for the purpose of these regulations have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
- (b) Whenever any words and phrases used herein are not defined herein but are defined in the State laws regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein.

Section 1.2 DEFINITIONS

ALLEY OR ALLEYWAY

A private road serving as a secondary means of access to two or more pieces of property, but not as a primary means of access to any property.

AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE

Vehicles of the traffic and parking, police, fire and civil defense departments, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Director of Traffic.

BICYCLE

Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having no more than two tandem wheels either of which is 18" or more in diameter.

BIKE PATH

A route for the exclusive use of bicycles separated by grade or other physical barrier from other vehicles.

BIKE LANE

A lane on a street restricted to bicycles and so designated by means of pavement coloring, lines or other appropriate markings.

BIKE ROUTE

A roadway shared by both bicycles and other forms of transportation may be designated by means of signs and/or pavement markings.

BICYCLE PARKING FACILITY

Any facility for the temporary storage of bicycles which allows the frame and one or both wheels to be locked so as to minimize the risk of theft and vandalism.

BUS

Every vehicle designed for carrying more than 8 passengers and used primarily for the transportation of persons either for compensation, as a service, or as an adjunct to a school program.

BUS STOP

An area in the roadway adjacent to the curb or edge of roadway, set aside for the boarding of or alighting from buses.

BUS STAND

An area in the roadway adjacent to the curb or edge of roadway, set aside for the parking or layover of buses.

CENTRAL SQUARE BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Central Square business district for the purposes of these regulations shall be defined as that part of the City of Cambridge included by the following streets or parts thereof:

Bishop Allen Drive - Main Street to Inman Street
Bigelow Street - Massachusetts Avenue to the North Curb line of City Hall drive
Brookline Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Central Square
Columbia Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Main Street
Douglas Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Essex Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Franklin Street - Pearl Street to Pleasant Street
Green Street - Sidney Street to Sellers Street
Inman Street - north curb line of Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Magazine Street - Franklin Street to Green Street
Main Street - Massachusetts Avenue to east curb line of Cherry Street
Massachusetts Avenue - west curb line of Sellers Street to the east curb line of Sidney Street
Norfolk Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Pearl Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Pleasant Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Prospect Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
River Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Sellers Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Sidney Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Temple Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Austin Street
Western Avenue - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue

CHANNELIZING ISLAND

A traffic island located to guide traffic streams along certain definite paths and to prevent the promiscuous movement of vehicles in what would otherwise be a widely extended roadway area.

COIN

Currency approved by the United States Government, manufactured by the Federal Reserve, which is accepted as legal tender for all public and private debts. This includes paper currency and electronic currency (ie. credit card) that has been approved by the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department for specially designed parking meters or electronic parking module.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

Any vehicle registered for commercial purposes and designed and used primarily for transportation of goods, wares, services or merchandise.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, HEAVY

Any commercial vehicle of two and one half (2-1/2) tons gross vehicle weight or over.

CROSSOVER

An opening in a channelizing island that connects both sides of a divided highway.

CROSSWALK

That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or continuation of curb lines and property lines at intersections, or at any portion of the roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other markings or signs.

CURB LOADING ZONE

A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of materials and/or persons.

DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC, PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION.

The Director of the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation of the City of Cambridge.

DIVIDED HIGHWAY

A highway with separated roadways for traffic in opposite directions.

DRIVEWAY

A private road serving as a means of a vehicular access to a parcel of land abutting a highway or street.

EMERGENCY ARTERY

Any major street or highway designated by the Traffic Director as part of the arterial system of streets or highways for the city.

HARVARD SQUARE BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Harvard Square business district for the purposes of these regulations shall be defined as that part of the City of Cambridge included by the following streets or parts thereof:

Appian Way - Brattle Street to Garden Street
Bow Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Mount Auburn
Brattle Square
Brattle Street - Appian Way to Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge Street - Broadway to Massachusetts Avenue
Church Street - Brattle Street to Massachusetts Avenue
DeWolfe Street - Bow Street to Memorial Drive
Dunster Street - Massachusetts Avenue to South Street
Eliot Street - John F. Kennedy Street to Mount Auburn Street
Farwell Place - Brattle Street to end of street
Garden Street - west curb line of Appian Way to Massachusetts Avenue
Harvard Street - Quincy Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Holyoke Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Mill Street
John F. Kennedy Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive
Linden Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Bow Street
Massachusetts Avenue - north curb line of Cambridge Street to the east curb line of Quincy Street
Mount Auburn Street - west curb line of Story Street to DeWolfe Street
Palmer Street - Church Street to Brattle Street
Peabody Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Cambridge Street
Plympton Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive
Quincy Street - Broadway to Harvard Street
South Street - John F. Kennedy Street to Dunster Street
Story Street - Mount Auburn Street to Brattle Street

INLINE SKATES

Any shoe with an attachment of 4 or more wheels aligned in a linear fashion.

INTERSECTION

The area embraced within the extensions of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines, of intersecting ways as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, including divided ways.

LANED ROADWAY

A roadway which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

MOTORIZED SCOOTER

A vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two small end wheels, aligned in a linear fashion, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel, which is powered by a motor and not regulated under MGL Chapter 90.

MOTOR VEHICLE

All motorized conveyances or vehicle that are subject to Chapter 90 of the Mass. General Laws except as may otherwise herein be defined.

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals." and which are placed or erected by authority of the Traffic Director for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

PARKING

The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

PARKING CONTROL OFFICERS

Officers of the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, authorized to enforce all parking rules and regulations.
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PARKING METER

Any electrical or mechanical device, not inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations, and placed or erected on any public way or public parking lot within the city for the regulation of parking. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by this regulation, and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time permitted, and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

PARKING METER SPACE

Any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle, by markings on the surface of the street adjacent to, or, adjoining each parking meter.

PARKING METER ZONE

Any street or portion thereof or parking lot upon which parking meters are installed and in operation and upon which parking of vehicles is permitted for a limited time subject to compliance with the further provisions of these regulations.

PEDESTRIAN

Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles and inline skates.

PERSON

Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

POLICE OFFICER OR OFFICERS

Every officer of the municipal police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrest for violations of traffic regulations.

PRIVATE ROAD

Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicle travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

PRIVATE WAY

A private road furnishing the primary means of access to two or more parcels of land.

RAILROAD CROSSING

Any intersection of ways with a railroad right of way.

ROADWAY

That portion of a highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.

ROTARY TRAFFIC

The counter clockwise operation of vehicles or a vehicle around an object, structure, or island in the roadway.

SAFETY ZONE

The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs, as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

SCOOTER

A vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two small end wheels, aligned in a linear fashion, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel, which is powered by a human.

SIDEWALK

That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use of pedestrians.

SKATEBOARD

A non-motorized vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two sets of wheels, with steering controlled by weight distribution.

STAND OR STANDING

Means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

STOP

When required means complete cessation from movement.

STOP OR STOPPING

When prohibited means any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

STREET OR HIGHWAY

The entire width between boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

TAXICAB STAND

An area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are required to park while waiting to be engaged.

TRAFFIC

Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars, bicycles and other conveyances either singularly or together while using any highway for purposes or travel.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA

Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at *which* drivers are to be controlled by traffic-control signals.

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL

Any device using colored lights, which conforms to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals." whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by *which traffic* may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

The traffic division of the police department of the City of Cambridge.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

The Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation of the City of Cambridge.

TRAFFIC ISLAND

Any area or space set aside, within a roadway, which is not intended for use by vehicular traffic.

U-TURN

The turning of a vehicle whereby the direction of such vehicle is reversed.

ARTICLE XII REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES

Sec. 12.1 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic regulations of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provision of laws and regulations which by their nature can have no application.

Sec. 12.2 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- (a) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- (b) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 12.3 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- (a) Every bicycle operated upon a way shall be equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the bicycle traveling at a speed of fifteen miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within thirty feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.
- (b) Every bicycle when in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500' to the front. To the rear, either a red lamp or a red reflector visible for not less than 600' when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.
- (c) The operator shall not carry any package, bundle or article except in a basket, rack, trailer or other device designated for such purpose. The operator shall keep at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times.

Sec. 12.4 RIDING ON BICYCLES

- (a) A bicycle operator shall give an audible warning whenever necessary to insure the safe operation of the bicycle; however, the use of a siren or whistle is prohibited.
- (b) The operator shall ride only upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle.
- (c) A passenger shall ride only upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle or to a trailer towed by the bicycle.
- (d) Any person twelve years of age or younger operating a bicycle or being carried as a passenger on a bicycle shall wear a helmet which meets the latest standards established by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation.
- (e) During the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, the operator shall either display on each pedal of their bicycle a reflector or on each ankle reflective material which is visible from all angles for a distance of 600' when directly in front of lawful low beams of headlamp's of a motor vehicle.
- (f) In the event of a collision between the operator of a bicycle and a pedestrian both parties shall stop and exchange the following information: Name, address and location.

Sec. 12.5 RIDING ON ROADWAYS

- (a) The bicycle operator shall ride single file on any way except when passing. The bicycle operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle which is moving in the travel lane or the way. The bicycle operator shall not pass to the right of a bus or minibus stopped at a designated bus stop.
- (b) The bicycle operator shall signal by either hand their intention to stop or turn.
- (c) The bicycle operator shall not permit their bicycle to be drawn by any other moving vehicle.

Sec. 12.6 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY

The driver of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

• Sec. 12.7 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

- (a) Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks. The operator of a bicycle shall yield to pedestrians in all traffic situations.
- (b) The operator of a bicycle shall ride at a speed no greater than an ordinary walk when on a sidewalk or when entering or leaving a sidewalk.
- (c) The operator of a bicycle shall give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian far enough in advance to allow the pedestrian time to react.
- (d) No one shall operate a bicycle on a sidewalk in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property.
- (e) The operator of a bicycle shall comply with all Federal, State and local regulations concerning lighting and helmet use as they apply to roadways when riding on a sidewalk.

Sec. 12.8 SIDEWALK CYCLING BANNED ON CERTAIN STREETS AND DISTRICTS

- (a) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk within a business district as defined in Article I.
- (b) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk described in schedule 4B attached to and made part of these regulations and which has been posted with appropriate signs.

Sec. 12.9 BICYCLE PARKING

No person shall park on the public right-of-way in a manner other than the following;

- 1. In or on a bicycle facility/bicycle rack specifically designed for such a purpose.
- 2. Against a pole located on a sidewalk except where sidewalk cycling is restricted as described in section 12.8. Where cycling is prohibited, no bicycle shall be parked longer than 24 consecutive hours.
- 3. Against a building.

At no time shall a bicycle be parked in such a manner as to restrict safe and unobstructed access for pedestrians. No parked bicycle shall impede access to persons with disabilities.

**ARTICLE XXII
REGULATIONS FOR SCOOTERS, INLINE SKATES
AND SKATEBOARDS**

Sec. 22.1 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Every scooter, inline skate, or skateboard operated upon a way shall be equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the scooter, inline skate or skateboard to a smooth safe stop within fifteen (15) feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.

Sec. 22.2 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

- (a) Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks. The operator of a scooter, inline skate, or skateboard shall yield to pedestrians in all traffic situations.
- (b) The operator of a scooter, inline skate or skateboard shall ride at a speed no greater than an ordinary walking speed when on a sidewalk or while entering or exiting a sidewalk.
- (c) The operator of a scooter, inline skate, or skateboard shall give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian far enough in advance to allow the pedestrian time to react.
- (d) No person shall operate a scooter, inline skate, or skateboard on a sidewalk in a manner that endangers or would potentially endanger any person.
- (e) No person shall operate a scooter, inline skate, or skateboard on a way or on public property in a manner that damages, defaces or vandalizes public property.

Sec. 22.3 RIDING BANNED ON CERTAIN STREETS AND DISTRICTS

- (a) No person shall ride a scooter, inline skate, or skateboard on any sidewalk within a Business District as defined in Article 1.
- (b) No person shall ride a scooter, inline skate or skateboard on any sidewalk described in schedule 4B attached to an made part of these regulations and which has been posted with appropriate signs.

ATTACHMENT C

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
TRAFFIC, PARKING & TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT
PUBLISHED SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4B
ALL BICYCLES PROHIBITED
ON SIDEWALKS ALONG CERTAIN
SIDES OF CERTAIN STREETS

STREET	SIDE	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cambridge St	N	Prospect St.	Camelia Ave.	5/1/97
Cambridge St.	S	Highland Ave.	Prospect St.	5/1/97
Hampshire St.	E	Prospect St.	City Line	5/1/97
Hampshire St.	W	City Line	Prospect St.	5/1/97
Huron Ave.	N	Lakeview Ave.	Fayerweather St.	5/1/97
Huron Ave.	S	Lakeview Ave.	Fayerweather St.	5/1/97
Mass Ave.	W	Cogswell Ave.	Shepard St.	5/1/97
Mass Ave.	E	Wendell St.	Russell St.	5/1/97
Somerville Ave.	N	City Line	Mass. Ave.	5/1/97
Somerville Ave.	S	Mass Ave.	City Line	5/1/97

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City of Cambridge

PUBLIC SAFETY

In City Council July 29, 2002

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor David P. Maher

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey

The Public Safety Committee held a public meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at six o'clock and two minutes p. m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the regulation of motorized scooters.

Present at the meeting was Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Councillor David Maher, Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor, Arthur Goldberg, Supervising Legal Counsel, Law Department, Ronnie Watson, Police Commissioner, Chris Beamud, Legal Advisor, Police Department, Sue Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, George Fosque, Director of Emergency Communications and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Also present at this meeting was John Van Saun and Nicholas Churchill.

Vice Mayor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. This issue came to the committee due to a complaint filed by Mr. Churchill. He asked what the committee could do to address the use of motorized scooters.

Ms. Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, distributed the Motorized Scooter Regulations (**ATTACHMENT A**). The regulations, she said, mirror the bicycles on sidewalk regulations. The regulations were implemented on September 30, 2001.

Vice Mayor Davis stated that noise and speed complaints were received. Ms. Clippinger stated that pedestrians have the right of way on sidewalks as outlined in Section 22.2 (**ATTACHMENT B**). Scooters are banned in the two business districts, Central and Harvard Squares. Schedule 4B lists the streets on which no scooters are allowed (**ATTACHMENT C**).

In response to a question by Councillor Maher, Ms. Clippinger stated that it is permissible to use scooters in bicycle lanes. Councillor Maher asked if other communities have developed regulations outside of noise regulations on scooters. Ms. Clippinger responded that other communities want to know what the City of Cambridge has done.

Vice Mayor Davis asked if a "segway" would fit into this category. Ms. Clippinger stated that additional vehicles could be defined.

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Committee Report #4

Committee Report from Vice
Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of
the Public Safety Committee, for a
meeting held on June 18, 2002 to
discuss the regulation of motorized
scooters.

In City Council July 29, 2002

**REPORT ACCEPTED.
PLACED ON FILE.
ORDER ADOPTED.
SEE ORDER #30**