

**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM, RHODE ISLAND  
IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION AMENDING R.I. GEN. LAWS § 31-19.3-5 RELATING TO THE  
REGULATION OF THE RENTAL OF MOTORIZED BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, AND  
MOTORIZED TRICYCLES IN THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM**

**March 2, 2026**

**R-06-2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Shoreham is authorized pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-19.3-5 to enact reasonable ordinances establishing procedures and standards for the licensing, supervision, regulation, and control of the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters, and motorized tricycles within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 19.3 of Title 31 of the General Laws of Rhode Island provides a statutory framework specific to New Shoreham in recognition of its unique geographic, seasonal, environmental, and public safety conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds it necessary and appropriate to ensure that § 31-19.3-5 clearly includes statutory limits on the total number of licenses and allows for the permanent reduction of such licenses upon surrender, expiration, revocation, or retirement, in order to protect public safety, manage traffic congestion, and preserve the character of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council therefore seeks to initiate and support legislation before the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend § 31-19.3-5 as set forth below;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Council of the Town of New Shoreham hereby supports and requests the introduction and passage of legislation amending R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-19.3-5 to read in full as follows (new underlined language to be included:

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**§ 31-19.3-5. Ordinances.**

(a) The town council of the town of New Shoreham may enact reasonable ordinances establishing procedures and standards for the licensing, supervision, regulation, and control of the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and motorized tricycles.

(b) An ordinance enacted pursuant to this section may:

(1) Establish a fee to be charged for the issuance or renewal of any license for the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles the holder of the license is authorized to rent or lease and shall not exceed the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) per motorized bicycle, motor scooters or motorized tricycle.

(2) Establish a maximum number of licenses, not to exceed that authorized by subsection (c), which may be adjusted pursuant to subsection (d), which may be granted for the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles.

(3) Establish hours during which motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles may be rented.

(4) Establish a maximum number of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles which a license holder may rent or lease under the license, which shall not exceed thirty-four (34) motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles.

(5) Provide that no motorized bicycle, motor scooters or motorized tricycle shall be rented or leased in the town of New Shoreham unless the operator thereof has a valid license issued under the provisions of § 31-10-1, or a similar license issued by a state other than Rhode Island.

(6) Require all motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles to pass inspection annually and be issued a certificate by a duly authorized state inspection facility indicating that the vehicle has passed inspection to be conducted at inspection agencies which shall be created and governed by rules and regulations promulgated by the department of revenue.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, the town council of the town of New Shoreham shall not grant more than five (5) licenses, which may be adjusted pursuant to subsection (d), for the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles.


(d) Upon the voluntary surrender, expiration without renewal, revocation, or other retirement of a license for the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles, the maximum number of licenses authorized under subsection (c) shall be permanently reduced by one (1) for each license voluntarily surrendered, expired, without renewal, revoked, or otherwise retired.

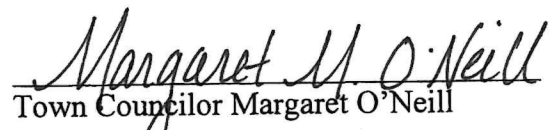
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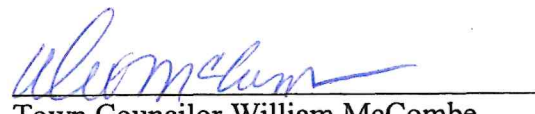
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be made part of the permanent record of the Town. Witness our hands and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2026.

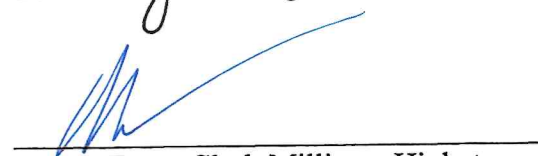
  
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First Warden Keith Stover

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Second Warden Nancy Dodge

  
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Town Councilor Tristan Payne

  
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Town Councilor Margaret O'Neill

  
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Town Councilor William McCombe

  
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Attest: Town Clerk Millicent Hight