

REGULATION GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF MOTORBIKES

WHEREAS, the use of motorbikes as a mode of transport is a trend that is overtaking the entire country: and

WHEREAS: the use of this method of transportation poses a peril to lives and property and.

WHEREAS: the drivers of these vehicles lack the requisite training to operate such vehicles, and as a result the country has seen a surge in the loss of lives, limbs, paralysis and property damage: and

WHEREAS: the swell in the loss of lives, limbs, paralysis has become a matter of national concern such that medical facilities around the country are in a fight to control this epidemic and has requested assistance from the appropriate entities, and

WHEREAS: the Ministry of Transport, by statute is the ministry responsible to regulate the transport industry, and the Ministry of Justice, by statute has oversight to protect the lives and property of the people: and

NOT THEREFORE, the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Justice hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations to govern the operation of any and all motorbikes plying the streets and operating within the republic of Liberia

DEFINATION

Motorbikes: for purpose of these rules and regulations, shall mean any and all two (2) wheeled automotive vehicles.

Commercial: for purpose of these rules and regulations, shall mean any and motorbikes used to transport persons and perform services for compensation.

Personal: for purposes of these rules and regulations, shall mean any and motorbikes operating either without compensation for services rendered, or for leisure purposes or for any other purposes.

REGULATION

All motorbikes, personal or commercial shall be registered with the Ministry of Transport with appropriate registration license numbered plate, and shall be registered either for commercial use or for personal use.

All motorbikes drivers/operators shall obtain a driver's license from the Ministry of Transport to operate motorbike.

QUALIFICATION:

All applicants applying for a license to drive/operate a motorbike must present certificate from the Liberia National Police (LNP) or a driving school registered with the Ministry of Transport and recognized as trainer of motorbike drivers/operators, certifying that the applicants are trained by said entity to safely operate/drive such motorbike

UNIFORMITY

All drivers operating a motorbike for a commercial purpose shall wear a uniform to be determined by the Motorbike Driver Organization with subsequent approval by the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Justice as to the nature and style etc of such uniform.

Notwithstanding, the above and in recognition that all motorbike drivers/operators may not be members of the union, drivers/operators shall still wear uniform as deemed appropriate by the Ministries of Transport and Justice.

All motorbikes used for commercial purpose shall have a printed readable service name that must be conspicuously displayed on it fender.

DRESS CODE AND PASSENGER LIMIT

All categories of motorbike drivers/operators shall be required to adhere strictly to the following

- a. Each motorbike driver/operator shall be required to wear a helmet, and also have a helmet for its passenger to wear. It is prohibited to drive/operate and/or carry passenger without helmets worn by both driver and passenger.

- b. Each motorbike driver/operator shall be required to drive only properly fitted pair of boots/shoes. It is prohibited to wear slippers, loafers slip on while driving/operating a motorbike
- c. No motorbike driver shall carry more than one (1) passenger at the time while driving/operating a motorbike. It is prohibited to carry more than one (1) passenger while driving/operating a motorbike

AGE

All operator(s) driver(s) of motorbike shall be of age 18 or above.

Only individuals thirteen (13) and above shall be allowed as a passenger on a motorbike

It is prohibited to carry any child under 13 as a passenger on any motorbike, whether for commercial use or for personal use.

INSURANCE

It is a legal requirement that any and all motorbike(s) owners and operators alike shall acquire Third Party Liability Insurance at a cost of US\$100 for property damage and medical US\$500 for all liabilities arising from the use of a motorbike, in the event of an accident.

CARGO/GOODS

No motorbike driver/operator shall be allowed to carry cargos/goods on his/her motorbike at anytime.

PARKING

The Liberia National Police in consultation with the Ministry of Transport shall designate parking space in the approved areas in which motorbikes are allowed to operate. Designated parking may be extended and/or limited at the option of the Liberian National Police and the Ministry of Transport.

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW

All motorbike(s) shall be required to observe the Vehicle and traffic Laws, as well as any other rules and regulations governing road safety within the republic, as may be in force from time to time.

PROHIBITED AREAS FOR OPERATING/DRIVING MOTORBIKES FOR COMMERCIAL USE

All motorbikes to be used for commercial purpose shall be restricted from operating/driving in the following areas of Monrovia.

- all major streets, boulevards and avenues, including but not limited to Central Monrovia, Sinkor, commencing from Parker Point in Paynesville
- From St. Paul Bridge in Browerville and commencing from ELWA Hospital in Paynesville, as well as all other vehicle traffic congested streets in the City of Monrovia and its environs.
- Motorbikes drivers are prohibited from using intersections as passenger pick-up points to avoid obstructing the normal flow of traffic.

APPROVED AREAS FOR OPERATING COMMERCIAL MOTORBIKES

All motorbikes used for commercial purposes shall currently be allowed to operate only in the following areas. Current areas of use may be expanded or restricted based on prevailing circumstances. Areas of operation are: Duala junction to Caldwell and back; from Point Four junction to New Kru Town and back; from Logan Town Cinema Junction to inside Logan Town and back: and

- From Somalia Drive/Barnersville junction to Barnersville and back, from New Georgia Estate to Somalia Drive Junction, from Somalia Drive Junction to Stephen Tolbert Estate and back, and along the SKD Boulevard between Chugbor junction on the Old Road inside and back.

Any and all motorbike(s) to be used for commercial purposes shall restrict their use to transporting passengers along feeder roads that do not have heavy vehicle traffic; and are further prohibited from plying the streets of Monrovia and the busy streets of other cities/towns around the Country.

The Ministry of Transport in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice/LNP shall from time to time identify other areas that may or may not be used for the operation of motorbikes.

TIME/HOUR(S) OF OPERATION

All motorbikes used for commercial purposes, shall operate between the hours of 5am to 8pm. It is strictly prohibited to operate/drive any commercial motorbikes outside of the time designated for such use.

PENALTY AND FINES

Any and all drivers/operators of motorbikes whether for commercial or for personal use caught in violation of any of these regulations and the vehicles and Traffic Laws of the Republic of Liberia shall be penalized in accordance with applicable law, and where no such laws/regulations exist for said violation, then penalty and/or fine shall be imposed as follows:

Driving under age limited

- a. First offense – impoundment of motorbikes and US\$100 fine
- b. Second offense – impoundment of motorbike, US\$150 and 30 days suspension of license.

Carrying a passenger under age 13

- a. First offense – US\$100 fine
- b. Second offense – Impoundment of motorbike, US\$150 fine and 30 days suspension of license

Driving outside of prescribed time/period operation

- a. First offense – 30 days suspension of license and US\$250 fine
- b. Second offense – impoundment of motorbike and US\$350 fine and 30 days suspension of license

Driving without helmet for rider and/or passenger

- a. First offense – US\$50 fine
- b. Second offense – US\$75 fine
- c. Third offense – impoundment of motorbike and US\$250 fine

Driving a motorbike (commercial or private) and transporting cargos/goods

- a. First offense – UD\$50 fine
- b. Second offense – one – year suspension of license
- c. Third offense – revocation of license

Driving a commercial motorbike without uniform recommended by motorbike union and/or the Ministry of Justice

- a. First offense – US\$35 fine
- b. Second offense – one-year suspension of license
- c. Third offense – revocation of license

The imposition of any penalty hereunder is in addition to any penalty for the use of a motorbike resulting in an offense under The Penal Law, Title 26, such as negligent homicide or recklessly endangering another person or any other offense provided hereunder.

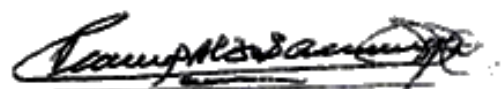
OTHER

Any and all motorbike driver/operator shall be prohibited from transporting any passenger who may pose a danger to him/herself, the driver/operator and/or the general public.

These regulations shall take effect as of the date of signing.

Done in the City of Monrovia, County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, this, **14th** day of **August** A.D. 2008.


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