

**HASTINGS CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION AGENDA**

**Hastings Municipal Airport  
3300 W. 12th Street  
October 20, 2025  
6:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA** for October 20, 2025 Worksession.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Official Notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, October 17, 2025. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is available for public review and a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: (Only for agenda items.)**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Discussion of Restaurant Tax.
2. Discussion of ordinance regarding lightweight e-scooter, e-bike and hoverboard usage on public property.

**ADJOURN:**

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to enter into an executive session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the agenda.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Mayor and City Council reserve the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedules of the city council members, person having items on the agenda, and the public.

Worksession meetings are intended to allow for communication and discussion amongst the elected officials. At the prerogative of the presiding officer of the worksession, city staff, consultants or citizens may be requested or allowed to address specific items on the worksession agenda.

**Hastings Net Taxable Sales Restaurants and Bars\***

			<b>Estimated Restaurant Tax by Percentage</b>			
<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Net Taxable Sales*</b>	<b>Nebraska Sales Tax (5.5%)*</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1%</b>
2024	\$ 56,832,393.00	\$ 3,125,783.70	\$ 1,420,809.83	\$ 1,136,647.86	\$ 852,485.90	\$ 568,323.93
2023	\$ 56,948,939.00	\$ 3,132,193.40	\$ 1,423,723.48	\$ 1,138,978.78	\$ 854,234.09	\$ 569,489.39
2022	\$ 55,385,702.00	\$ 3,080,070.83	\$ 1,384,642.55	\$ 1,107,714.04	\$ 830,785.53	\$ 553,857.02

**\*These figures include the following business classifications:**

- 722320 Caterers
- 722330 Mobile food services
- 722400 Drinking (alcoholic beverage) places
- 722511 Full-service restaurants
- 722513 Limited-service restaurants
- 722514 Cafeterias, grill buffets, and buffets
- 722515 Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars

<b>Restaurant Tax Examples from Other Cities</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>Tax %</b>	<b>Revenue-2024</b>
Kearney	1%	\$ 1,606,271.00
Grand Island	1.5%	\$ 3,200,889.00

<b>Other Cities with Restaurant Taxes:</b>
<b>Fremont (1%); La Vista (1%); Lincoln (2%); Omaha (2.5%)</b>

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 50-704 OF THE OFFICIAL HASTINGS CITY CODE ESTABLISHING LIGHTWEIGHT E-SCOOTER, E-BIKE, AND HOVERBOARD USAGE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS INCONSISTENT HERE WITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA:

**Section 1.** That Section 50-704 of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 50-704. Lightweight E-Scooter, E-Bike, and Hoverboard usage on public property.**

(a) Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings prescribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

1. Business district: the area from 5th Street south to South Street, and from Burlington Avenue east to Minnesota Avenue.
2. Lightweight E-Scooter: Propelled by an electronic or gas motor, stand on deck, with handlebars, two to three wheels, 12" or smaller wheels.
3. ~~One-Wheeled Scooter~~Hoverboard: Self-balancing single or double wheel electronic board scooter or electric skateboard.
4. E-Bike: Propelled by electronic or gas motor, fully operative pedals for human propulsion, capable of exceeding 1520 miles per hour, two to three wheels

(b) No person shall ride a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or ~~one-wheel scooter~~hoverboard upon a roadway on which the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or greater or upon a designated snow route greater than 25 miles per hour. Any person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or one-wheeled scooter may cross such roadways at a marked intersection.

(c) Every person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or a ~~one-wheeled scooter~~hoverboard upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all 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 this Code or other traffic ordinances of this City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this section and as to those

provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

(d) Any person operating a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or a ~~one-wheel scooter~~hoverboard shall obey the instruction of official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

~~(d)~~ Any person operating an e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard upon a street shall clearly signal their intention for turning left and right by utilizing hand signals.

(e) No person shall operate a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.

(f) Any person riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard shall not ride upon a sidewalk within the business district.

~~(f)~~(g) It shall be lawful for any person to operate an e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard on hike and bike trails, unless such activity is expressly prohibited by posted signage. Any person riding on such hike and bike trail may not exceed 25 miles per hour.

~~(g)~~ When riding a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or hoverboard on a sidewalk, hike and bike trail, or other pedestrian walkway, the user shall yield the right of way to all pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(h) When three or more lightweight e-scooters, e-bikes, and/or hoverboards ride in a group, such group must proceed in single file so as to not impede others.

~~(h)~~(i) The operator of a lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, or ~~one-wheel scooter~~hoverboard 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 the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

~~(i)~~(j) Penalties for violations of this section:

1. First offense: A person convicted of violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine not less than \$0.00 nor more than \$50.00.
2. Second offense: A person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00
3. Third and successive offenses: A person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$150.00.

~~(j)~~(k) A Police Officer apprehending a person for violating this section may impound the lightweight e-scooter or ~~one-wheeled scooter~~hoverboard ~~after the third offense~~, and a Court may order it to be sold by the City of Hastings or destroyed.

**Section 2.** Any ordinance passed and approved prior to the passage, approval and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall be published in the manner and form provided by law and shall take effect and be in full force from and after its due passage, approval, and publication in electronic form.

**Section 4.** The provisions of this ordinance are separable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2025.

**CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tyler Ficken, Clerk

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Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse Oswald, City Attorney