## 'Pure arrogance:' City officials warn Bird scooters illegal in Milwaukee; operators subject to **\$98** fine

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Bird scooter controversy

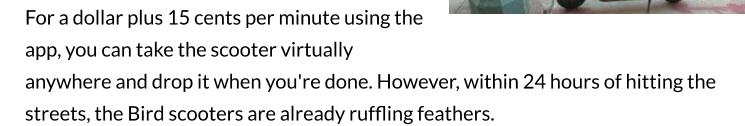


MILWAUKEE -- City of Milwaukee officials are warning that motorized scooters are illegal, after Bird introduced their scooters in Milwaukee Wednesday, June 27 "without any notice to the city."

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Brian Germain was one of the first riders since the scooter sharing service hit the Third Ward.

"I'm all for it because it's just cheaper transportation really," said Germain.







"It's pure arrogance," said Milwaukee Alderman Robert Bauman, "Operating a scooter on a sidewalk or street anywhere in the State of Wisconsin, violates state statute."

The city attorney said "under no circumstances may motorized scooters

operate on a public street because they are not designed for on-street use," and you

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can get a \$98.80 fine for riding one.

"It's borderline criminal behavior because it's defrauding people of their money on false premises," said Bauman.



While city officials say they're illegal, some Milwaukee residents aren't afraid to take advantage.

"I don't think they're trying to skirt laws or anything," said Germain.

Germain says he supports the idea and is happy finding a new 'Bird' to spot in town.

Bird officials said in a statement to FOX6
News "Bird is beginning with a limited fleet
around the Third Ward area, but as ridership
increases the company hopes to expand its
fleet to serve all of Milwaukee's residents and
communities."



**Brian Germain** 

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Milwaukee police tells FOX6 News, they enforce all state statutes; they said it appears Bird scooters fall under that.



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