



LD-1

**Motorized scooters available for downtown shoppers**

Individuals with disabilities can borrow one of two motorized scooters at no charge when they visit downtown Traverse City, Michigan (14,500), during the summer months. Each four-wheel electric scooter has a basket in front and must be recharged every few hours. Potential users must present proof—such as a state car sticker—of a physical disability, be 18 years or older or accompanied by an adult, and not have consumed alcohol within the past two hours. After filling out a form listing the rules that must be followed, they may borrow a scooter for up to four hours for use within the downtown area. The scooters were donated by a local business in response to a suggestion from a city commissioner, and the city pays for their upkeep. The scooters have been publicized through a press conference, posters, and newsletters.

Makayla Vitous  
*Assistant to City Manager*

City of Traverse City  
400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, MI 49684

231/922-4440  
Fax: 231/922-4476  
E-mail: [mvitous@ci.traverse-city.mi.us](mailto:mvitous@ci.traverse-city.mi.us)

