

Chapter 3. Police Regulations

§ 3-39.4. Electric Scooter Rules and Regulations.

- a. Obedience to traffic control devices.
 1. Any person operating an electric scooter shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
 2. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that a turning movement is restricted no person operating an electric scooter shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where that person dismounts from the electric scooter to make the turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.
 3. No person shall ride or operate an electric scooter in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the roadway.
 4. Any person operating an electric scooter shall stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- b. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths generally.
 1. Every person operating an electric scooter upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction, unless an exclusive bicycle lane is provided.
 2. Persons riding an electric scooter upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths of parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
 3. Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway, any person operating an electric scooter upon the roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that such a person may move out of the lane under any of the following situations:
 - (a) Whenever overtaking or passing another electric scooter, bicycle, vehicle, or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done safely within the lane.
 - (b) When preparing for a turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
 - (c) When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.
- c. User age restrictions. No person younger than 18 shall operate an electric scooter.
- d. Manner of riding an electric scooter. No electric scooter shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
- e. Speed restrictions. No person shall operate an electric scooter at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the condition then existing provided it does not exceed 19 miles per

hour.

- f. Yielding right-of-way from a bicycle path. Every person operating an electric scooter on a bike path that is about to enter or cross a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all traffic on such roadway.
- g. (Reserved)
- h. Electric scooters emerging from alleys or driveways; yielding right-of-way. The operator of an electric scooter emerging from an alleyway, driveway, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk area extending across any alleyway or driveway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians or bicyclists approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area. Upon entering the roadway, the user shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.
- i. Attachment to motor vehicles. No person riding upon any electric scooter shall attach the same or themselves to any vehicle upon a roadway and no operator of any vehicle shall knowingly allow any person riding upon any electric scooter to attach the same or themselves to the vehicle.
- j. Riding on sidewalks.
 - 1. No person shall ride an electric scooter upon a sidewalk.
 - 2. Any person traveling on the sidewalk with an electric scooter shall dismount before entering the sidewalk throughway and walk the electric scooter along the sidewalk.
 - 3. No person shall start or stop an electric scooter trip on the sidewalk.
- k. Carrying articles. No person operating an electric scooter shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the user from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.
- l. Lamps and equipment on electric scooters.
 - 1. Electric scooters in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front with a lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.
 - 2. An electric scooter shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use, any siren or whistle upon an electric scooter.
 - 3. Electric scooters shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
 - 4. Electric scooters shall be equipped with a bell or other audible signal for the purposes of overtaking and passing any pedestrians, bicycles, or other electric scooters.
 - 5. Electric scooters shall be equipped with a kickstand to prevent them from toppling over when parked.
- m. Electric scooter parking.
 - 1. Electric scooters shall be parked in designated electric scooter parking areas if they are available and advertised as such by either signage, pavement markings, or racks.
 - 2. Electric scooters may be attached or secured to bicycle racks with a U-lock, chain lock, or any type of lock made specifically for bicycles. No person shall attach or secure an electric scooter to any fixed object not suited for electric scooter parking. No person shall leave an electric scooter lying on or standing upon the sidewalk in such a manner as to hinder or impede pedestrians.
- n. Abandonment of electric scooters.

1. An electric scooter may be deemed abandoned by the City if:
 - (a) It has been parked for a period of seven or more consecutive calendar days in the same location; or
 - (b) It appears visually to be in a state of prolonged disuse such that it has deflated tires, damaged or missing equipment making it inoperable, accumulated leaves and debris associated with it; or
 - (c) 75% or more of the electric scooter is rusted; or
 - (d) It is found in any other condition in which an electric scooter would be deemed abandoned.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any electric scooter within the City.
3. In the event that an electric scooter is deemed to be abandoned by the City, the Police Department shall have the authority to remove the scooter from its location by any means necessary and be disposed of by the City.
- o. Shared electric scooter rental restriction. The shared electric scooter user shall be the same person who made the rental reservation. No person shall rent a shared electric scooter for another user.
- p. Electric scooter charging. No electric scooter battery shall be recharged in the public right-of-way without prior written authorization from the City.
- q. Electric scooter disposal. All electric scooters shall be disposed of in a manner in accordance with state and federal regulations as they relate to hazardous materials disposal.