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POLICY MANUAL
NON-MOTORIZED AND SMALL MOTORIZED
VEHICLES ON CAMPUS

Responsible Department: Campus Safety
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Approved By: Chancellor

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I. INTRODUCTION

University of Denver is designated as a pedestrian campus with the safety and welfare of the campus community in mind. The University recognizes the value of non-motorized and small motorized vehicles (as defined below) as environmentally friendly forms of transportation, however inappropriate use can cause injuries to persons and damage to property.

II. POLICY OVERVIEW

A. The University policy requires individuals using non-motorized and small motorized vehicles (as defined below) to operate these forms of transportation responsibly. As such, the following acts are prohibited:

1. Acrobatics;
2. excessive speed;
3. jumping (e.g. on or over steps, benches, and/or rails);
4. stopping or parking in a manner to block pedestrian paths, steps, ramps or access for those with disabilities;
5. attaching bicycle(s) to any object other than a University-provided bike rack;
6. skating or riding in buildings or any location where such activity is prohibited by signage, including but not limited to, parking garages; and
7. any activity which reasonably presents a risk of injury to persons or damage to property.

B. Community members using any non-motorized and small motorized vehicle on campus must:

1. remain on designated paths and paved surfaces;
2. be aware of and obey any campus signage for the safety of all;
3. give a minimum of 3 feet of clearance when passing a pedestrian; and
4. in times of heavy pedestrian traffic when sidewalks are congested:
 - a. bicyclists should dismount and walk bicycles;
 - b. skateboarders should dismount and walk; and
 - c. in-line skaters and roller skaters should slow down to match the speed

of pedestrians.

- C. Pedestrians always have the right of way on campus.
- D. The University may ban specified types of non-motorized and small motorized vehicles from all University property or from particular areas on campus on either a permanent or temporary basis.
- E. Mopeds and motorized bicycles are prohibited on campus sidewalks. Mopeds and motorized bicycles should only be operated on campus streets.
- F. E-scooters are prohibited on campus paths.
- G. This Policy does not preclude the use of non-motorized and small motorized vehicles by Campus Safety, or in sporting activities approved by the Office of Student Affairs and Inclusive Excellence and/or Conference and Event Services.
- H. Mobility devices used by mobility-impaired individuals are excluded from this Policy.

III. PROCESS OVERVIEW

- A. The University may identify and by appropriate signage designate certain areas in which riding of any particular type of non-motorized or small motorized vehicle is prohibited (e.g., it may designate certain pedestrian pathways as off-limits for skateboard riding because risks of personal injury are heightened due to steep grades or congestion). Persons riding such non-motorized or small motorized vehicles shall comply with all official traffic control devices and signs including posted signs prohibiting riding in a particular designated location.
- B. Any non-motorized or small motorized vehicles found secured to any object (other than bicycles locked to identified bike racks) are subject to removal by Campus Safety.
- C. It is strongly recommended that bicycles be registered through the University Parking and Mobility Services. See <https://www.du.edu/parking/mobility/bicycling>.
- D. Small motorized vehicles (i.e. under 49 cc's, such as scooters and mopeds) must be registered with the City of Denver and purchase a DU permit valid for scooter parking areas only. (See [University of Denver Permit Regulations](#)).
- E. Motorcycles (i.e. two wheeled vehicles over 49 cc's) are not considered small motorized vehicles for purposes of this policy, and in any event are required to purchase a DU parking permit and park in the designated lot according to the

permit purchased. (See [University of Denver Permit Regulations](#)).

- F. Small vehicles that are not intended for roadway use, such as golf carts or ATVs, are generally allowed on campus only for use by University Facilities Management and Planning, Athletics and Recreation, Student Affairs and Inclusive Excellence, Information Technology, Housing and Residential Education, the Chancellor’s Office, and/or Campus Safety personnel.
- G. Hoverboards are prohibited on campus, and Campus Safety will confiscate any hoverboards brought to campus.

IV. DEFINITIONS

- A. **“Non-motorized vehicles”** include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Bicycles, unicycles, tricycles, and similar vehicles regardless of the number of wheels
 - 2. Electronic-assist bicycles (“electric bikes” or “e-bikes”) that are categorized as Class 1 or Class 2 electric bikes
 - 3. Skates, including in-line skates, rollerblades, and roller skates
 - 4. Skateboards or other non-motorized wheeled boards of any size or type including scooters
- B. **“Small motorized vehicles”** include mopeds, and motorized or electronic scooters, motorized bicycles, electric bikes (Class 3 and higher), and motorized or electric skateboards, but exclude Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices” (EPAMDS, aka Segways, hover boards). Motorcycles, golf carts, and ATVs are not considered “small motorized vehicles” for purposes of this policy.

C. Resources:

- 1. The [DU Bike Shop](#) offers free basic bike repairs and service for anyone in the University community with a registered bike.
- 2. [University of Denver Permit Regulations](#).
- 3. University of Denver [Parking and Mobility Services](#).

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