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SEC-043: Riding, Parking, and Storing of eScooters and Electric Power-Assist Bicycles at the University

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Reason for Policy:

The University is committed to the safety and well-being of bicyclists, pedestrians, people with disabilities, and other users of the public rights-of-way in and around University Grounds, including Medical Center property. Due to this commitment, the University has established requirements for the riding, parking, and storing of eScooters and electric power-assist bicycles on University Grounds and on University property, including the Medical Center.

Definition of Terms in Statement:

- **Electric Power-Assist Bicycle/Bike:**
A vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground and is equipped with (i) pedals that allow propulsion by human power and (ii) an electric motor with an input of no more than 1,000 watts that reduces the pedal effort required of the rider. (As defined in Virginia Code §46.2-100.)
- **eScooter (foot or electric scooter):**
Every vehicle, regardless of the number of its wheels in contact with the ground, that (i) has no seat, but is designed to be stood upon by the operator, (ii) has no manufacturer-issued vehicle identification number, and (iii) is powered by an electric motor having an input of no more than 1,000 watts or a gasoline engine that displaces less than 36 cubic centimeters. "Motorized foot-scooter" includes vehicles with or without handlebars but does not include

"electric personal assistive mobility devices." (As defined in Virginia Code §46.2-100.)

- **University Facility:**
Any defined space of the University, including a room, lab, series of labs, building, or controlled outdoor area.
- **University Grounds:**
The areas where administrative functions, teaching, and research facilities of the University that are used by members of the University community are located as well as athletic and recreational facilities.
- **University Housing:**
Residential living areas managed by the University's Housing & Residence Life.
- **University Property:**
Land or buildings that the University owns or leases and that is under the control of the Board of Visitors. University property also includes premises the University uses for activities of its offices, departments, personnel, or students.

Policy Statement:

Only those vendors providing eScooters and electric power-assist bicycles *who have been successfully permitted* through the City of Charlottesville (which includes meeting the City's equipment requirements in order to operate) shall be allowed to apply to operate on University Grounds or on University property, including the Medical Center. Approved vendors must adhere to additional requirements as set forth by the University. For vendors, authority to operate on University Grounds does not change the cap on the number of devices permitted by the City.

Faculty, staff, students, Medical Center employees, and other visitors to the University operating personally-owned eScooters or electric power-assist bicycles on University Grounds or on University property, including the Medical Center, must adhere to these provisions as well.

These requirements apply to eScooters and electric power-assist bicycles that are operated within the Charlottesville locale.

The University's Department of Parking and Transportation is responsible for the issuance and administration of University eScooter and electric power-assist bicycles program and the regulations governing appropriate application process, use, parking, and storage of eScooters. The University Police Department is responsible for enforcing moving violations and/or other life safety issues.

1.

General Provisions:

eScooter and electric power-assist bicycle operators are prohibited from:

- Riding on all sidewalks which are on University Grounds, on University property, or at the Medical Center property at all times.
- Parking or storing the vehicle in any University facility, in University housing, or in any Medical Center building.
- Charging the vehicle in any University or Medical Center electrical outlet.

2.

Safe Riding:

The University encourages riding responsibly which includes not riding while impaired and the use of helmets for all riders. Additionally, an eScooter or an electric power-assist bicycle:

- Must be ridden in designated operating areas and in accordance with slow and no-go zones as defined by the vendors' service maps.
- Must not be ridden on sidewalks or trails.
- Must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Must ride on streets and where available, in bike lanes.
 - Stand-up eScooters are to stay to the right of street lanes and to offer the right-of-way to bicycles on bike lanes and bike paths.
- Must not be ridden in tandem with a passenger.

The University discourages the wearing of headphones or using a cell phone (including texting) while riding.

The University prohibits the operation of these vehicles in an unsafe manner which includes acrobatic riding, more than one rider per vehicle, or riding in pedestrian environments that overflow sidewalks (due to large events, class changes, etc., on Grounds).

3.

Parking:

An eScooter or electric power-assist bicycle rider shall park the vehicle upright in an available parking space within the existing U Bike Share Hub locations or within existing motorcycle/moped parking areas. If a specific location is full, the rider shall proceed to a bike share or motorcycle/moped parking area that has availability.

Electric power-assist bicycles may also park upright in an available bicycle rack space.

Parking these vehicles in other parking locations is prohibited.

An eScooter and electric-assist bicycle must not be parked so as to:

- a. Impede ingress/egress from buildings and pedestrian areas.
- b. Impede or interfere with access to any sidewalk, crosswalk, fire hydrant, call box, or other emergency facility; bus bench; or utility pole or box; or the reasonable use of any commercial window display or access to or from any building.
- c. Impede or interfere with the reasonable use of any bicycle rack or news rack.
- d. In the Landscape/furniture zone adjacent to or within, impede access to:
 - i. Transit zones, including bus stops, shelters, passenger waiting areas and bus layover and staging zones;
 - ii. Loading zones;
 - iii. Disabled parking zone or any American with Disabilities Act amenity;
 - iv. Street furniture that requires pedestrian access (e.g., benches, bus shelters, transit information signs, etc.);
 - v. Curb ramps;
 - vi. Entryways; and
 - vii. Driveways.

The University reserves the right to designate additional areas where eScooter and electric power-assist bike parking is prohibited.

4.

Impounding and Removing:

The University and the Medical Center reserve the right to impound eScooters and electric power-assist bikes for non-compliance with this policy. Impound fees will apply.

5.

Compliance with Policy:

Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to

and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies.

Questions about this policy should be directed to [Parking and Transportation Services](#).

Procedures:

Vendors: Complete the Request to Operate form and provide a copy of the approval to operate by the City of Charlottesville.

Related Information:

[Dockless Scooters and Bikes - City of Charlottesville](#)

[Dockless Scooters and Bikes - UVA Parking & Transportation](#)

[Virginia Code §46.2-100. Definitions](#)

[Virginia Code § 46.2-1015](#) (headlights/taillights)

Policy Background:

This is the first version of this policy.

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