



Number: UWF/REG 5.003
Title: Micromobility Devices on Campus
Responsible
Department: Parking and Transportation Services

I. General Statement:

The regulation of the use of personal Micromobility Devices on property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida (the “University”) is necessary to minimize disruption, injury to persons, and damage to property. This regulation does not regulate personal ADA mobility devices.

II. Definitions:

Crosswalk – a specifically paved or marked path where pedestrians have the right of way to cross.

Micromobility Device – a small human powered or motorized transportation device or vehicle used to travel short distances and that is not capable of traveling at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. These devices include bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), push scooters, electric scooters (e-scooters), Segways, mopeds, hoverboards, skateboards, electric skateboards, RipSticks, roller skates, inline skates, and other small, lightweight motorized or non-motorized wheeled conveyances given this designation by the University. Automobiles, motorcycles, and wheelchairs and other mobility devices used by persons with disabilities are excluded from this definition.

Motorized – powered by a gas or electric engine.

Recreational Use – use of a Micromobility Device for entertainment, fun, leisure, or amusement such as practicing tricks or stunts.

Sidewalks – those portions of a street between the curb line or the lateral line of a roadway and the adjacent property lines or the walkway between buildings, intended for use by pedestrians.

Transportation Use – a means of conveyance while traveling from point-to-point on or through University property.

University Property – the University campus and any other property allocated to or operated, leased, managed, or controlled by the University or any component or affiliated entity thereof, including but not limited to buildings, streets, sidewalks, pathways, parking areas, or other grounds.

III. Assumption of Risk

Any person who utilized Micromobility Devices on University Property assumes the known and unknown inherent risks in this activity, irrespective of age, and is legally responsible for all damages, injury, or death to themselves or other persons or property that results from their participation in such activities.

IV. Use of Micromobility Devices on University Property

- A. Micromobility Devices are permitted only on the main campus of University Property and not on any other University Property.
- B. Micromobility Devices are permitted only for Transportation Use on sidewalks and crosswalks, unless otherwise provided by signage or regulation.
- C. Micromobility Devices are prohibited for Recreational Use on all University Property except in designated areas.
- D. Individuals who utilize Micromobility Devices must yield to pedestrians and vehicular traffic and obey all applicable state and local laws, including but not limited to Section 316.2128, Florida Statutes.
- E. Micromobility Devices are prohibited from use in the following areas:
 - 1. Ramps into buildings, curbs, benches, steps, stairs, or other such structures;
 - 2. Parking lots and roads;
 - 3. Within 10 feet of all building entrances;
 - 4. Covered sidewalks; and
 - 5. Inside all buildings.
- F. Non-motorized skateboards may be carried (but not ridden) into campus buildings and classrooms if they do not create an obstruction or trip hazard and do not damage
- G. Micromobility Devices may be used only at reasonable, safe, and prudent speeds based upon conditions, and all wheels must maintain contact with the sidewalk or paved surfaces.

- H. Individuals who use Micromobility Devices must maintain control of themselves and of their devices. Users must refrain from acting in any manner that may cause injury to themselves or other persons or damage to any property.
- I. Charging motorized Micromobility Devices is allowed only in designated areas on University Property.
- J. Parking and storage of motorized Micromobility Devices is limited to bike racks and other designated areas. If found parked indoors or creating a safety hazard, the University will move the device to an outside location. The University will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property.

V. Violations

- A. Anyone causing property damage may be required to render restitution as appropriate.
- B. Employees of the University who violate this regulation may be subject to disciplinary actions.
- C. Students of the University who violate this regulation may be subject to student disciplinary proceedings.
- D. Persons not affiliated with the University who violate this regulation may be subject to a ban from University Property by the University Policy.
- E. Micromobility Devices used for recreational use on University Property in violation of this regulation may be subject to confiscation by the University Policy.
- F. Individuals violating State law are subject to arrest.

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