

Chapter 10.56

OPERATION OF REGULATED MOBILITY DEVICES

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10.56.010 **Definitions.**

“Bicycle” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 231, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Electric bicycle” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 312.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Electric personal assistive mobility device” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 313, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Electrically motorized boards” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 313.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Low speed vehicle” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 385.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Motorized scooter” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 407.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Operator” means a person who owns, operates, and/or controls a regulated mobility device.

“Public area” means any outdoor area that is open to the members of the public for public use, whether owned or operated by the city or a private party.

“Regulated mobility device” means bicycles, electric bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electrically motorized boards, low-speed vehicles, motorized scooters, shared mobility devices, or other similar vehicles.

“Rider” means a traveler riding in or on a regulated mobility device who is not operating it.

“Shared mobility device” has the same meaning as in California Civil Code Section 2505, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Vehicle” has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 670, as it may be amended from time to time.

10.56.020 Operation of regulated mobility devices.

A. Prohibition of regulated mobility devices where posted.

It is prohibited to operate or ride on a regulated mobility device in public areas where such prohibition is posted by signs or as otherwise set forth in this ordinance. A list of public locations where regulated mobility devices are prohibited shall be on file in the city clerk’s office. The list may be amended from time to time by resolution of the city council.

B. No operating or riding on sidewalks and public facilities.

No person shall operate or ride a regulated mobility device upon any sidewalk, in any public drainage facility, culvert, ditch, channel, or any other public athletic/sports court, or gymnasium in the city.

C. Duty to operate with due care, reduce speed.

1. The operator of a regulated mobility device shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of the device, obey all traffic control devices, and take all other action relating to operation of the device as necessary to safeguard the safety of the operator, passengers, and any persons or other vehicles or devices in the immediate area. It shall also be unlawful to transport any other person upon the bar, handle bars, floorboard or other area of regulated mobility device not designed for passenger riding or designed for a single person, or cling to or attach oneself or one’s regulated mobility device with an operator or rider on board to any moving vehicle or motorized or non-motorized wheeled device.
2. Persons operating or riding a regulated mobility device on a city trail must dismount the regulated mobility device where the trail width is less than 5 feet and a pedestrian or equine is within a distance of 50 feet from the regulated mobility device.

10.56.030 Enforcement.

In lieu of a fine or administrative citation as authorized by this code, and in lieu of filing charges in any court having jurisdiction over a violation, the police chief or designee may allow a violator of this chapter to complete a police department provided safety course for regulated mobility devices.

10.56.040 Exemptions.

A. Public agency personnel.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or any other section of this code, city and public agency personnel may operate regulated mobility devices or other vehicles at any place in the city in the performance of their official duties.

B. Disability.

This chapter is not intended to apply to or otherwise restrict regulated mobility devices used in a safe manner by physically disabled persons as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.).

10.56.050 Severability.

If any portion of this chapter, or its application to particular persons or circumstances, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter or the application of the chapter to persons or circumstances not similarly situated.