

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
MEMBER THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**Division of Finance & Operations FO-72**

**Campus Rules, Regulations, and Compliance for Micro-Mobility Devices**

**Subject:** Micro-Mobility Devices

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to mitigate risks of operating micro-mobility devices.

**Policy:** This policy provides definitions, rules, residential compliance, and educational awareness related to micro-mobility devices. This policy will be maintained by the Division of Finance and Operations with coordinated enforcement by the Dean of Students' Office, Residence Life, and the Division of Student Affairs.

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**Definitions:**

- a. Micro-mobility devices. Personal mobility devices including self-propelled devices (i.e., skateboards, bicycles, etc.) and motorized devices (i.e., motorized bicycles, electric scooters, hoverboard-type devices, etc.) that are used by students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors. This definition does not apply to devices covered under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).
- b. Interior Campus. Generally, the area on the University's Main Campus bounded by Sam Houston Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue O, and 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the east; 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Bearkat Boulevard to the north; Sycamore Avenue, Bowers Boulevard, and Bobby K. Marks Drive to the west, and Sam Houston Avenue to the south.
- c. Exterior Campus. The areas outside the bounds of the interior campus boundary.
- d. Device Storage. Locations in which personal mobility devices are stored.

**Rules & Regulations:**

Operators may be subject to disciplinary action if devices are operated in a manner that violates any of the rules and regulations listed below:

- a. Micro-mobility devices are prohibited from operation on the interior of campus.
- b. Micro-mobility devices must operate in areas where bicycle traffic is allowed on the exterior of campus.
- c. Micro-mobility devices must follow bicycle traffic patterns and comply with all traffic laws as specified by State and local laws.
- d. Micro-mobility devices should operate at a low speed when pedestrians are present. Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- e. Micro-mobility devices must operate in a safe and non-reckless manner. Reckless operations will result in disciplinary action.
- f. Micro-mobility devices must be locked and stored on bicycle racks. Self-propelled devices (e.g., skateboards, roller skates, etc.) may be carried but not used on the interior campus, including university buildings and residence halls, if they do not create an obstruction, or trip hazard, and do not cause damage.
- g. Micro-mobility devices, especially rechargeable devices, are not allowed in University buildings, including residence halls.
- h. Micro-mobility devices shall not be parked in the following manner:
  - i. Parking in a manner that obstructs ADA access or parking;
  - ii. Parking in doorways, obstructing the ability to safely enter/exit buildings;
  - iii. Blocking ramps and stairways.
- i. Charging of micro-mobility devices on campus is strictly prohibited.

**Residence Life Compliance:**

- a. Electric mobility devices are not permitted inside any residential facility due to fire hazard risks.
- b. These devices should only be stored in designated bike racks and shall not be charged anywhere on campus.
- c. Violations will result in a \$250.00 fine.
- d. Devices stored in an unauthorized manner will be impounded, and a storage fee of \$25 will be assessed.
- e. If a student stores their mobility device in an unauthorized manner and discovers that it is missing, they should contact the Residence Hall Director before calling the University Police Department. Examples include, but are not limited to electric bike, electric

scooter, electric skateboard, Hoverboard, Segway.

**Educational Awareness:**

- a. The Dean of Students' Office will provide materials on the safety of operating micro-mobility devices to be displayed on campus screens, bulletin boards, and other accessible platforms.
- b. Educational campaigns on the safety of operating micro-mobility devices will be available to members of the community on the Dean of Students' Office website, under the University Policies section.

SHSU strongly recommends training on lithium ion battery-operated devices, including risks related to operating and charging micro-mobility devices. Fire and safety information will be available on the Dean of Students' Office website under the University Policies section.

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