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Campus Guidelines for Personal Electric Vehicle Operation	
Responsible Office:	Student Development Campus Life; University Police
Policy Summary:	Outlines the University's policy surrounding personal electric vehicles
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I. Purpose

The popularity of personal electric vehicles such as electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. With their increase in popularity and usage, there has also been an increase in accidents and injuries to both operators and pedestrians. The University prioritizes the safety of the campus community and is providing guidance for the safe operation, storage, charging and of all personal electric vehicles (e-scooters, e-bikes, e-hoverboards, etc.) while permitting students, faculty and staff to benefit from the ease and convenience these devices provide. This guidance includes laws the State of New Jersey has in place that apply to the operators of motor vehicles, bicycles and personal electric vehicles (e-scooters, e-bikes, e-hoverboards, etc.). All motor vehicle laws applicable to motor vehicles and/or e-bicycles/scooters will be enforced as needed for the safety of our community.

II. Applicability

These guidelines apply to all students, faculty, staff and visitors who use any type of personal electric vehicles for personal transportation on University property. This policy does not apply to personal electric devices designed for and used to accommodate persons with mobility restrictions. Operators of Personal Electric Vehicles assume all risks associated with their operation on Montclair State University campus.

III. Definitions (as applicable)

IV. Policy

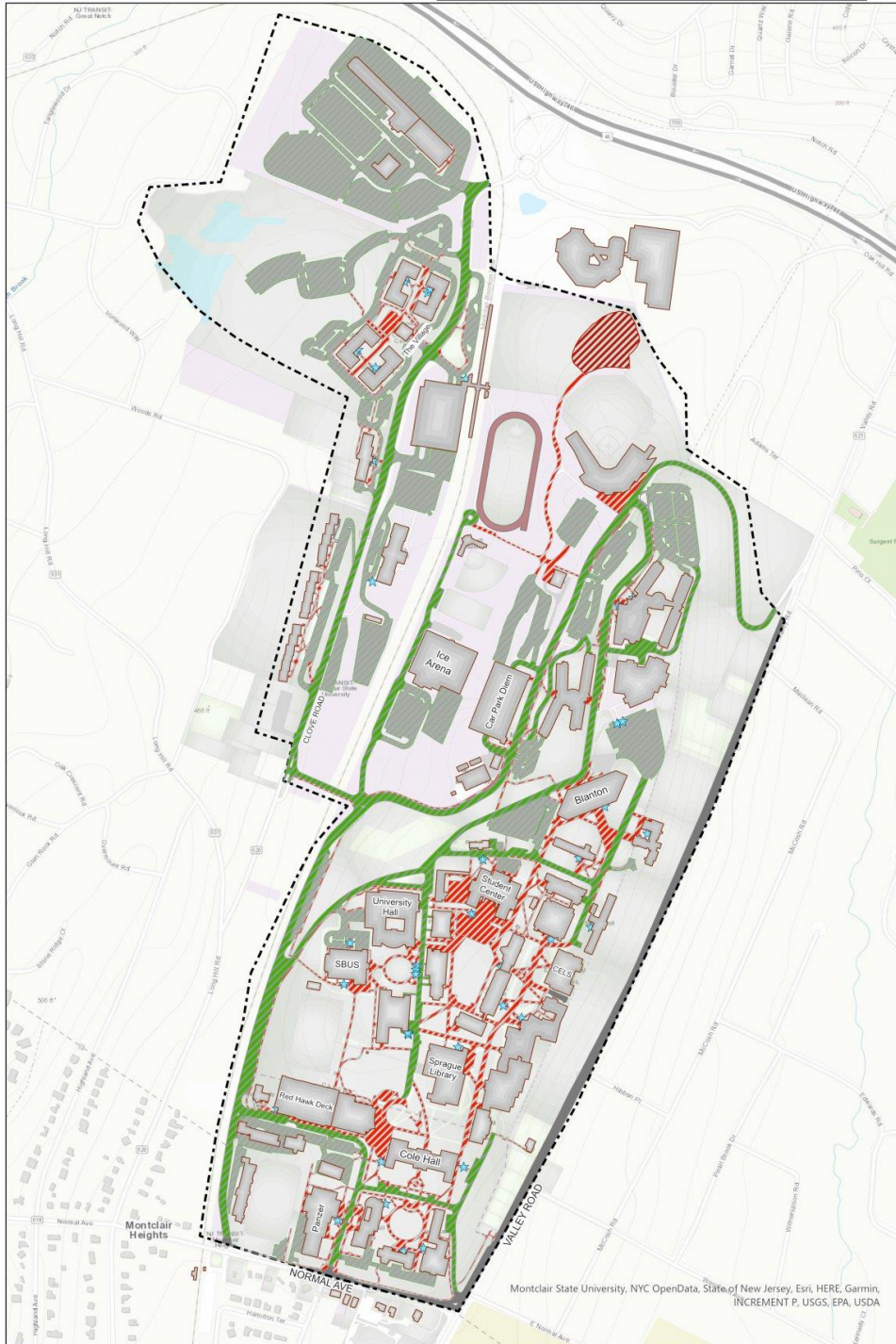
Operation

- Riding e-bikes and e-scooters (all personal electric vehicles) is prohibited on any Montclair State University sidewalk.

- Operators of e-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) must follow all rules of the road. This includes but is not limited to, stopping at stop signs and stop lights, yielding and following the speed limit and the direction of traffic.
- Operators of e-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) must yield to pedestrians in walkways and sidewalks.
- E-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) are permitted to be ride on designated roadways on campus (see map below).
- Operators of personal electric vehicles should stay to the right on all roadways and pedestrians have the right of way.

Storage and Charging

- Storage of these vehicles inside any Montclair State University owned or operated building or other facility is strictly prohibited due to the risk of fire and/or explosion. This includes stairwells, hallways and common areas.
- Charging of these vehicles inside any Montclair State University owned or operated building or other facility is strictly prohibited due to the risk of fire and/or explosion.
- Bringing an e-scooter or e-bike (all personal electric vehicles) inside any University owned building or facility for any amount of time is strictly prohibited.
- Storage is permitted outside of academic or residential buildings in the designated areas or at one of the University provided racks where they can be secured (see map below).
- Outside storage and/or parking of e-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) is not permitted to impede pedestrian and wheelchair access.



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E-Scooter Advisory Map

E-Scooters are NOT allowed inside buildings or parking decks.

E-Scooters must be parked outside; ideally locked to a bike rack to ensure safety.

Legend

- Get Off and Walk
- OK to Ride
- Parking Lots
- ★ Bike Racks
- Campus Boundary

[Download E-Scooter Advisory Map](#)

Safety

- Helmets are recommended for all users and required for anyone under 17 years old.
- E-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) should never be used under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.
- E-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) are meant for single riders only.
- E-scooters and e-bikes (all personal electric vehicles) should be operated at a low speed in the presence of pedestrians and pedestrians always have the right of way.

E-bikes or Electronic Bikes

Low-speed electric bicycles (speeds under 20 mph) must follow all the regulations established for traditional bicycles. This means there is no need for a license or registration. Electric bicycles that can achieve speeds between 20 mph and 28 mph now fall under a different classification; these vehicles require a driver's license and registration from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission.

E-scooters

E-scooters must follow all the **laws that apply** to bicycles. E-scooters may not exceed speed limits of the University and are not permitted in University parking decks or facilities.

No motorized vehicles, other than those used for documented disabilities are permitted in buildings owned or operated by the University.

This infographic may be helpful and was created by the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center:



New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROPULSION METHOD	POWER SOURCE	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER 	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE 	Pedal and/or throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
MOTORIZED BICYCLE 	Pedal and throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No

<http://njbikeped.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/>

* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapsible vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.

Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.

For more information, visit the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center at njbikeped.org or the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at saferoutesnj.org. 01.13.22



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V. Procedure (as applicable)

VI. References