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I. Purpose

To set forth the regulations that govern the operation and use of bicycles, skateboards, rollerskates and scooters on the campus of, or on other property owned, operated or controlled by, the University of Utah.

II. Definitions

- A. "Bicycle" means a device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride having two tandem wheels either of which is more than 12 inches in diameter. It also includes any device generally recognized as a bicycle, although equipped with more than one front or rear wheel.
- B. "Skateboard" means a non-motorized device consisting of two or more wheels affixed to a platform or footboard upon which a rider stands and which does not have steering capability similar to that of a bicycle or brakes which operate on or upon the wheels of the skateboard. It also includes every device generally recognized as a skateboard.
- C. "Scooter" means a non-motorized device consisting of two or more wheels affixed to a platform or footboard upon which a rider stands and which has a handle or other mechanism for holding or guiding the device. It also includes every device generally recognized as a scooter. "Scooter" does not include such devices if they have steering capability similar to a bicycle and brakes that operate on or upon wheels of the device. It does not include mopeds, whether operated with or without motor power. For the purpose of these regulations mopeds and motorcycles are considered motor vehicles.
- D. "Rollerskates" means a device consisting of a shoe with a set of wheels attached for skating or a metal frame with wheels attached that can be fitted to the sole of a shoe worn by a person. It includes in-line skates, rollerblades and every device generally recognized as rollerskates.
- E. "University property" means the university campus and any other property owned, operated or controlled by the University of Utah.

III. Policy

A. Bicycles

1. Every person riding a bicycle shall exercise due care and reasonable caution to prevent injury to others, to self, or to property. Obstacle riding or other acts or maneuvers which may endanger the bicycle operator or others or damage property is prohibited.
2. Every person riding a bicycle shall yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times.



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3. No person riding a bicycle shall exceed a reasonable and proper speed under the circumstances then and there existing. In no event shall any person ride a bicycle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour upon any sidewalk or pedestrian pathway except as part of a university approved competition or function.
4. Bicycles shall not be ridden upon any ramp, stairway, wall, bench, fountain, or other structure or facility or on or over shrubbery, grass or flower beds. Bicycles shall not be ridden within any building or parking structure except as part of a university approved competition or function.
5. Unless otherwise provided by regulations or traffic signs, bicycles may only be ridden upon roadways and sidewalks, except that where a bicycle path has been provided adjacent to a roadway or sidewalk, bicycle riders shall use such bicycle path.
6. No person riding a bicycle shall attach the same in any manner to any moving vehicle, except that this shall not prohibit the attaching to a bicycle of a bicycle trailer or semitrailer specifically designed for such attachment.
7. Bicycles shall not be ridden two or more abreast on any sidewalk or pedestrian walkway, except as part of a university approved competition or function.
8. No person shall ride a bicycle upon or along a sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, or across a roadway where the riding of bicycles is prohibited by official traffic control devices or signs, except as part of a university approved competition or function.
9. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his/her person in a backpack or sling or in a child carrier securely attached to the bicycle.
10. No person riding a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or other article which may prevent the operator from keeping at least one hand on the handle bars.
11. Every bicycle shall be equipped with such brakes, reflectors and other safety devices as is required by State law for operating a bicycle on streets or highways.
12. Bicycles shall not be parked on or at ramps, entrances or other facilities designated for persons with physical disabilities or in such a manner as to impede the free and clear use of such facilities.
13. Bicycles shall not be parked in the public areas of any building, including but not limited to hallways, stairwells, and classrooms. Bicycles shall not be parked at or near any building entrance or exit in such manner as to impede the free and clear use of such areas.

14. Bicycles shall not be parked at or attached to any fire hydrant, standpipe, building service equipment or other safety device.
15. No bicycles may be ridden on university property between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except as necessary for the transportation of university employees and students who have legitimate reasons for being on university property during these hours.
16. State traffic laws pertaining to bicycles are in full force and effect on university property.

B. Skateboards, Scooters and Rollerskates

1. Every person riding a skateboard or scooter or using rollerskates shall exercise due care and reasonable caution to prevent injury to others, to self, or to property.
2. Every person riding a skateboard or scooter or using rollerskates shall yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times.
3. No person riding a skateboard or scooter or using rollerskates shall exceed a reasonable and proper speed under the circumstances then and there existing and in no event shall any person riding a skateboard or scooter or using rollerskates exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour upon any sidewalk or pedestrian walkway except as part of a university approved competition or function.
4. Skateboards, scooters or rollerskates shall not be ridden upon or used on any ramp, stairway, wall, bench, fountain, or other structure or facility or on or over any landscaped area, including, but not limited to, grass, shrubbery, or flower beds. Skateboards, scooters and rollerskates shall not be ridden or used within any building or parking structure.
5. Unless otherwise provided by regulations or traffic signs, skateboards, scooters and rollerskates may only be ridden or used upon pedestrian sidewalks. Skateboards, scooters and rollerskates shall not be ridden or used upon any sidewalk where there is a posted sign prohibiting such activity. Except as part of a university approved competition or function, skateboards, scooters and rollerskates shall not be ridden or used in any parking lot.
6. Skateboard and scooter riders and rollerskate users shall not engage in obstacle riding or other acts or maneuvers which may endanger the rider or others or which may damage property.
7. Skateboards, scooters or rollerskates shall not be left unattended on or at ramps, entrances or other facilities designated for persons with physical disabilities or in such a manner as to impede the free and clear use of such facilities.
8. Skateboards, scooters or rollerskates shall not be left unattended in the public areas of any building, including but not limited to

hallways, stairwells, and classrooms. Skateboards, scooters or rollerskates shall not be left unattended at or near any building entrance or exit in such a manner as to impede the free and clear use of such areas.

9. The appropriate bodies may adopt policies concerning the riding of skateboards and scooters and the use of rollerskates in university student apartment areas.
10. No skateboards, scooters, or rollerskates may be ridden or used on university property between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except as necessary for the transportation of university employees and students who have legitimate reasons for being on university property during these hours.
11. All state laws pertaining to skateboards, scooters or rollerskates are in full force and effect on university property.

C. Sanctions

1. These regulations will be enforced against university students, university staff and university faculty by violation notices which will be processed and settled through the office of Parking and Transportation Services.
2. Payment of violation notice fees shall be within seven working days. After the seven day period, additional fees or penalties will be invoked. It is the responsibility of the recipient of a violation notice to promptly settle it.
3. Unsettled violation notice fees may be withheld from the paychecks of faculty and staff.
4. Registration holds may be placed against delinquent student violators; student registration may be canceled in any instance where a student circumvents the system and registers without clearing delinquent violation notices; transcripts of credits may be withheld for students leaving the university with delinquent violation notices.
5. Chronic or flagrant student violators may be referred to the Student Behavior committee for appropriate disciplinary action.
6. These regulations will be enforced against nonuniversity affiliated persons by alternative violation notices. These alternative violation notices will be handled in the same manner as alternative parking violation notices.
7. Failure to settle alternative violation notice fees by non-university affiliated persons may result in civil or criminal penalties.
8. Violation notices and alternative violation notices may be appealed to the Parking Appeals Office under the same rules, including time limitations, as parking violation notices.
9. An adverse ruling of the Parking Appeals Office may be appealed to the Campus Parking Citation Appeals Committee under the

same rules, including time limitations, as parking violation notices.

10. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or rollerskates parked or placed in prohibited areas will be impounded, or otherwise secured by the Department of Public Safety. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or rollerskates parked or placed in areas where they may constitute a hazard to others will be removed and impounded.
11. In appropriate cases, including but not limited to chronic or flagrant violations of these regulations, university affiliated persons or nonuniversity affiliated persons may be prohibited from riding or using bicycles, scooters, skateboards or rollerskates on university property.
12. In appropriate cases, including but not limited to chronic or flagrant violations of these regulations, non-university affiliated persons may be ordered to leave university property. Failure to leave university property when ordered to do so by a university officer is a Class C misdemeanor.

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