

Attachment 1 - Proposed Amendments to Bellevue's Motorized Foot Scooter Regulations

Regulation	Current State Law (RCW)	Current Bellevue City Code	Proposed Changes to Bellevue City Code
Definition of 'Motorized Foot Scooter'	A device with two or three wheels that has handlebars, a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, and is powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that has a maximum speed of twenty miles per hour on level ground.	A device with no more than two 10-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator and is powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add clarification to differentiate motorized foot scooters from other micromobility devices • Remove references to gas-powered scooters and 10-inch wheels, as it is outdated language • Expand wheel quantity to 2 or 3 wheels to allow for evolving device types and greater accessibility
Where may they be operated?			
On Roadways	Allowed ¹	Allowed only on roadways with speed limits of ≤25 MPH	Allowed
In Bicycle Lanes	Allowed ¹	Not Specified	Allowed
On Sidewalks	Not Allowed, except where there is no safe alternative	Not Allowed	Not Allowed, except where there is no safe alternative
On Paved Trails and Shared Use Paths	Allowed ¹	Not Specified	Allowed, except where signed as prohibited
On Unpaved and Non-Motorized Trails	Not Allowed ²	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
In City Parks	Not Specified ²	Not Allowed	To be determined with Parks staff
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When may they be operated?			
Daylight Hours	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Anytime (including nighttime)	Allowed, with reflectors	Not Allowed	Allowed, with reflectors
How may they be operated?			
Driver's License	Not Required	Not Specified	Not Required
Speed Limit	15 mph max speed	Not Specified	15 mph max speed
Helmet	Not Required	Required	Required
Who may operate them?			
Minimum Age	16 years ²	14 years	16 years
Maximum Number of Riders	Not Specified	One	One

¹ Unless restricted by local jurisdiction

² Unless allowed by local jurisdiction

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New additions or proposed changes