

Regulation of Other Micromobility in Bellevue

Separate from the main Management Brief which focuses on e-scooters, staff also analyzed how regulations on e-scooters compare to regulations for other micromobility devices. It is important to note that Bellevue City Code ([BCC 11.48.210](#)) does not specifically address all of the devices listed; in such instances, deference is given to the Washington State Law ([RCW 46.61.710](#), [46.61.715](#)). Table 1 summarizes areas of operation for the different types of devices in Bellevue, focused on where devices can be ridden.

Table 1: Areas of operation in Bellevue

Micromobility Device Type	Applicable Code	Roadways	Sidewalks	Trails	City Parks
Bicycle	BCC 11.60.070 ; 3.43.310	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed ²
Class 1 E-Bike¹	RCW 46.61.710	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed
Class 2 E-Bike¹	RCW 46.61.710	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed
Class 3 E-Bike¹	RCW 46.61.710	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Roller Skates	BCC 11.48.150	Not Allowed	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
Skateboard	N/A	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
EPAMD (e.g. Segway, Onewheel)	RCW 46.61.710 ; 46.04.1695	Allowed/ Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Allowed
Motorized Foot Scooter	BCC 11.48.210 ; RCW 46.61.710 ; 46.20.500	Allowed only on ≤25 mph roadways and in bike lanes	Not Allowed	Not Allowed ³	Not Allowed

¹ Type 1: Pedal-assist only, with speeds up to 20 mph; Type 2: Pedal-assist and throttle-assist, with speeds up to 20 mph; Type 3: Pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and a maximum speed of 28 mph (source: [RCW 46.04.169](#)).

² Allowed in city parks except where signage prohibits (source: [BCC 3.43.310](#))

³ Motorized foot scooters are not allowed on unpaved or unauthorized trails and trails constructed using federal funding but allowed on local (non-federally funded) trails only if signage allows.

Table 2 summarizes the rules of operation for the different types of devices in Bellevue, including who can ride, when they can ride, and how they can ride.

Table 2: Rules of operation in Bellevue

Micromobility Device Type	Use At Night	Reflectors	Lights	Helmet	Max Allowed Speed	Min. Rider Age
Bicycle	Allowed	Required	Required	Required	Not Specified	Not Specified
Class 1 E-Bike¹	Allowed	Required	Required	Required		
Class 2 E-Bike¹	Allowed	Required	Required	Required		
Class 3 E-Bike¹	Allowed	Required	Required	Required		16 yr
Foot Scooter	Allowed	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Specified	Not Specified
Roller Skates	Allowed	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required		
Skateboard	Allowed	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required		
EPAMD (e.g. Segway, Onewheel)	Allowed	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required		
Motorized Foot Scooter	Not Allowed	Required	Not Required	Required	15 mph	14 yr

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Overall findings suggest that the Bellevue City Code regulates e-bikes as bicycles (including Class 3 e-bikes) and all other devices as a pedestrian, except for e-scooters. These are defined and regulated separately as motorized foot scooters under [BCC 11.48.210](#). Other differences between motorized foot scooter regulations in state versus city code include:

1. **Age:** Bellevue's minimum legal age to ride motorized foot scooters is lower than that of the state (16 years). Regulations in other WA jurisdictions vary, ranging from 15 to 18 years of age; Seattle does not specify a minimum age to ride foot scooters.
2. **Use at Night:** Washington state code allows for riding at night with reflectors; Bellevue city code prohibits riding a half-hour after sunset or before sunrise.
3. **Helmet Use:** Washington state code does not specify helmet use requirements for motorized foot scooters. Bellevue, Seattle and Kirkland, require helmets to be worn when riding motorized foot scooters. Redmond does not.