

Comparison of State and Bellevue Regulation of Motorized Foot Scooters

Regulation	RCW	BCC
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 no greater than 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.
Where may they be operated?		
On roadways	Yes, to the same extent as bicycles and e-bikes unless restricted by local jurisdiction	Yes, but only on roadways with speed limits of 25 MPH or less
In bicycle lanes	Yes, to the same extent as bicycles and e-bikes unless restricted by local jurisdiction	Not specified
On sidewalks	No, except where there is no alternative as part of a bikeway, unless authorized by local jurisdiction with speed limit specified	No
On shared-use paths	Yes, unless restricted by local jurisdiction	Not specified
On unpaved nonmotorized trails	No, unless allowed by local jurisdiction	No
In city parks	Not specified; local jurisdiction may regulate	No
When may they be operated?		
Daylight Hours	Yes	Yes
At night (dusk to dawn)	Yes, with approved reflectors	No
How may they be operated?		
Driver’s license	Not required	N/A
Speed limit	15 MPH max. speed on roadways and bike lanes	Not specified
Helmet requirement	No	All users must wear a helmet
Who may operate them?		
Minimum age to operate	16 years of age, unless provided otherwise by local jurisdiction	14 years of age
Maximum number of riders	Not specified	One