

## **Policy Number GO 6-01**

### **Responsible Office Public Safety**

**Effective March 1, 2025**

This policy applies to all persons on Wilkes University property, including university community members, visitors and guests to campus.

Wilkes University is committed to providing a safe campus to all that frequent the campus. Due to hazards and safety concerns associated with the use, storage and charging of motorized mobility devices, Wilkes has imposed restrictions on the use, storage and operation of these devices on campus.

## **Wilkes University Police Regulations for Bicycles and Personal Mobility Devices**

The following rules and regulations for bicycles, mopeds, skateboards, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates and electric personal assistive mobility devices apply to all persons operating any such mode of transportation on University property.

### **DEFINITIONS**

Acrobatics – any action on a transportation device in which blades, skates or wheels are off the ground simultaneously, or where the device is being used in a manner not consistent with normal transportation.

Bicycle - a two-wheeled pedal cycle, including “E” bikes (as defined by PA Act 154 of 2014).

Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs, aka. Segways, other motorized devices, etc.) - a self-balancing one or two-wheeled device with an electric propulsion system designed to transport only one person for personal mobility purposes.

Motor Driven Device (e-scooters, e-boards, etc.) – devices propelled by internal combustion, battery, or other mechanical or electro-mechanical means; and designed to transport one or more persons and do not meet PA Vehicle Code requirements as a “motor vehicle” to be operated on a roadway, excludes EPAMDs and E-bikes.

Pedal cycle - unicycles, bicycles, and tricycles. Vehicles that are designed to be propelled by human power via operable pedals.

Roadway - Roads open to the use of the public for vehicular travel on campus grounds (a.k.a. public highway).

Scooter - a narrow platform mounted on tandem wheels with a handle to steer by turning the front wheel propelled solely by human power.

Shared Use Path - Any campus pathways not directly adjacent to a roadway.

Sidewalk – A paved pathway running directly along and adjacent to a roadway.

Skate - a shoe, or attachment for shoe, with a set of wheels attached for gliding movement.

Skateboard - a board of any length (including long boards and electric powered boards) mounted on roller skate-type wheels.

Sled - A coasting device with runners designed to slide on ice and snow.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

No acrobatics of any kind are permitted.

The use of skateboards and skateboard-like devices on campus property is prohibited.

**Motor driven devices (e-scooters, e-boards, etc.) are prohibited from use on University property; to include buildings, roadways, sidewalks, bike paths and shared pathways.**

Human powered roller skates, in-line skates, scooters (excluding medical), sleds, and similar coasting devices are not vehicles and use of such devices are prohibited in roadways, parking areas, bicycle routes, and within any building on campus. Persons on such devices are pedestrians for traffic control purposes and may be cited for applicable violations of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

The use of a sled or similar device is prohibited upon any sidewalk or improved surface used only for pedestrian traffic.

## **BICYCLES**

### **Operation**

All bicycles must be operated according to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as it pertains to bicycles, as well as to the rules and regulations contained in this policy.

### **Regulations**

Enforcement of these regulations shall be in effect at all times.

## **ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES**

(EPAMDs, aka. Segways, etc.)

### **Operation**

All EPAMDs must be operated according to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as well as to the rules and regulations contained in this policy.

### **Regulations**

Riding of EPAMDs inside buildings is prohibited. They are not permitted to be stored in building lobbies, stairwells, stair towers, corridors and ramps inside or outside of buildings or lined parking spaces.

Regarding operating speeds, persons shall operate at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

Helmets meeting ANSI/ Snell Memorial Foundation/ASTM standards shall be worn at all times during operation of the Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices by employees. Students and visitors are encouraged to wear such helmets.

When in use between sunset and sunrise, EPAMDs shall be equipped with - on the front, a lamp, which emits a beam of white light intended to illuminate the operator's path and visible for a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, a red reflector facing to the rear which shall be visible at least 500 feet to the rear and amber reflector to each side. A lamp or lamps worn by the operator shall comply with these requirements.

Operators shall not wear or use headphones or earphones except one earphone for a cellular telephone may be worn.

### **Regulations**

Persons may coast or ride upon human powered roller skates, in-line skates, and non-motorized scooters on sidewalks provided they yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on foot and follow traffic rules at intersections.

Permitted devices may be parked on campus at places clearly designated by the presence of bicycle racks. Specifically, a device must not be parked in automobile parking spaces, on lawn areas, shrub or flower beds, streets, driveways or in any building. This also includes sidewalks, trees, railings, light poles, entrance ways to buildings, or places that hinder pedestrian travel. Permitted devices should not be left on campus racks for greater than 48 consecutive hours. Failure to comply with any and all of these restrictions may result in the impoundment of the device .

Students or employees violating these regulations are subject to disciplinary action by the University. Any other persons violating these prohibitions may be cited for Criminal Trespass for continued or repeated violations of these regulations on the campus.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

Only people who have a documented medical need to use a motorized mobility device of any kind will be allowed to use them on campus. Such medical need requires approval by appropriate office that handles disability accommodations.

Wilkes will consider the request of any faculty, student, or staff person wanting to use a motorized mobility device in conjunction with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related to reasonable accommodations.

### **PENALTIES**

Violations of these regulations shall subject the violator to penalties as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> offense \$50.00

2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$200.00

3<sup>rd</sup> offense and consecutive \$300.00

Wilkes University reserves the right to confiscate property in violation of this policy.

**NOTE:** Mopeds, as motor vehicles, are subject to enforcement and penalties provided under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. Chapter 35 Pa Vehicle Code Section 6502.