



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BIKES, SCOOTERS & RELATED DEVICES

Following are frequently asked questions about the [Bicycle and Related Devices Ordinance \(No. 4372\)](#), which went into effect Dec. 13, 2018. The ordinance clarifies and regulates how bikes, motorized bikes, stand-up electric mini-scooters and related devices can be safely ridden and parked in Scottsdale. To review all Scottsdale laws governing motor vehicles and traffic, including bikes, electric mini-scooters, skateboards and shared use paths, please see [Chapter 17 of the Scottsdale Revised Code](#).

Can I ride electric mini-scooters on streets and in bike lanes?

Yes, they may be ridden on streets or roads with speed limits less than 40 miles per hour, including in bike lanes.

Are electric mini-scooters allowed on shared use paths and sidewalks?

Yes, they are allowed on public shared-use paths and sidewalks if the scooters are operated with care and at a safe speed to avoid colliding with pedestrians and objects. Avoid riding on the covered sidewalks in Old Town Scottsdale as they are private property and crowded with pedestrians, furniture and items for sale.

Does the City of Scottsdale have a partnership with any bike or electric mini-scooter sharing companies?

No. All bike and electric mini-scooter sharing companies are private businesses that operate in a public environment, similar to automobile ride sharing companies.

Are motorized and electric bicycles allowed on multiuse paths and sidewalks?

Electric bicycles are divided into three classes. Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles are allowed on multiuse paths and sidewalks, but class 3 electric bicycles are not. In general, Class 1 and 2 provide assistance up to 20 miles per hour, and Class 3 at more than 20 miles per hour. Do not ride on the covered sidewalks in Old Town Scottsdale.

Is it okay to park shared electric mini-scooters and bikes in bike racks?

Yes, it is okay to park them in bike racks, but if possible, park them next to bike racks or in designated parking areas to leave space in racks for devices that must be secured with a lock.

If bicycles or electric mini-scooters are left in my yard or parked in the middle of the sidewalk, who should I call?

The fastest and most effective way to report devices that are parked improperly is through the city's Scottsdale EZ website. Go to eservices.scottsdale.gov/ez, type "bike" or "scooter" into the search box and follow the prompts to make a report. The application will forward your report to staff or to the private bike- and scooter-sharing companies. Parking issues can also be reported directly to the owner companies:

Bird (black and white scooters): call 1-866-205-2442 or email hello@bird.co

Lime (yellow and green bikes and scooters): call 1-888-546-3345 or email support@limebike.com

Razor (red scooters): call 1-833-LAST-MILE or email sharesupport@razorusa.com

People can also report parking issues by calling 480-312-7433 (312-RIDE) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

How long do the companies have to move an illegally parked bike or scooter?

Devices should be removed immediately upon notification and can be cited if not removed immediately. Inoperable devices must be removed within two hours after notification.

Who should I call if I see someone riding a bike or scooter in an unsafe manner?

If the rider is moving through the area, there is little the city can do. If there is a persistent problem with riding in a particular area, please call the police non-emergency line at 480-312-5000 and the call will be prioritized for response by the police department.

Are helmets required when riding bikes, electric mini-scooters, skateboards or other play vehicles?

All users are encouraged to use helmets. However, adults are not legally required to wear helmets. Children are required to wear helmets when riding motorized skateboards or motorized play vehicles, but they are not required to wear them when riding electric mini-scooters or bicycles.

Can two people ride together on an electric mini-scooter?

It is not illegal for two people to ride together unless they are riding in a reckless manner.

Is it legal to operate electric mini-scooters or motorized or electric bikes while under the influence of alcohol?

It is illegal to operate motorized bikes or scooters while under the influence of alcohol. It is okay to ride a non-motorized bike while under the influence of alcohol, as long as it is being ridden in a safe manner.

If you have additional questions about bike or electric mini-scooter regulations, please visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search “bike” or “scooter.”