

UW REGULATION 2-179
Use of Bicycles and Non-Motorized Vehicles
on the University of Wyoming Laramie Campus

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the University of Wyoming to permit the use of bicycles and non-motorized vehicles only as a means of transportation on the walkways and other travel ways on the University Laramie campus and pursuant to the parameters set forth in this Regulation. The use of motorized vehicles is strictly prohibited on all pedestrian pathways of the University Laramie campus.

This regulation shall apply to anyone using a bicycle or non-motorized transportation on University property on the Laramie campus.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Bicycle"** - means a device upon which any person may ride, propelled by human power through a belt, chain, or gears, and having one or more wheels.
- B. "Dismount Zone"** means and includes all areas of the University posted for no bicycle riding and marked with ground graphics and /or "Dismount" signs.
- C. "Dual-Use Area"** - means a pathway upon which both bicycles and pedestrians are permitted. Pedestrians always have right-of-way in dual use areas.
- D. "Immobilization"** - means the placement of a securing device onto the bicycle to prevent its use, pending identification of the owner.
- E. "Impoundment"** - means towing, storage, and/or immobilization of any bicycle, skateboard or rollerblades/roller skates.
- F. "Motorized Vehicles"** - for the purpose of this Regulation, means all vehicles that are self-propelled by an engine or mechanical device that may or may not require a state license, including but are not limited to automobiles, motor scooters, hover-boards, mopeds, motorized bicycles motorcycles and other similar devices.
- G. "Non-Motorized Vehicle"**- Any device upon which any person may ride and is propelled by human power. These devices include but are not limited to bicycles, unicycles, skateboards, roller/inline skates, scooters and other similar devices.
- H. "Registration Decal"** - means University issued decal that is the uniquely numbered adhesive sticker supplied as evidence of bicycle registration, and designed for attachment to the registered bicycle as indication of its registration.
- I. "Regulatory Sign"** - means all traffic control devices, signs, signals, and markings, placed or erected for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic and parking.
- J. "Rollerblades or Roller Skates"** means any device consisting of a shoe with three or more small wheels attached to it, upon which a person may ride that is propelled by human power.
- K. "Scooter"** means a non-motorized device consisting of two or more wheels affixed to a platform or footboard upon which a rider stands and which does have steering capability similar to that of a bicycle or brakes which operate on or upon the wheels of the skateboard.

- L. **"Skateboard"** means a non-motorized device consisting of two or more wheels affixed to a platform or footboard upon which a rider stands and which does not have steering capability similar to that of a bicycle or brakes which operate on or upon the wheels of the skateboard.
- M. **"Stunt Riding"** means any use of a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblades for non-transportation purposes, including but not limited to jumping stairs, sliding along rails or landscape features, or any other activity in which the wheels leave the ground.

III. GENERAL DIRECTIVES

- A. **Right of Way.** Pedestrians have the right-of-way on all sidewalks and walkways.
- B. **Standard.** Every person riding a bicycle or non-motorized vehicle shall exercise due care and reasonable caution to prevent injury to others, to self, or to property. This includes traveling at a reasonable, safe, and prudent speed.
- C. **Prohibited Acts.** The following is prohibited:
 - 1. Stunt riding or other acts or maneuvers which may endanger the bicyclist, skateboarder, rollerblader or others or damage property.
 - 2. Bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading or using non-motorized vehicles on ramps, curbs, benches, steps, or stairs and any other such structure.
 - 3. Use of bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or non-motorized vehicles inside any University building.
 - 4. Riding bicycles or non-motorized vehicles in pedestrian only or dismount zones.
- D. **Applicable Laws.** Every person riding a bicycle or using a non-motorized vehicle is required to obey any applicable traffic regulations or laws. This includes obeying all applicable regulations and laws relating to stop signs, yield signs, red lights, and other traffic signals specific to this campus, including but not limited to the City of Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 10-32. All persons shall comply with State and local traffic laws while on University property.
- E. **No Liability.** The University assumes no responsibility for the care and protection of any bicycle, non-motorized vehicles, attached accessories, or contents at any time. Individuals may obtain bike theft prevention information through the University Police Department.

IV. BICYCLES

- A. **Registration.**
 - 1. **Required.** All bicycles operated by University students, faculty, and staff must be registered with the University bicycle registration program and all bicycles must display a valid registration sticker. Proof of registration of

the bicycle with the City of Laramie will meet the requirements for University registration.

2. **Decal Fees.** The one-time registration fee paid as set forth in the University Fee Book is valid until ownership of the bicycle changes.
3. **Registration Procedures.**
 - a) University bicycle registration decals are available through the University Police Department, the Outdoor Program, and the University Transit and Parking Services Office.
 - b) The bicycle registration card will be completed and the serial number inspected by a member of the University Police Department, the Outdoor Program, and/or the University Transit and Parking Services Office.
 - c) The person to whom the UW bicycle registration sticker is registered is responsible for any non-moving violations of these regulations and the associated fines in which the bicycle is involved.

B. Display of Decals.

1. Registration decals must be attached to the bicycle and must be clearly visible.
2. Counterfeiting, altering, defacing, or transferring the registration sticker to another person or bicycle to whom the registration sticker is not issued, and/or giving false information in any application or hearing, are in violation of Wyoming law (including but not limited to Wyoming Statute Section 6-3-408) and will be investigated as a criminal matter by the University Police Department.

C. Parking.

1. Bicycles parked on campus must be parked in an approved bicycle rack.
2. No person shall park, store or leave a bicycle in such a manner as to cause said bicycle to block or otherwise impede normal entrance to or exit from any building on campus, or in a manner that constitutes a safety hazard. Parking a bicycle in any manner which creates a hazard or impedes access will be subject to immediate ticketing and impoundment.

D. Equipment.

1. Bicycle equipment shall comply with the Laramie City Municipal Code Chapter 10-32.
2. A light shall be used when a bicyclist is traveling at night.

V. ACCIDENTS

All accidents involving a bicycle, skateboard, rollerblades or other non-motorized vehicle with a motorized vehicle are subject to a police investigation, if required by law, and should be immediately reported to the University Police Department. Bicyclists, skateboarders, and rollerbladers may be subject to a county or municipal summons in these cases.

VI. VIOLATIONS

Violations of this policy may subject an individual to fines, impoundment and/or public sale of unclaimed bicycles or transportation devices.

A. Moving Violations. All moving violations on campus are subject to prosecution under the City of Laramie Municipal Ordinances. Types of moving violations may include but are not limited to:

1. Operating a bicycle, skateboard, rollerblades, or other similar device in a careless manner on bike paths, dual-use areas, and/or roadways, without due regard to safety with respect to visibility, local traffic, weather, and surface conditions,
2. Operating a bicycle, skateboard, rollerblade, or other similar device in a manner that endangers the safety of any person or property.
3. Failure to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian on a dual-use area or roadway.
4. Operating a bicycle, skateboard, rollerblade, or other similar device in any University property posted as dismount zones.
5. Failure to obey parking and traffic control devices, signs, and/or equipment
6. Failure to register a bicycle and display decal as required by this Regulations

B. Parking Violations. Parking violations are subject to University Transit and Parking Services Office policies and procedures for parking, citations and appeals. Applicable fees are set forth in the University Fee Book. Types of parking violations may include but are not limited to parking outside any specified bicycle rack or specified area for parking non-motorized vehicles, such as:

1. Parking in any way which represents a safety hazard, including but not limited to blocking any service drive, building entrance, driveway, bikeway, ramp, or locked to hand railings or any other passageway to which emergency equipment, wheelchairs users, pedestrians or service equipment may need access; and,
2. Parking on or locked to trees, plants, or other living objects, fences, posts, signs, trash receptacles, and light fixtures.

VII. IMPOUNDMENT/IMMOBILIZATION

- A. Grounds.** Any University Police Officer, or other person authorized specifically by the Chief of Police may move, relocate, or impound any bicycle by removal of securing devices or immobilization as necessary which:
- a. Blocks or otherwise impedes traffic in any street, highway, roadway, path or sidewalk, stairway, or handicapped access rail, or creates any safety hazard.
 - b. Blocks or impedes normal entrance to or exit from any building on the University.
 - c. Appears to be abandoned.
 - d. Has been reported stolen to a law enforcement agency.
 - e. Impedes performance of maintenance or construction to University property.
 - f. Bicycles locked to trees, plants, or other living objects, fences, posts, signs, trash receptacles, and light fixtures are subject to immobilization, pending identification of the owner of the bicycle.
- B. Storage.** Any bicycle, skateboard, rollerblades, or other similar device impounded pursuant to any section of this chapter shall be stored in a secure facility designated for such purpose by the Chief of Police. A fee as set forth in the University Fee Book shall be charged to the owner prior to the release of any impounded device. This impound fee is in addition to fines for other violations.
- C. Release.** Release of an impounded bicycle, skateboard, rollerblades, or other similar device requires an appeal or proof of payment of outstanding citations. Unregistered bicycles must be registered prior to release.

D. No Liability. The University or University Police officials authorized to remove and impound a bicycle, skateboard, rollerblades, or other similar device shall not be liable to the owner of the bicycle for damage or the cost of repair or replacement of any securing device.

VIII. SANCTIONS

In addition to the issuance of a citation by the University Police Department or the Transit and Parking Services Office, individuals who violate this policy may also be referred for appropriate University discipline pursuant to applicable University regulations and policies.

IX. ADMINISTRATION

The University Chief of Police, or designee, is the University administrative officer responsible for the implementation of this Regulation

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