

## GE2050 Motorized Personal Mobility Vehicle Use Policy

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### POLICIES

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#### Purpose

The University of Memphis has adopted a Motorized Personal Mobility Vehicle Use Policy, which outlines the University's expectations of students, staff, and faculty when operating a vehicle on campus. The following policy is designed to ensure that low speed Motorized Personal Mobility Vehicles are operated in such a way as to maintain a safe and well-regulated campus.

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#### Definitions

##### "Motorized Personal Mobility Vehicle (MPMV)"

A motorized personal transportation device that includes, but is not limited to bicycles, scooters, skateboards, one wheels, etc. that:

- is powered by an electric motor or internal combustion engine that can power the device with or without human propulsion.
- has an engine capable of producing not more than 750 watts of power or less than one (1) horsepower; and
- has a maximum speed not to exceed 20 mph on a flat surface under motor power alone.

##### University property

Any property owned, leased, or controlled by the University, including sidewalks, walkways, buildings, grounds, parking lots, structures, athletic and recreation facilities, and streets - as well as streets and roads adjacent to any property owned, leased, or controlled by the University.

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#### Policy

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## **Operation**

MPMVs should always be operated safely and courteously. In addition to adhering to requirements in the manufacturer's owner's manual, the following policies apply to the operation and use of MPMVs:

1. MPMVs should be operated within bike lanes when available, on streets, and on designated campus sidewalks or shared-use paths (except in heavily congested pedestrian areas)
2. Operators must obey all traffic signs and signals and follow traffic laws.
3. Operators must always yield to pedestrians.
4. Operators must dismount MPMVs in heavily congested pedestrian areas.
5. Operators must ride with the flow of traffic. Do not travel the wrong way in a bike lane or street.
6. MPMVs are to be used for mobility purposes only. Racing, stunt, and trick riding are prohibited.
7. Headlights and reflectors are required for operating MPMVs in low light conditions - either on the operator or the MPMV.
8. MPMVs are prohibited in campus buildings, parking garages, or elevated pedestrian walkways.
9. MPMVs may only be operated on paved surfaces

## **Parking**

MPMVs must be parked at or adjacent to bicycle racks.

1. MPMVs may not block walkways, entries to buildings, or obstruct disabled access.
2. MPMVs may not be placed adjacent to or be affixed to structures or architectural elements, including but not limited to handrails, trees, fences, bus shelters, benches, light poles, signage, or parking meters.

## **Restricted Regions**

The University reserves the right to designate dismount zones or reduced speed zones at any time and on any part of campus if deemed necessary. If implemented, MPMVs will be subject to the restrictions in those regions designated with signage.

**Enforcement**

MPMV operators who do not follow the policies outlined herein are subject to fines, impoundment of MPMV, or other sanctions.

**Safety**

Use of a helmet while operating an MPMV is strongly recommended.  
Use of headphones or earbuds while operating an MPMV is strongly discouraged.  
When passing pedestrians, slow down and allow plenty of clearance.

**Other Vehicles**

Any MPMV that exceeds the engine capacity or speed parameters set forth above is in the same class as motorcycles and therefore not permitted to operate on sidewalks, bike lanes, or park at bicycle racks. Motorcycle-class vehicles must purchase a parking permit and park in motorcycle parking areas.

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**FAQs**

Who do I contact with further questions?

Police Services 901.678.3848  
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