University of Nebraska, Kearney – Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) Regulations

I Purpose:
The purpose of this regulation is to establish procedures for the operation and use of non-traditional means of transportation including but not limited to bicycles, mopeds, skateboards, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates and recreational electric personal mobility devices. Other similar means of transportation that may be developed from time to time shall also be included. These devices will be referred to collectively as Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs).

II Regulation:
This regulation is intended to address the use of PMDs on the campus, also ensuring a safe environment for pedestrians, reducing risk of personal injuries and avoiding damage to college facilities caused by inappropriate use of such devices.

III Procedure:
A. Definitions
1. Bicycle: Include all pedal type units that are propelled by human power regardless of number of wheels.
2. Electronic Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMDs, aka Segway’s and Self-Balancing Electric Scooters): a self-balancing two-wheeled device with an electronic propulsion system.
4. Moped: a motorized pedal cycle with operable pedals, a motor rated at 1.5 hp or less with a cylinder displacement of less than 50CC’s.
5. Scooter: a narrow platform mounted on tandem wheels with a handle to steer by turning the front wheel.
6. Skateboard: a board of any length (long boards) mounted on roller skate-type wheels.
7. Sled: a coasting device with runners designed to slide on ice and snow.

B. Bicycles, Snowmobiles and Mopeds
1. Bicycles and mopeds must be operated with regard for the safety of pedestrians and property. They shall not be driven within any building.
2. Bicycles must be parked on campus at places clearly designated by the presence of Bicycle racks. Specifically, a bicycle must not be parked in automobile parking spaces, on lawn areas, shrub or flower bed, streets, driveways, handicap ramps, on steps or in any buildings. This also includes trees, railings, light poles, entrance ways to buildings or places that hinder pedestrian travel.
3. Mopeds must be parked in designated parking lots, bicycle racks and motorcycles parking areas on campus. They shall not be driven within any building.
4. Snowmobiles, personal use is not allowed on campus.
C. Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs)

1. These devices are restricted to sidewalks only, but shall be used in crosswalks to cross roads.
2. Riding of EPAMDs inside any campus building is prohibited. They shall not be stored in any campus building. They are not permitted to be stored in building lobbies, stairwells, corridors and ramps inside or outside of the building or parking spaces. They are not permitted to be stored in a resident hall room.
3. Persons shall operate at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions while having regard to the actual and potential hazards and to pedestrian traffic.
4. When in use outdoors between sunset and sunrise, they shall be equipped with a front lamp which emits a beam of white light intended to illuminate the operators path and visible for a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector facing to the rear which shall be visible at least 500 feet to the rear.

D. Skateboards, Scooter, In-Line Skates/Roller Skates, and Similar Devices

1. Skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, scooters (excluding medical), sleds, and similar coasting devices are not vehicles and are prohibited in roadways. They may be operated on sidewalks, but must be operated in a safe manner.

While transportation of the hike-bike trail is encouraged, use of skateboards, scooters, and bicycles, hover boards, Segway’s and roller blades (devices) for other transportation across the UNK campus by those not associated with UNK is considered trespassing. Skateboarders/rollerblades/scooter holders/bicyclists and hover boarders, etc. are responsible for any damage or injury (including to themselves) they may cause on the UNK campus. This may include holding the parents of underage participants liable. The University will assume no responsibility for any injury or damage caused by these devices. UNK students

Recreational riding of such devices is prohibited. Recreational activities include performing acrobatic stunts of any type. It also includes using any bench, table, stair or similar object as a platform for these recreational vehicles. UNK students violating this policy may be referred to the UNK Conduct System for appropriate action in addition to being charged with a criminal offense if the situation warrants. Non students causing damage to UNK property or injury may be dealt with through civil or criminal court. Any non-student found using such devices in violation of this regulation will be given a verbal warning to the rules and issued a trespassing warning. If the situation is warranted, they may also be banned from all UNK property. Any future violations will result in the confiscation of the device