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# Personal Electric Vehicle and Bicycle Usage and Safety

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### I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

To create a policy regarding the use of personal electric vehicles and bicycles on the campus of the University of South Dakota (USD) and related campuses. This policy will explain the acceptable use of personal transportation devices on the USD campus.

### II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The University recognizes and supports the use of alternative transportation devices such as personal electric vehicles and bicycles as a means of transportation. The University also recognizes the safety risks of these devices and seeks to provide safe operating guidelines.
- B. The interior storage of bicycles and personal electric vehicles is prohibited without university approval (i.e. USD Housing Community Living Policy). Contact UPD for exception requests.
- C. This policy does not prohibit the use, storage, and charging of motorized wheelchairs or electric personal transportation devices used to accommodate a qualified individual with a disability in conformity with applicable laws and safety standards.

### III. DEFINITIONS

**Bicycle:** a vehicle composed of two wheels held in a frame, one behind the other, propelled by pedals and steered with handlebars attached to the front wheel.

**E-Bicycle:** an electric bicycle or tricycle equipped with a seat or saddle, with operable pedals for propulsion, and with an electric motor of seven hundred fifty (750) watts or less. The classes of E-cycles are set forth by SDCL 32-20B-9.

**E-Scooter:** electric skateboard or scooter that is ridden in a standing position generally consisting of two or more wheels, designed to transport one person, and is powered by an electric propulsion system. Such devices must be equipped with a system that will enable the user to bring the device to a controlled stop

**Personal Electric Vehicle (PEV):** a PEV includes E-bicycles, E-scooters, and self-balancing one-wheeled or two-non-tandem-wheeled devices designed to transport one person and powered by an electric propulsion system. This category also includes devices commonly known as hoverboards, self-balancing scooters, or self-balancing wheeled boards.

**University Property:** any property owned, leased, or operated by the University, or on the campus of the University.

### IV. PROCEDURES

The following restrictions shall apply to all University faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

- A. Skateboarding, rollerblading, bicycling, the use of PEVs, or other similar devices or activities are not permitted:
  1. In any campus building
  2. On steps, ramps, handrails, or retaining walls on university property
  3. The use of these devices shall not interfere or cause a hindrance with pedestrian use of the sidewalks and walking paths.
  4. At no time shall a PEV or bicycle be operated at more than 10 MPH on university property
- B. University Police Department (UPD) officers are permitted to use bicycles or other PEVS in support of their law enforcement function on steps, ramps, or any other area of university property as necessary to perform their assigned duties.
- C. Students, faculty, staff or visitors violating this policy will be referred to as the appropriate administrative authority for disciplinary action.

### V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

Not Applicable