

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MOPED POLICY AND ORDINANCES**

The following form shall be read and a signature of understanding shall be provided for the bearer of the signature to be issued a moped parking permit.

UNIVERSITY POLICY:

Moped Parking

Purpose

This policy regulates the parking and use of mopeds on campus to improve safety and reduce intermodal conflict between pedestrian, moped and other vehicular traffic.

Definitions

The following definitions are specific to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus and may vary from other city, county or state definitions:

- A **moped** is a vehicle that is propelled by a motor of a capacity of 50 cc or less and a maximum of two brake horsepower which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30mph on a flat surface
- An **operator** is defined as a person who drives or is in actual physical control of a moped.

Policy

a) Operation of Mopeds

- All mopeds must be operated in accordance with local, State, Federal and University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus regulations. Improperly operated or non-permitted mopeds may be cited by designated authorities.
- All mopeds must be legally registered to operate on public street or highway.
- Moped permits are not valid in restricted areas. This includes, but not limited to fire lanes, meters, reserved stalls, annual permit stalls, disabled stalls, loading zones, construction areas, sidewalks, disabled access aisles, driveways, grass areas or lots used by special events.
- Mopeds may not park at bicycle racks or bicycle parking areas on the University of Minnesota campus.
- Mopeds may not be parked at or locked to utility poles, trees, bollards, railings, sign posts or fences. Improperly parked or abandoned mopeds are subject to citing, towing or impounding by designated authorities.
- Mopeds may not be driven on sidewalks, pedestrian walkways/malls, service drives or wheelchair ramps unless the area is specifically designated for use by motorized vehicles.
- Mopeds with an electric motor or gasoline engine may not be operated or parked on a designated bicycle path or lane.
- Mopeds are not allowed on the Washington Avenue pedestrian bridge unless the operator walks it across.

- Mopeds are not allowed on the Intercampus Transitway.
- Mopeds may not ride in any area that is restricted to emergency vehicles and buses.
- Moped riders under the age of 18 must wear helmets at all times.
- Moped riders must wear eye protection at all times. The fine for not wearing eye protection is \$142.
- Mopeds are required to have a working headlight, tail light and stop lamp.
- Mopeds are required to have a horn and a mirror.
- Moped operators may not carry passengers.
- Moped operators may not carry any object that prevents them from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.
- All mopeds operated on the streets and highways must have liability insurance.
- Mopeds may not be taken into or parked in buildings, classrooms, laboratories or offices.
- Mopeds must yield to pedestrians.

b) Moped Parking

- Mopeds must be registered to the current owner and display a valid license plate to park on campus. Mopeds that do not display a current and valid plate, and as applicable, a valid parking permit, may be cited and towed.
- Mopeds may park in any public parking facility and pay the posted rate.
- Full-time staff or faculty with an active surface lot contract may park a moped in the assigned facility (not a motorcycle lot) with a free permit obtained from the University of Minnesota Police Department.
- Mopeds may park in areas designated for moped parking. Do not park in areas clearly posted "No Parking".
- The Parking and Transportation Department does not have long-term storage available for mopeds. Students needing to store their moped over the winter should check with private garage facilities available for rent. Any moped left for more than a 2 week period, except at moped parking areas assigned and located adjacent to the University residence halls, will be considered abandoned and subject to tow.

c) Moped Parking Permits

- Moped parking permits may be obtained from the University of Minnesota Police Department.
- You must read and sign the moped form detailing the University of Minnesota Moped Regulations.
- One parking permit will be issued per moped.
- Moped permits are valid in moped parking areas only. If the designated moped area is full the permit holder should go to the next designated parking area. Lack of space is not a valid reason for violation of regulations.
- ***MOPED PARKING PERMITS MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE REAR LICENSE PLATE AREA OF THE MOPED. THE PERMIT CAN BE ATTACHED TO THE LICENSE PLATE HOUSING, REAR FENDER OR ANOTHER SOLID BODY PART OF THE MOPED. THE PERMIT MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE REAR.***

University of Minnesota Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 6

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, A CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION ("THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA"), DOES ORDAIN:

ARTICLE 1.

APPLICATION

This ordinance shall apply to the regulation of mopeds in their operation and parking upon parking facilities, highways, streets, private roads and roadways, as herein defined, situated on all properties owned, leased or occupied by the University of Minnesota.

ARTICLE 2.

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in this ordinance have the meanings given them below:

Section 1. Moped. "Moped" means a motorized bicycle that is propelled by an electric or a liquid fuel motor of a piston displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and a maximum of two brake horsepower, which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than one percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged.

Section 2. Operate. "Operate" means to drive or be in actual physical control of a moped.

Section 3. "University Transitway" means the University of Minnesota owned roadway connecting the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses.

ARTICLE III.

OPERATION OF MOPEDS

Section 1. General Provision. All mopeds shall be operated in accordance with local, State, Federal and University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus permitting regulations.

Section 2. No person shall operate a moped upon property owned, leased or occupied by the University of Minnesota except in a prudent and careful manner with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and other persons.

Section 3. Current Registration. No person shall operate or park a moped upon property owned, leased or occupied by the University of Minnesota unless said moped is currently registered under the current owner with the State of Minnesota and displays a valid license plate.

Section 4. Pedestrian Areas. No person shall operate a moped on sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian walkways, service drives or wheelchair ramps located on property owned, leased or occupied by the University of Minnesota unless the area is specifically designated for use by motorized vehicles.

Section 5. Bicycle Paths or Lanes. No person shall operate a moped on a designated bicycle path or lane.

Section 6. Washington Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. No person shall ride a moped on the Washington Avenue pedestrian bridge. A person may, however, walk across the Washington Avenue pedestrian bridge with a moped.

Section 9. University Transitway. No person shall operate a moped on the University Transitway.

Section 10. Restricted Areas. No person shall operate a moped in any area that is restricted to emergency vehicles and buses.

Section 11. Helmets. No person under 18 shall operate a moped without a helmet.

Section 12. Eye Protection. No person shall operate a moped without eye protection.

Section 13. Standard Equipment. No person shall operate a moped that lacks any of the following in working order: headlight, tail light, horn, mirror or stop lamp.

Section 15. Passengers. No person shall carry a passenger while operating a moped.

Section 16. Carrying Objects. No person shall operate a moped while carrying any object that prevents the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

Section 17. Liability Insurance. No person shall operate a moped without liability insurance.

Section 18. Buildings and Building Elevators. No person shall transport a moped in University of Minnesota building elevators or operate a moped in University of Minnesota buildings.

Section 19. Pedestrians. All persons operating mopeds shall yield to pedestrians.

ARTICLE IV.

PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOPEDS

Section 1. Mopeds may park in any public parking facility and pay the posted rate.

Section 2. Designated Moped Parking. Moped permits are valid only in designated moped parking areas. Mopeds parked in any designated moped parking areas must display a valid moped parking permit.

Section 3. Surface Lots. Full-time staff or faculty with an active surface lot contract may park a moped in their assigned surface lots.

Section 4. Bicycle Racks and Parking Areas. No person shall park a moped at a bicycle rack or bicycle parking area on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Section 5. Attaching to Fixtures. No person shall park or lock a moped to a fixture outside of designated parking areas, including, but not limited to: a utility pole, bollards, tree, railing, sign post or fence.

ARTICLE V.

VIOLATIONS

Section 1. Citations. Improperly parked or non-permitted mopeds may be cited by authorized University personnel.

Section 2. Current Registration and Permitting. Mopeds that do not display a current and valid plate, a valid parking permit, as applicable, may be cited, towed and impounded.

Section 3. Prima Facie Violation. The presence of any moped on any part of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus when standing or parked in violation of this ordinance is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the moped committed or authorized the commission of the violation.

Section 4. Separate Violations. Unless otherwise provided, each act of violation and every day on which a violation occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense.

Section 5. Penalties. Any person found violating any of the provisions of this ordinance upon conviction shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

ARTICLE VI.

SAVING CLAUSE

If any part of parts of these ordinances shall be held unconstitutional, such fact shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance. The University of Minnesota hereby declares it would have passed the remaining parts of this ordinance if it had not known that such part or parts thereof would be declared unconstitutional.

ARTICLE VII.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be enforced and in effect upon the filing of the same with proof of publication thereof with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota.

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