



## **Stonegate - Operation of Electrical and Motorized Micromobility Vehicles**

The following are guidelines pertaining to the operation of an electrical bicycle, motorized bicycle, stand-up electric mini scooter, skateboard, roller-skates, or any other non-self-propelled vehicle or device (except wheelchairs or an electric personal assistive mobility device). For the purpose of this document, also known as electrical and motorized micromobility vehicle.

Stonegate's CC&Rs do not have a specific prohibition on electric/motorized micromobility vehicles, nor do they address their operation within the community.

The major concerns established regarding the operation of electric/motorized micromobility vehicles within Stonegate includes excessive noise, unsafe operation, underage operators, not wearing required safety equipment (i.e. helmets), and nighttime use. Therefore, the City of Scottsdale was contacted to determine if it has established any guidelines for the safe, operational use of electrical and motorized micromobility vehicles within city limits.

The following excerpt is taken from a pamphlet published from the City of Scottsdale Police Department. Modifications have been made to the excerpt, to develop Stonegate guidelines that pertain to the use and operation of electrical and motorized micromobility vehicles within Stonegate.

### **The following guidelines are established:**

- No operating in an area prohibited by signage.
- No child under the age of fourteen (14) shall operate any electric/motorized micromobility vehicle.
- No operator may allow passengers when the vehicle is in operation or motion, nor may it be used for the towing of another person.
- No operator may attach themselves to a moving vehicle.
- No operator shall carry any packages, bundles or articles, which prevents the operator from keeping both hands on the steering mechanism.
- No person, other than the owner, shall operate a vehicle without the written permission of the owner.
- No person shall operate a vehicle that has been structurally altered from the original manufacturer's design. All mufflers must remain intact. Operators can be cited for a noise disturbance.
- No person shall operate a vehicle in a crosswalk.
- All operators must obey all traffic laws/restrictions
- No person shall transport fuel.
- No operator shall ride more than two (2) abreast.
- An operator under the age of eighteen (18) years shall wear a helmet at all times.
- The operator shall wear footwear that has a sole and completely covers the foot.

- No nighttime operation is permitted.
- All devices must be equipped with a brake, which enables the operator to make a braked vehicle skid on pavement.
- Electric/motorized micromobility vehicles are not permitted anywhere within the recreational or common area.
- May not be operated on any sidewalk.

Must always be operated in a safe and legal manner. Its operators must always wear a helmet and other safety gear, and its operators must always obey all traffic laws. If improper operation is observed within Stonegate, the Community Association reserves the right to confiscate the vehicle and return to the parents. Parents are ultimately responsible for the actions and safety of their children and should be aware of the capabilities and limitations of the vehicle, and their child. Parents should monitor their child's use of the vehicle, so as not to create a noise disturbance for their neighbors.

A violation of any of the aforementioned restrictions and/or traffic laws can result in the following enforcement actions:

City of Scottsdale-

1. A citation can be issued by the City of Scottsdale to the operator of the vehicle for failure to obey adopted restrictions and/or traffic laws.

Stonegate Community Association-

1. Common area use violation – A fine being assessed to a homeowner, if improper use of the vehicle is observed in the community.
2. Noise Violation – A fine can be assessed to a homeowner, if excessive noise is permitted to disturb members of the community.
3. Municipal Notification – The City of Scottsdale can be contacted for additional enforcement action, if necessary.

Must show photo ID if requested by SCA Staff.

**\*Micromobility Definition by United States Department of Transportation**

The Federal Highway Administration broadly defines micromobility as any small, low-speed, human - or electric-powered transportation device, including bicycles, scooters, electric-assist bicycles, electric scooters (e-scooters), and other small, lightweight, wheeled conveyances. Other definitions of micromobility focus primarily on powered micromobility devices and characterize these devices as partially or fully motorized, low-speed (typically less than 30 miles [48 kilometers] per hour), and small size (typically less than 500 pounds [230 kilograms] and less than 3 feet [1 meter] wide).