Interim Policy: Electric Scooters

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Scope

This policy applies to all employees, students, and visitors of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and the use of Electric Scooters on UNO property. This policy does not apply to Electric Scooters being used to accommodate persons with mobility restrictions.

Policy Statement

UNO reserves the right to regulate the use of Electric Scooters on UNO property. Electric Scooters may be used to travel to campus, subject to applicable traffic law, but must be left at the established drop-off locations on the campus perimeter prior to entering campus.

This interim policy is effective for the duration of the City of Omaha’s Electric Scooter pilot program which is scheduled to operate from April–November 2019. Upon conclusion of the pilot program UNO will evaluate this interim policy, consult stakeholders and constituents as appropriate, and modify this policy if necessary.
Reason for Policy

UNO prioritizes the safety of the campus community while recognizing the potential contribution an Electric Scooter share program may offer. Communities around the country have seen the rapid introduction and implementation of Electric Scooter share programs necessitating ordinances, programs, and policy to ensure the safe usage, parking, storage, and charging of these devices. In an effort to ensure that UNO is best able to meet the need and demand of the campus and neighboring community in regards to these devices, this interim policy is enacted while a long-term policy, and/or program, that best suits the needs of all stakeholders and constituents is devised and implemented.

Procedures

1. ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ON UNO PROPERTY.
The use of Electric Scooters on UNO property is subject to the following restrictions:

   1. Electric Scooters are not permitted on UNO sidewalks, walkways, lawns and/or greenspace.
   2. Electric Scooters are not permitted in UNO campus buildings.
   3. Electric Scooters may be permitted on campus and/or city streets and users must obey all traffic laws pertaining to Electric Scooter use.
   4. Electric Scooters must be left at the established drop-off locations located on the campus perimeter prior to entering campus.
   5. Unattended Electric Scooters left on UNO property in areas other than the established drop-off locations will be considered abandoned and subject to impound.
   6. Electric Scooters and/or their batteries may not be charged on UNO Property.

2. ENFORCEMENT.
UNO Public Safety may impound Electric Scooters found to be in violation of this policy. Proof of ownership is required in order for UNO Public Safety to release an impounded Electric Scooter. Additionally, UNO reserves the right to charge an impound fee prior to the release of an impounded Electric Scooter. Any Electric Scooter not retrieved within thirty (30) days of impound will be considered property of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

Definitions

Electric Scooter: Any two or three-wheeled device that is equipped with handlebars, a floorboard designed for standing upon when riding, and powered by an electric motor.

Related Information

Dodge Campus [Map of Established Electric Scooter Drop-off Locations]
Scott Campus [Map of Established Electric Scooter Drop-off Locations]
Center Campus [Map of Established Electric Scooter Drop-off Locations]
History

New interim policy approved by the Vice Chancellor of Business, Finance and Business Development on April 5, 2019.

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