MICROMOBILITY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

The Mahoning Township Police Department has recently received several complaints regarding the operation of electric scooters, e-bikes, Segways, and similar devices on public roadways. We would like to remind residents that Pennsylvania law regulates where these devices may be legally operated. Please review the chart below for a summary of the applicable laws.
Please note: Under current Pennsylvania law, electric scooters are not permitted to operate on public streets or roadways. Riders should familiarize themselves with the applicable regulations before operating any electric mobility device to ensure they are in compliance with state law.
We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep our roadways safe for motorists, pedestrians, and all users.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

PA MICROMOBILITY INFORMATION SHEET

Description	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
Electric Scooter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102, § 3802, § 1547
Meets the PA Vehicle Code definition of a motor vehicle. It is a device with two in-line wheels, handlebars, a floorboard to stand on, and an electric motor, with or without a seat. Electric scooters cannot be legally operated on public roadways and may be used only on private property.												
Motorized Pedalcycle	16	Class C	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 3525, § 3802, § 1547
Meets the PA Vehicle Code definition of both a motor vehicle and a motorized pedalcycle. It has operable pedals, a design speed of no more than 25 mph, and an automatic transmission. If gas-powered, it is equipped with a motor rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower and a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters. If electric-powered, it is powered by an electric battery or a battery-pack-powered electric motor.												
Motor Scooter	16	Class M if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525, § 3802, § 1547, § 1504
Defined as a "motor-driven cycle." Motor cannot exceed five brake horsepower.												
Segway	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c), § 3802, §1547
Defined as an "electric personal assistive mobility device." It is excluded from the definition of a motor vehicle. It is an electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is permitted on sidewalks unless prohibited by a municipality.												
E-Bike	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514, § 3802, § 1547
Defined as a "pedalcycle with electric assist." It weighs less than 100 pounds and has a motor rated at no more than 750 watts (1 brake horsepower). It has operable pedals and is not capable of exceeding 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor alone. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
Bicycle	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
Defined as a "pedalcycle." Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												

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