

County of San Mateo
Board of Supervisors

Ordinance Regulating E-Conveyances

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COUNTY OF **SAN MATEO**



Overview of Ordinance

- Highlights existing State law related to electric bikes and similar conveyances
- Affirms commitment to enforce those laws
- Adds local regulations where needed and within local authority
 - Regulates “E-Conveyances,” defined to include electric bicycles, electric scooters, electric skateboards, motorized bicycles, and motorized scooters
- Includes enforcement provisions

Highlights Existing State Law Requirements

- Electric bicycles and similar “e-conveyances” are subject to the “rules of the road”
- Must have adequate lights, brakes, helmets (18 and under)
- Electric bikes that have been modified and no longer qualify as a Class I, II, or III e-bike are not street legal



New Local Regulations

- Prohibits operating in an unsafe manner:
 - posing a danger to the operator or others
 - examples include:
 - acrobatics, tricks, wheelies, stunts, that pose a danger of serious bodily injury/death
 - carrying passengers when the conveyance was not designed for passengers, etc.
 - carrying packages or other items that interfere with operation/control

New Local Regulations

- No riding on sidewalks (except entering/exiting a driveway)
- No parking in a manner that blocks a sidewalk/ pedestrian path, or on public property where bike parking is prohibited
- Includes “Unregistered E-Conveyances”
 - Unregistered E-Conveyances are devices that cannot, under State law, be registered as a vehicle and are not exempt from registration (commonly because they do not meet the State’s e-bike requirements)



Enforcement

- Violations of local regulations subject to:
 - Infraction or Administrative Fines
 - \$100, \$200, \$500
 - Potential diversion option for minors with unsafe operation violation
 - Potential impoundment option for minors with any violation

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