








E-BIKE SAFETY

City of Chula Vista Electric Micromobility Vehicle Ordinance





What is an Electric Micromobility Vehicle?

- Electric micromobility vehicles, such as electric bicycles (e-bikes) and motorized scooters have a battery-powered motor.
- There are three classifications or types of e-bikes.
- An e-bike is equipped with fully operable pedals and a battery-powered motor that does not exceed 750 watts of power.

Know Before You Ride

 No person under 12 years old may operate a Class 1 or 2 e-bike.	 No riding Class 1 or 2 e-bikes on sidewalks in business districts and as signed.	 Helmets required for operators/riders under 18 years old on motorized scooters, Class 1 and 2 e-bikes & all ages for Class 3 e-bikes.	 No motorized scooters on roads with speed limits 40 MPH + except when riding within a striped bike lane or separated bikeway.	 Operators under 18 years old may not transport or carry passengers.
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Each electric micromobility vehicle has different rules. Check the chart below to ride legally and safely in Chula Vista.

Know Your Ride	 Class 1 E-Bike	 Class 2 E-Bike	 Class 3 E-Bike	 Motorized Scooters
Pedal assist	Pedal-assist only Electric motor only engages while operator/rider is pedaling	Motor assists when pedaling or by throttle Electric motor can be engaged at anytime w/ or w/out operator/rider pedaling	Pedal-assist only Electric motor only engages while operator/rider is pedaling	A self-propelled vehicle, typically with two wheels, that is powered by an electric motor
Allowed on sidewalks	Prohibited from operating on sidewalks in business districts and as signed	Prohibited from operating on sidewalks in business districts and as signed	Prohibited from operating on sidewalks	Prohibited from operating on sidewalks
Max Motor Assisted Speed (MPH)	20 MPH	20 MPH	28 MPH	15 MPH
Helmet Required	Required for operators/riders under 18 years old	Required for operators/riders under 18 years old	Required for all ages	Under 18 years old must wear a helmet
Minimum Age to Operate	12 years old	12 years old	16 years old	Driver's License/Learner's Permit required

Let's Ride Safe, Chula Vista
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