

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## MICROMOBILITY DEVICES

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| <b>Authority:</b>        | Issued by the Chancellor. Changes or exceptions to administrative policies issued by the Chancellor may only be made by the Chancellor.                               |
| <b>Category:</b>         | Matters of University-Wide Significance   |
| <b>Applies to:</b>       | ● Administrators    ● Faculty    ● Staff    ● Students    ● Visitors  |
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| <b>Related Policies:</b> | ● Environmental Health and Safety<br>● Code of Student Conduct<br>● Use of University Space   |
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### I. PURPOSE

Fayetteville State University (University) is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The purpose of this policy (Policy) is to establish requirements for the operation, storage, and charging of lithium-ion powered micromobility devices to reduce the risk of fire, injury, and property damage on University property since lithium-ion batteries present a documented fire and explosion hazard when damaged, overcharged, improperly modified, or stored incorrectly.

### II. APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all University-owned, leased, or controlled property. The University reserves the right to amend this Policy to align with applicable fire codes, state regulations, and emerging safety standards.

### III. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Policy:

- **Lithium-Ion Battery** means a rechargeable battery commonly used in portable electronic devices and micromobility equipment that may present fire and explosion hazards if compromised.
- **Micromobility Device** means any electric-powered device designed for individual transportation, including but not limited to electric scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, electric bicycles, and similar devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.

- **Non-Residential Building** means any University-owned or leased building not designated as student housing, including academic buildings, administrative offices, laboratories, libraries, athletic facilities, and auxiliary spaces.
- **Residential Hall** means any University-owned or leased housing facility intended for student occupancy, including but not limited to residence halls, apartments, suites, and associated common areas, hallways, stairwells, lounges, storage areas, and other shared spaces within residential buildings.

#### IV. EXCLUSIONS

This Policy does not limit the use of Micromobility Devices that are necessary due to a disability or for medical reasons.

#### V. OPERATION OF MICROMOBILITY DEVICES

Micromobility Device users/riders shall exercise due care and reasonable caution to prevent injury to others, to self, or to property. The following applies to the operation of Micromobility Devices on University property.

- **Pedestrian Area Safety** - Micromobility Device users must yield to pedestrians and wheelchairs when riding on sidewalks. Micromobility Device users must walk their devices through crosswalks.
- **Traffic Laws** - Micromobility Device users must follow traffic laws, including stopping at stop signs and traffic lights and following all rules that apply to motor vehicles on the road.
- **Outdoor Use Only** - Micromobility devices may only be operated outdoors and are not permitted inside buildings. Micromobility Devices are not permitted to be operated inside of a parking deck or building. If storage in a parking deck is required, the Micromobility Device must be dismounted prior to entering the parking deck and walked into the parking deck.
- **Helmets** - Helmet use is strongly encouraged while operating micromobility devices.

#### VI. PROHIBITIONS

The following includes prohibitions pertaining to Micromobility Devices.

##### A. University Facilities

Micromobility Devices are strictly prohibited inside all University owned, leased or controlled buildings.

1. **Non-Residential Buildings.** Micromobility Devices found within a non-residential building is subject to immediate removal or confiscation by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, residential hall personnel or the Department of Police and Public Safety. Confiscated devices will be secured until safe retrieval arrangements are made by the owner in accordance with University procedures.

2. **Residential Halls.** Micromobility Devices are prohibited inside all residence halls and thus may not be stored, charged, or brought into Residential Halls under any circumstances. This prohibition includes but is not limited to student rooms, apartments, suites, hallways, stairwells, lounges, storage areas, and any other interior space within residential buildings.

Any Micromobility Devices found inside a Residential Hall is subject to immediate removal or confiscation by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, residential hall personnel or the Department of Police and Public Safety.

**B. Reckless Operation**

Reckless operation whereby the rider demonstrates no concern for the safety of others is an unacceptable use and constitutes a violation of this Policy.

**C. Parking and Storage**

Micromobility Devices are prohibited from parking in areas including but not limited to the following: curbs, sidewalks (except in a rack or designated area to support bicycles and scooters), against a building, or in a manner that obstructs pedestrian pathways such as near entrances.

Micromobility Devices may not be locked to fire hydrants, blue light phone poles, stanchions or poles located within bus zones or stands; stanchions or poles located within 25 feet of an intersection.

**D. Charging**

Micromobility Devices may not be charged in University owned or operated buildings and facilities. This includes but is not limited to residential facilities, academic buildings, administrative buildings, student center, event facilities, parking decks, and stairwells.

**VII. VIOLATIONS**

The University reserves the right to temporarily immobilize devices in violation of this and other University policies. Other means of enforcement include, but are not limited to the following:

**A. Employees and Students**

A violation by a University student is subject to the Student Code of Conduct For employees, violation of this Policy will be subject to the appropriate personnel policy.

**B. Violations of Law**

If violation of this Policy also results in a violation of law, the violation may also be referred to the Department of Police and Public Safety.

**C. User Termination or Suspension**

Violations of this Policy may result in termination or suspension of permission for a user to operate one or more types of Micromobility Devices on University property.

**D. Improperly Parked/Abandoned Devices**

Improperly parked Micromobility Devices are subject to ticketing, removal, or relocation. Abandoned Devices are subject to removal, temporary impoundment, and disposal with proper notice.