

Device Quick Reference



Bicycle

Pedal-powered only with no motor; speed depends on the rider.



eBike (Class I/II)

Electric-assisted bike with lower speeds; motor helps but does not fully replace pedaling (Class I) or includes a throttle (Class II).



eBike (Class III)

Electric-assisted bike designed for higher speeds; pedal-assist only and typically used on roadways or bike lanes. Must be 16 or older to operate.



Sit-On Motorized Scooter

Gas or electric scooter with a seat; includes mopeds and similar low-speed vehicles typically used on roadways.



Stand-Up Motorized Scooter

Electric scooter designed to be ridden standing; common for short trips on streets or shared-use areas where allowed.



Motorized Alternative Vehicle

Small motorized device that doesn't fit traditional categories; varies in speed and use depending on design.



Razor, Mini-Bike, Pocket Motorbike

Small, lightweight motorized bikes (often electric); not designed for roadway use.



Mini-Bike, Go-Kart

Gas-powered recreational vehicles; typically used off-road and not permitted on public streets or paths.



Nonmotorized Alternative Vehicle

Devices like skateboards or similar equipment without a motor; fully rider-powered.



Motorized Play Vehicle

Motorized toys or recreational devices (often used by kids); not intended for public roadway or path use.



Electric MTD

A motorized transportation device is a self-balancing or similar motorized devices are used for personal transport at lower speeds.



EPAMD

A stand-on, self-balancing device (like a Segway) used to travel short distances at low speeds in primarily pedestrian areas.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why were the rules updated?

The City updated these regulations to keep pace with the rapidly evolving technology of personal transportation. In recent years, many new devices — like high-speed Class III e-Bikes, electric stand-on scooters and motorized alternative vehicles — have become common but were not covered by previous City ordinances. In addition, the City of Ballwin has also dealt with an increasing number of crashes involving these new electric personal transportation devices.

Which motorized devices are allowed on City streets?

Bicycles, Class I and II e-Bikes, Class III e-Bikes (for riders 16+), and Sit-On Motorized Scooters with a license are allowed on all streets. Motorized Alternative Vehicles, certain Stand-On Scooters, electric minibikes, electric MTDs (such as hoverboards), and EPAMD's (such as Segways) are restricted to streets 25 MPH or less.

Which devices are permitted to use in City parks or on City trails?

The following are allowed in parks and on trails: Standard Bicycles, Class I and II e-Bikes, Stand-On Scooters, Nonmotorized alternative vehicles such as skateboards, ride on toy vehicles, electric MTDs and EPAMDs (such as Segways, for example).

What devices can I ride on the sidewalk?

You can use a Bicycle, Class I or II e-Bike, Stand-On Scooter, nonmotorized alternative vehicle such as a skateboard, ride-on toy vehicles, electric MTDs (such as hoverboards), and EPAMD's (such as Segways) are allowed. However, Class III e-Bikes, Sit-On Motorized Scooters, Motorized Alternative Vehicles, minibikes, go-carts and golf carts are strictly prohibited from sidewalks.

Are helmets required?

It is always advised to wear a helmet when operating any motorized or nonmotorized device. Helmets are required for those under 17. To read the full ordinance, scan the QR code or visit www.ballwin.mo.us/KnowBeforeYouRide

More info

Above all: be careful, respectful and responsible.

Find more details and additional FAQs at www.ballwin.mo.us/KnowBeforeYouRide or call BPD at (636) 227-9636.

