

1) Amendment to § 12.30.070

Bicycles, scooters, and similar devices; operation on sidewalks

A. Sidewalk designation.

For purposes of this section, sidewalks are designated as multiuse paths.

B. Permitted devices.

The following devices may be operated on sidewalks, subject to the requirements of this section:

1. Bicycles.
2. Electric bicycles that provide pedal-assist only and do not exceed seven hundred and fifty watts.
3. Electric standup scooters.
4. Electric miniature scooters.
5. Electric personal assistive mobility devices.
6. Motorized skateboards.

C. Operating requirements.

A person operating a device listed in subsection (B) on a sidewalk shall comply with all of the following:

1. Speed and manner of operation. The device shall be operated at a reasonable and prudent speed, consistent with existing conditions, including pedestrian traffic, visibility, and sidewalk width.
2. Pedestrian priority. The operator shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times.
3. Approaching and passing pedestrians. When approaching, yielding to, or passing a pedestrian, the operator shall slow as necessary to complete the movement safely and without causing the pedestrian to alter course or speed.
4. General duty of care. The device shall be operated in a careful and prudent manner, with due regard for pedestrian safety and surrounding conditions.

D. Prohibited devices.

Gas-powered transportation devices of any type are prohibited on sidewalks, including but not limited to gas-powered bicycles, scooters, mopeds, minibikes, or similar devices.

2) New Section – § 12.30.____

Pedestrian roadway crossing

A. Crossing at intersections.

A pedestrian shall cross a roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal, where such a crossing is provided.

B. Prohibition on crossing between intersections.

A pedestrian shall not cross a roadway between adjacent intersections where traffic control signals or marked crosswalks are provided at both intersections.

C. Mid-block crossing where permitted.

Where no marked crosswalk or signal-controlled intersection is reasonably available, a pedestrian may cross a roadway only by the shortest route to the opposite curb and at approximately right angles to the curb.

D. Prohibited crossings.

A pedestrian shall not cross a roadway at any location where crossing is prohibited by signs, pavement markings, traffic control devices, or law.

3) New Section – § 12.30.____

Pedestrians in roadway; medians and traffic islands

A. Roadway use.

Except as provided in subsection (B), a pedestrian shall not stop, stand, or remain in the portion of a roadway designed for vehicular travel.

B. Medians and traffic islands.

A pedestrian shall not stop, stand, or remain in a painted or raised median or traffic island not designated for pedestrian use, except:

1. To wait to cross the roadway at a pedestrian signal, or
2. Where no pedestrian signal is present, to wait until traffic has cleared or yielded to allow safe crossing.