

Riding E-Bikes in Florham Park

New rules you need to know.



Why New Rules?



 There has been a significant increase in e-bike/e-scooter riders in the recent years.

 Accidents can happen when riders don't follow traffic laws. There have already been TWO e-bike related accidents in Florham Park due to juvenile riders not following traffic laws.

• The Borough made rules to keep **riders**, **walkers**, **and drivers safe**.

 It is important all e-bike riders understand these new ordinances to be able to legally operate their e-bike in Florham Park.





Fortunately, no one was hurt during this accident. This e-bike rider did not follow traffic laws and attempted passing this vehicle on the left side, resulting in a collision when the vehicle began turning left into the parking area.

What's an E-Bike?





Class 1 E-Bike – Pedal + motor help until 20 mph.

Class 2 E-Bike – Motor can move the bike without pedaling (up to 20 mph).



Class 3 E-Bike

- -Throttle propelled with pedal assist
- -Top speed of 28 mph (but, we know many are altered to go faster)
- -Considered a motor vehicle, not a bicycle
- -DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED TO OPERATE
- -Under 15 years of age not allowed
- ***Must be registered and insured***



NOT SUITABLE FOR ANY ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



E-Scooter





E-Scooter – Stand-up scooter with handlebars and an electric motor (under 19 mph).





Roads – Yes, ride near the right-hand side with the flow of traffic.



Bike Lanes – Use them when available.



Sidewalks – No riding e-bikes or e-scooters on sidewalks. This is true throughout the town's neighborhoods AND in the center.



*Private property (like Sun Valley, Ward Place, Avalon) can set their own rules on traffic/bicycle travel.

Parks, fields, Florham Park Borough property – Not allowed unless a sign says it's okay.



This includes Elm Street Fields, Emmett Field, the entire Borough complex, Spring Garden Lake, the Library, etc.

I ride my e-bike to school, how can I safely ride on to school property?





- -Students must WALK their e-bikes and e-scooters on the sidewalks of all 3 schools.
- -No student shall ride their e-bike or e-scooter on the driveway entrances/exits OR the sidewalks.
- -No student shall ride their e-bike or e-scooter on any school lawn or field.
- -All bikes and scooters must be 'parked' in the designated bike rack areas on school property.
- -Once you exit the school, you must abide by the Florham Park ordinances and traffic laws.
- -Remember, you must DISMOUNT your bike/e-bike/scooter when utilizing the crosswalk.

Helmets & Passengers



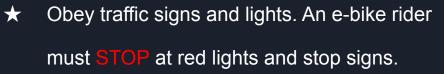
- Under 17? Helmet required every time.
- Passengers only if your bike/scooter has an actual passenger seat.
- Both rider and passenger (under 17) must wear helmets.



Riding an e-bike on a roadway







- ★ Ride single file if biking in a group.
- ★ Stop for crosswalks and yield to pedestrians.
- ★ No texting/holding phones. This would be DISTRACTED DRIVING.
- ★ No holding of any object, both hands must be free to operate both handlebars.
- ★ Must use hand signals to indicate a turn

Compare to driving a car—same rules apply



How do I signal a turn?

*If you had to make a left turn into a lane of travel, you would raise your left arm and point to the left.

*If you had to make a right turn into a lane of travel, you would raise your right arm and point to the right.

*OR, safest option, go to the crosswalk closest to your desired destination, dismount your bike, and walk your bike across the street when you have the right of way.



Parking Rules





-Use bike racks or marked spots.



- -Don't block sidewalks/buildings.
- -Don't leave bikes lying in walkways, mulch beds/landscaping.
- -Do not lean your bike against any non-designated signage, especially handicapped signs.
- -These rules apply on any Borough property, schools and in the center shopping plazas.

Equipment Required





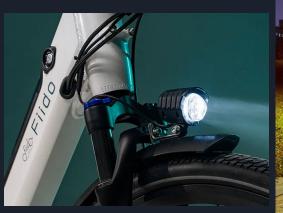


Any bicycle/scooter for rider

under the age of 17;

HELMET REQUIRED - Must be properly fitted, strapped, and be a certified bicycle helmet.

- White light in front.
- Red light in back.
- Just like cars, visibility matters.





What not to do...



-Don't violate traffic laws

-Don't modify for higher speeds.



-Don't ride in restricted areas.



-Don't abandon your e-bike (3+ days left in a

non-designated place = abandoned).

If your bike is abandoned, it will be impounded by FPPD

Punishment



Any violation of bicycle traffic laws and the new Florham Park Borough Ordinances are subject to penalties.

As a juvenile under 18 years old: Parents fined + bike impounded

- 1st offense: up to \$250, 7-day impound
- 2nd offense: up to \$500, 7–60 day impound
- 3rd offense: up to \$1,000, long term impound

The goal isn't punishment—it's safety!

The key takeaways





Ride smart.



Wear a helmet.



Follow traffic laws.



Keep Florham Park safe

for everyone.

