



# 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.

187 Columbia Turnpike, 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).



# Where can I ride?

**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



- ★ Obey traffic signs and lights. An e-bike rider must **STOP** at red lights and stop signs.
- ★ 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**.

