

Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles – What You Need to Know in Clark County



The Clark County Commission has passed a new ordinance regulating electric bicycles, scooters, and motorcycles to ensure safety and consistency across our roadways, parks, and neighborhoods in unincorporated Clark County. Below are answers to some of the most common questions we expect residents to have.

Note: This ordinance applies only to unincorporated Clark County. Cities within the county (such as Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, and Boulder City) may have different guidelines. Check with your local municipality for their regulations.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE?

An electric bicycle (e-bike) is defined as a two- or three-wheeled device with operable pedals, a seat, and an electric motor (≤ 750 watts).

It is categorized into three classes:

- Class 1: Pedal-assist only, up to 20 mph.
- Class 2: Throttle-powered only, up to 20 mph.
- Class 3: Pedal-assist only, up to 28 mph.

WHAT IS AN ELECTRIC SCOOTER?

An electric scooter has handlebars, a motor, and can be ridden upright or seated. It must:

- Weigh less than 100 lbs
- Not exceed 20 mph when powered solely by its motor

Scooters designed for people with disabilities are not included under this definition.

WHERE ARE E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS PROHIBITED?

E-bikes and e-scooters are permitted throughout unincorporated Clark County unless otherwise posted by signage.

CAN I RIDE MY E-MOTORCYCLE, ALL-TERRAIN E-MOTORCYCLE, E-BIKE, OR E-SCOOTER IN COUNTY PARKS?

E-motorcycles/all-terrain e-motorcycles: prohibited in any County facilities unless explicitly permitted by signage.

E-bikes and e-scooters: Permitted in County parks (typically ≤ 15 mph).

Reckless behavior (stunts, wheelies, unsafe speeds) is prohibited for all devices.

WHO ENFORCES THIS ORDINANCE?

Law enforcement.

CAN I RIDE MY ELECTRIC BIKE OR SCOOTER ON THE SIDEWALK IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

Yes—unless signage prohibits operation. Always yield to pedestrians and use a bell/horn when approaching others.

WHAT SPEED LIMITS APPLY TO E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS?

15 mph in County parks (higher limits allowed if posted).

ARE HELMETS REQUIRED?

- Helmets are recommended for everyone.
- Minors are required to wear helmets at all times when operating e-bikes or e-scooters.

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED FOR E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS?

- A bell or horn must be installed to alert others.
- Front white light and rear red reflector (or light) for nighttime use.
- Functional brakes capable of skidding wheels on dry pavement.

WHAT ARE THE FINES FOR VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE?

- 1st violation: \$150
- 2nd violation: \$300
- Subsequent violations: \$600

Parents/guardians are financially responsible for minors' violations.

CAN MY CHILD RIDE THEIR E-BIKE OR SCOOTER TO SCHOOL?

Yes, but with conditions:

- Helmets are mandatory for minors at all times.
- Must comply with equipment rules and posted speed limits.
- Reckless behavior is prohibited.

Always ensure the school's property rules allow e-bike/scooter use.