



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____
BILL 41 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address vehicles and transportation devices.

SECTION 2. Section 10-1.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Public beaches"), is amended by amending the definition of "Motor Vehicle" in subsection (b) to read as follows:

"Motor Vehicle. Includes automobiles, trucks, dune buggies, motorcycles, mopeds, [~~motor scooters,~~] motor-driven cycles, or any other vehicles that are mechanically propelled."

SECTION 3. Section 15-2.29, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Vehicles and related terms"), is amended by amending the definition of "Moped" to read as follows:

"Moped. Has the same meaning as defined in HRS [~~§ 291C-1.~~] § 286-2. A moped is a vehicle for the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Section 15-2.33, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Bicycle and related terms"), is amended as follows:

1. By adding new definitions of "Electric Bicycle," "Class 1 Electric Bicycle," "Class 2 Electric Bicycle," "Class 3 Electric Bicycle," "Electric Micro-Mobility Device," and "High-Speed Electric Device."

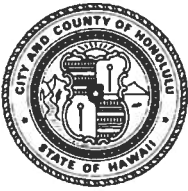
"Electric Bicycle. The same as defined in HRS § 291C-1."

"Class 1 Electric Bicycle. The same as defined in HRS § 291C-1."

"Class 2 Electric Bicycle. The same as defined in HRS § 291C-1."

"Class 3 Electric Bicycle. The same as defined in HRS § 291C-1."

"Electric Micro-Mobility Device. The same as defined in HRS § 291C-1."



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"High-Speed Electric Device. The same as defined in HRS § 291C-1."

2. By repealing the definition of "Motor."

~~["**Motor.** As used in the terms "bicycle equipped with a motor," "bicycles equipped with motors," "motorized bicycle," and "bicycle with motor attached," and for the purposes of those terms only, an electric motor:"]~~

SECTION 5. Section 15-13.11, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-13.11 Motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds.

- (a) The following ~~[shall apply]~~ applies to on-street parking of motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds in spaces marked for parallel parking on street blocks where there are no designated parking spaces for motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds as provided for in subsection (b):
- (1) More than one motorcycle, ~~[motor scooter,]~~ motor-driven cycle, or moped, or a combination of ~~[such motorcycle, motor scooters,]~~ motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or mopeds ~~[shall be]~~ are permitted to park in spaces marked for parallel parking.
 - (2) Regardless of the number of motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, or mopeds parked within a metered parking space, the parking fee ~~[shall be]~~ is the rate established for such parking space.
 - (3) Any motorcycle, ~~[motor scooter,]~~ motor-driven cycle, or moped parked within any space marked for parallel parking, ~~[shall]~~ must be parked diagonally (at an angle of approximately 60 degrees to the curb line) with the front end facing the street and in the direction which the vehicles in the near lane of traffic are traveling.
 - (4) A minimum clearance of 3 feet at each end of the parallel parking space ~~[shall]~~ must be maintained; provided that only the vehicle parked within the 3-foot area ~~[shall]~~ will be in violation of the minimum clearance requirement.



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- (5) ~~[No person shall]~~ A person may not prevent the parking of additional motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, or mopeds when space is available within any parallel parking space.
- (6) Any motorcycle, ~~[motor scooter,]~~ motor-driven cycle, or moped parked within any parallel parking space ~~[shall be]~~ is entitled to the full parking time permitted by law; provided that in any metered space each and every vehicle parked within ~~[such]~~ the space ~~[shall be]~~ is parked illegally, if the meter displays a violation.
- (b) Nothing herein ~~[shall prohibit]~~ prohibits the director of transportation services from establishing, marking and designating parking stalls specifically for the parking of motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds upon any street.
- (1) Wherever parking stalls for motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds are ~~[so]~~ established, marked off, and designated, the driver of ~~[such]~~ the vehicle shall park the vehicle completely within a designated stall.
- (2) If on-street parking stalls or spaces are established, marked off, and designated for motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds along any street block, ~~[it shall be unlawful for]~~ the driver of any motorcycle, ~~[motor scooter,]~~ motor-driven cycle, or moped ~~[to]~~ may not park ~~[such]~~ the vehicle on any portion of ~~[such]~~ the street block, other than in a stall or space ~~[so]~~ established, marked off, and designated for parking motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds ~~[along such street block].~~
- (3) Wherever parking stalls for motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds are ~~[so]~~ established, marked off, and designated, ~~[it shall be unlawful for]~~ the driver of any other vehicle ~~[to]~~ may not park in a stall designated for motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, or mopeds.
- (4) The term "street block" as used in this section means one side of any street, the length of such side extending between two consecutive intersections; or, in the case of a dead-end street, one side of such dead-end street, the length of such side extending between the dead-end and the nearest intersection.



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- (c) Nothing herein [~~shall prohibit~~] prohibits the parking of a moped in a bicycle rack located on a sidewalk where signage so permits, provided however, that ~~[nø]~~ a person ~~[shall]~~ may not drive the moped on the sidewalk in violation of HRS § 291C-196(c). For the purposes of this section, a "bicycle rack" means a device erected by the city to be used for the parking of bicycles. This subsection ~~[shall]~~ does not apply to the parking of motorcycles or [motor-scooters.] motor-driven cycles."

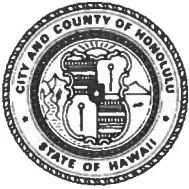
SECTION 6. Section 15-16.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("City hall and satellite off-street parking"), is amended by amending subsection (k) to read as follows:

- "(k) *Bicycles, motorcycles, [motor-scooters,] motor-driven cycles, and mopeds.* Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, portions of the parking facilities that are not designated as parking stalls must be designated for the parking of bicycles, motorcycles, ~~[motor-scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds as defined in HRS § 291C-1, free of charge."

SECTION 7. Section 15-18.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-18.7 Riding on sidewalks.

- (a) ~~[Nø]~~ A person ~~[shall]~~ may not ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- (b) ~~[The director of transportation services is authorized to erect official signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place, no person shall disobey the same.]~~ A person may not ride an electric bicycle upon any sidewalk; except that a person may ride a class 1 electric bicycle, class 2 electric bicycle, or class 3 electric bicycle upon a sidewalk that is not within a business district or other place where prohibited by ordinance; provided the speed of travel does not exceed 10 miles per hour.
- (c) ~~[Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.]~~ The director of transportation services may erect official signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of



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bicycles, including electric bicycles, thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place, a person may not disobey the sign.

- (d) ~~[No person shall ride a bicycle equipped with a motor on any sidewalk.]~~
Whenever any person is riding a bicycle, including an electric bicycle, upon a sidewalk, the person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing the pedestrian."

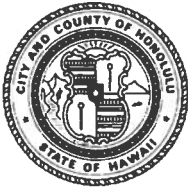
SECTION 8. Chapter 15, Article 18, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Operation of Bicycles and Play Vehicles"), is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 15-18.9. Riding on bikeways.

- (a) A person may not drive a vehicle, other than a bicycle, electric foot scooter, or electric micro-mobility device, on a bikeway, except as provided by HRS § 291C-123.
- (b) A person may not operate a moped or electric motorcycle on a bikeway.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "electric motorcycle" means the same as defined in HRS § 291C-_____."

SECTION 9. Section 15-18.10, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Regulations applicable to bicycle paths constructed on dedicated easements"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

- "(a) Within the limits of bicycle paths and their respective easements, such easements having been granted to the city for purposes of providing bicycle paths, ~~[a] a person [shall:]~~ may not:
- (1) Willfully or intentionally destroy, damage, or injure any property;
 - (2) Climb onto any bridge, tree, wall, fence, or other structure;
 - (3) Swim, bathe, wade in, pollute, or block the water of any natural stream;
 - (4) Litter, throw, or dispose of any refuse or waste material;
 - (5) Kindle, build, maintain, or use any fire;

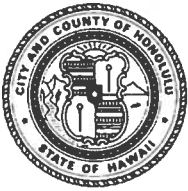


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- (6) Annoy, molest, kill, wound, chase, shoot, or throw missiles at any animal or bird;
- (7) Distribute, post, or place any commercial handbill or circular, notice, or other advertising device or matter, except as permitted by the terms of any agreement relating to the use of the bicycle path and easement;
- (8) Operate any vehicle other than:
 - ~~(A) A bicycle without a motor; or~~
 - ~~(B) Authorized vehicles, where permitted by posted signs;]~~ a bicycle, electric foot scooter, or electric micro-mobility device;
- (9) Park, wash, polish, or repair cars or other vehicles;
- (10) Cut or remove any wood, plant, grass, soil, rock, sand, or gravel;
- (11) Sell or offer for sale any merchandise, article, or thing, or engage in any commercial operations;
- (12) Amplify music or use battery-operated loudspeakers;
- (13) Ride or drive any horse or any other animal;
- (14) Engage in any sports or recreational activities other than the riding of bicycles;
- (15) Discharge firearms of any kind;
- (16) Place tents or other structures, or in any way inhabit the premises;
- (17) Park any bicycle or vehicle on the bicycle path except authorized maintenance and security vehicles;
- (18) Drive any vehicle, including a bicycle, across the bicycle path without first coming to a full stop;
- (19) Fail to yield the right-of-way to an authorized motor vehicle;



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- (20) Possess or use intoxicating beverages;
- (21) Possess, use, store, transport, or dispose of hazardous materials, as that term is defined in HRS § 286-2, or hazardous ~~[wastes,]~~ waste, as that term is defined in HRS § 342J-2; or
- (22) Enter or remain on any bicycle path during the hours that the bicycle path is closed; provided that signs are posted indicating the hours that the bicycle path is closed, except that a person may traverse a bicycle path using the most direct route during bicycle path closure hours for the purpose of going to, or from, the shoreline."

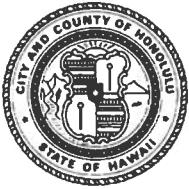
SECTION 10. Section 15-18.11, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-18.11 Operating ~~[bicycle with motor.]~~ an electric bicycle.

- (a) ~~[No]~~ A person less than 15 years of age ~~[shall]~~ may not operate ~~[a]~~ an electric bicycle ~~[equipped with a motor]~~ on any street or highway~~[-nor shall more than one person at a time be allowed to ride a bicycle equipped with a motor].~~
- (b) A person less than 16 years of age may not operate a class 2 electric bicycle or a class 3 electric bicycle unless under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means a supervising parent, guardian, or person 18 years of age or older is physically present and in reasonable proximity to observe and control the operation of the electric bicycle.
- (d) No more than one person may ride an electric bicycle at a time."

SECTION 11. Section 15-18.13, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is repealed:

~~["§ 15-18.13 Safe driving of bicycles equipped with motors on public streets, paths, or trails.~~



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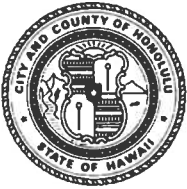
- (a) ~~Except as otherwise allowed by law, no bicycle equipped with a motor exceeding 750 watts may be operated on any public street, highway, alley, path, or trail, including a bikeway as defined by § 15-2.5.~~
- (b) ~~A bicycle equipped with a motor may be operated only with all of the bicycle's wheels facing forward and in contact with the ground at all times, and with the operator seated with one leg on each side of the seat; provided that it is not a violation of this subsection if a wheel of the bicycle loses contact with the ground briefly due to the condition of the road surface or other circumstances beyond the control of the operator.~~
- (c) ~~It is unlawful for an individual to operate a bicycle equipped with a motor in an unsafe manner or engage in exhibition driving on any public street, highway, alley, path, trail, or other public right of way; provided that this subsection does not apply to an individual engaging in exhibition riding as part of a parade, tournament, or other activity permitted by the city.~~
- (d) ~~An individual operating a bicycle equipped with a motor may not:~~
 - (1) ~~Stand or kneel on any seat, ride on the bicycle's handlebars, or engage in any other non-standard riding position;~~
 - (2) ~~Perform a maneuver where one or more wheels are intentionally lifted from the ground; or~~
 - (3) ~~Engage in any other maneuver that endangers the operator or any other person."]~~

SECTION 12, Section 15-18.14, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is repealed.

~~["§ 15-18.14 Helmet requirement for minors operating bicycles equipped with motors.~~

~~A person under 18 years of age may not operate a bicycle equipped with a motor unless that person is wearing a helmet that:~~

- (1) ~~Is specifically designed for that purpose;~~
- (2) ~~Is equipped with a chin strap; and~~



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~~(3) Meets the helmet testing and design requirements of HRS § 291C-450(a)."]~~

SECTION 13. Section 15-19.15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Head lamps"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Every motor vehicle operated upon a highway, other than a motorcycle or ~~[motorized scooter]~~ motor-driven cycle or bicycle, ~~[shall]~~ must be equipped with at least two multiple-beam or single-beam head lamps, one at each side of the front thereof, which shall conform to the requirements and limitations prescribed herein; provided that this subsection shall not apply to trucks with restrictive stickers as prescribed in § 15-19.5."

SECTION 14. Section 15-19.21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-19.21 Head lamps on ~~[motorized scooters:]~~ motor-driven cycles.

Every ~~[motorized scooter]~~ motor-driven cycle or motorized bicycle, at all times specified in § 15-19.2, ~~[shall]~~ must be equipped with at least one and not more than two lighted head lamps so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal a person or vehicle at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead of the vehicle. The head lamps may be of the single beam type, provided that the power supply and the complete electrical system of the vehicle shall be adequate to provide 2,500 candlepower illumination."

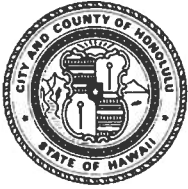
SECTION 15. Section 15-19.24, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Brake equipment required"), is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) Every new motor vehicle except a motorcycle or ~~[motor scooter]~~ motor-driven cycle sold in the city and operated upon the highways thereof ~~[shall]~~ must be equipped with service brakes upon all wheels of ~~[every such]~~ the vehicle."

SECTION 16. Section 15-19.31, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-19.31 Windshield, fenders, and bumpers required on all vehicles.

Every motor vehicle upon a highway, ~~[excepting]~~ except a motorcycle and ~~[motor scooter,]~~ motor-driven cycle, must be equipped with a windshield. In addition, every motor vehicle upon a highway, ~~[excepting]~~ except a motorcycle and ~~[motor scooter]~~



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motor-driven cycle, must be equipped with fenders for all wheels, and front and rear bumpers."

SECTION 17. Section 15-23.2A, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Attendant parking facilities"), is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) The director of transportation services shall designate appropriate portions of each facility listed in subsection (a) for the parking, free of charge, of bicycles, motorcycles, ~~[motor scooters,]~~ motor-driven cycles, and mopeds~~[, as defined in HRS § 291C-1].~~"

SECTION 18. Section 15-24.16, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-24.16 Restriction of motorized vehicles on pedestrian overpass or underpass.

~~[No]~~ A person ~~[shall]~~ may not operate a ~~[motor scooter,]~~ motor-driven cycle, motorcycle, or any motorized vehicle upon any portion of a pedestrian overpass or underpass."

SECTION 19. Section 15-24.24, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-24.24 Wheelies prohibited.

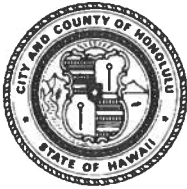
(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, ~~[the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:~~

~~**Electric Bicycle.** A bicycle equipped with a motor.~~

~~**Moped.** Has the same meaning as defined in HRS § 291C-1.~~

~~**Motorcycle.** Has the same meaning as defined in HRS § 291C-1.~~

~~**Wheelie.** A]~~ "wheelie" means a stunt performed by a person while riding on an electric bicycle, moped, or motorcycle in which the front wheel is raised so that the vehicle is balanced for a moment or longer on its rear wheel or wheels.



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- (b) *Prohibition.* A person may not perform a wheelie on any public street or roadway; provided that this subsection does not apply to a person performing a wheelie as part of a parade, tournament, or other activity permitted by the city."

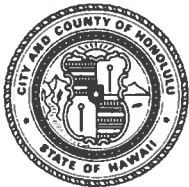
SECTION 20. Section 15-30.4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Permits"), is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

- "(c) *Exceptions.* The following vehicles may park in an RPZ without obtaining or displaying an RPZ permit:
- (1) Commercial vehicles during active delivery or service to a property within the RPZ;
 - (2) A motor vehicle displaying a valid parking placard for a person with a disability or a special license plate, as defined in § 15-29.1; and
 - (3) Mopeds, motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles."

SECTION 21. Section 36-6.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Definitions"), is amended by amending the definition of "Passenger Vehicle" to read as follows:

"Passenger Vehicle. A vehicle manufactured with seating accommodations for eight or fewer passengers, (excluding the driver), but does not include motorcycles, mopeds, ~~motor-scooters,~~ motor-driven cycles, trucks, three-wheeled vehicles, or low-speed vehicles."

SECTION 22. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



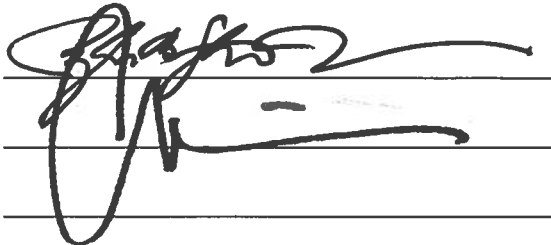
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SECTION 23. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAY 28 2026

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:

Electric Bicycles; Electric Micro-mobility Devices; Electric Mobility Devices; High-speed Electric Devices; Electric Motorcycles; Motor-driven Cycles; Mopeds; Electric Foot Scooters; Definitions; Sidewalks; Bikeways; Bike Paths; Bike Lanes; Age Requirements; Helmet; Head Lamps; Wheelies; Direct Supervision; Pedestrian Overpass or Underpass; Preempt; Repeal

Description:

Conforms ROH provisions to House Bill 2021, HD2, SD2, CD1, Relating to Transportation. Adds definitions for "Electric Bicycle," "Class 1 Electric Bicycle," "Class 2 Electric Bicycle," "Class 3 Electric Bicycle," "Electric Micro-mobility Device," "High-speed Electric Device," and "Electric Motorcycle." Substitutes the term "electric bicycle" for the terms "bicycle with motor," "motorized bicycles," and similar terms. Substitutes the term "motor-driven cycle" for the term "motor scooter." Regulates riding electric bicycles on sidewalks under certain circumstances. Prohibits on bikeways: (1) driving a vehicle, other than a bicycle, electric foot scooter, or electric micro-mobility device, with specified exceptions; and (2) operating mopeds or electric motorcycles. Prohibits a person under the age of sixteen from operating a class 2 or class 3 electric bicycle without direct supervision. Repeals as preempted: (1) certain safe driving requirements for the operation of electric bicycles on public streets, paths, or trails; and (2) helmet requirements for minor operating electric bicycles.

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