Personal Transportation Device Policy

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SECTION I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe and orderly operation of electric and non-electric Personal Transportation Devices (defined below) on the University of St. Thomas campus.

SECTION II. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the University of St. Thomas campus. This policy does not apply to mobility devices used by persons due to disability or medical condition. It also does not apply to devices operated by St. Thomas employees for university purposes.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

When used in this policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

- ***Electric Personal Transportation Device*** means a device designed to transport an individual that is powered by lithium-ion batteries or similar means. This includes e-bikes, e-scooters and hoverboards.
- ***Non-electric Personal Transportation Device*** means a device designed to transport an individual that is powered by human energy, rather than electric means. Examples include rollerblades, bicycles and skateboards.
- ***Personal Transportation Device*** means electric and non-electric Personal Transportation Devices.

SECTION IV. INDOOR OPERATION PROHIBITED

Personal Transportation Devices of any kind may not be operated inside university buildings.

SECTION V. SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR OPERATION

- Personal Transportation Devices must be operated safely, in accordance with all applicable laws and at reasonably safe speeds as dictated by the conditions (e.g. bad weather, high-volume pedestrian traffic, etc.) but in no event faster than 5 MPH while on university outdoor property.
- Operators must yield to pedestrians and give audible signals when passing.
- Helmets are strongly recommended for all operators.
- Operators must adhere to all campus traffic signs, designated pathways and instructions from authorized personnel, including Public Safety.
- Operation is prohibited on stairs, ramps and other areas not intended for wheeled vehicles.

SECTION VI. PARKING AND STORAGE

- *Electric Personal Transportation Devices*:
    - Electric Personal Transportation Devices (and any removable lithium batteries) may not be brought indoors except for the purposes of being brought to or from or stored in designated electric transportation device indoor storage areas. The devices must be carried or wheeled by hand to or from such areas.
    - The devices must otherwise be parked and stored in designated outdoor areas, such as bike racks.
- *Non-electric Personal Transportation Devices:*
    - Bicycles may not be brought indoors except for the purposes of being brought to or from or stored in designated indoor storage areas. Bicycles must be carried or wheeled by hand to or from such areas. Bicycles must otherwise be parked and stored in designated outdoor areas, such as bike racks.
    - Skateboards, rollerblades and similar devices that can easily be carried by hand may be brought into non-residential buildings on a temporary basis (e.g. when a student is attending class) but may not be operated or otherwise used in a disruptive manner.
- Personal Transportation Devices may not block walkways, doorways or access points or otherwise interfere with campus operations or accessibility.
- St. Thomas reserves the right to move or remove any improperly stored or parked Personal Transportation Device.

SECTION VII. NO LIABILITY

St. Thomas is not liable for injuries or damages arising from the operation of Personal Transportation Devices on its campus. In addition, St. Thomas is not liable if a Personal Transportation Device is lost, stolen or damaged while on university property.