TOWN OF GROVELAND
INTERIM REGULATION GOVERNING MOTORIZED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES ON TOWN RECREATIONAL PROPERTY AND THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY TRAIL

Section 1. Authority and Purpose

1.1 This regulation is adopted pursuant to the Select Board's authority over the use of property owned by or under the custody and control of the Town, including property leased to and controlled by the Town, to protect the safety of trail and park users, particularly children and pedestrians. The regulation permits the operation of Electric Bicycles on the Community Trail subject to reasonable limitations and does not prohibit their use.

1.2 This regulation supplements applicable state law, including G.L. c. 85, §§ 11B, 11B½, and 11B¾, and G.L. c. 90, § 1, and shall be construed consistently with those provisions. Nothing in this regulation permits conduct prohibited by state law.

Section 2. Definitions

2.1 "Electric Bicycle" (including "Class 1" and "Class 2"), "Motorized Scooter," and "Motorized Bicycle" have the meanings given in G.L. c. 90, § 1, as amended, and as reproduced in Appendix A. For purposes of this regulation, a device shall be classified based on its characteristics and the applicable statutory definition, regardless of how the device is marketed, labeled, or sold.

2.2 "Motorized Micromobility Device" means any Electric Bicycle, Motorized Scooter, Motorized Bicycle, electric skateboard, self-balancing device, electric dirt bike, or other similar wheeled device powered in whole or in part by an electric or gas motor, excluding wheelchairs and mobility devices used by persons with disabilities and motor vehicles registered under G.L. c. 90.

2.3 "Town Recreational Property" means the Groveland Community Trail and all Town-owned or Town-controlled parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and recreational facilities, including Pine Recreation Area, Shanahan Fields, Washington Park, Perry Park, 150 Center Street, and Bagnall Elementary School, together with their parking areas, paths, and accessways.

Section 3. Rules

3.1 Prohibited Devices. No person shall operate a Motorized Scooter, Motorized Bicycle, electric dirt bike, or other motorized device that does not meet the definition of a Class 1 or Class 2 Electric Bicycle on the Groveland Community Trail or on any Town Recreational Property. This includes devices marketed or sold as "Class 3" electric bicycles or "e-motos" and any two-wheeled motorized device capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour under motor power.

3.2 Electric bicycles; speed. Class 1 and Class 2 Electric Bicycles may be operated on the Community Trail at a speed not greater than 15 miles per hour, and never faster than is reasonable for conditions. The classification label required by G.L. c. 85, § 11B¾(f) may be relied upon in determining the class of a device.

3.3 **Pedestrians.** Within 10 feet of a pedestrian or other trail user, an operator shall slow, give an audible signal before overtaking, pass with caution, and yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times.

3.4 **Playgrounds and fields.** No person shall operate any Motorized Micromobility Device on any playground, playground structure, athletic field, or court within Town Recreational Property.

3.5 **State law.** All operation shall comply with applicable state law, including the helmet requirement for operators and passengers 16 years of age or younger and applicable lighting and equipment requirements.

Section 4. Enforcement

4.1 This regulation may be enforced by the Groveland Police Department and by any agent designated by the Select Board. An enforcing officer may direct a person operating in violation of this regulation to stop, dismount, walk the device, or remove it from Town Recreational Property, and may order a person who refuses to comply or repeatedly violates this regulation to leave the property. Repeat violators may be subject to a no-trespass directive in accordance with applicable law.

4.2 When appropriate, enforcement involving minors should emphasize education and warnings. Where practicable, the enforcing officer may notify the minor's parent or guardian.

4.3 This regulation does not itself establish monetary fines; monetary penalties are addressed in the companion General Bylaw to be presented to Town Meeting. Nothing herein limits enforcement of state law, including the penalties of G.L. c. 90, §§ 1B and 1E.

Section 5. Signage; Effective Date; Severability

5.1 The Town shall post signage at the Community Trail trailheads and principal entrances to affected Town Recreational Property summarizing these rules; lack of signage shall not excuse a violation. This regulation takes effect on **[date]** and remains in effect until amended or rescinded by the Select Board or superseded by a General Bylaw or state law. If any provision is held invalid, the remaining provisions continue in full force and effect.

Adopted by the Groveland Select Board on **[date]**.

APPENDIX A
REFERENCED STATE LAWS

Verbatim text and official sources for statutes cited in this regulation

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A.1 G.L. c. 90, § 1: Definitions (relevant excerpts)

"Electric bicycle", a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less that meets the requirements of a class 1 electric bicycle or a class 2 electric bicycle.

"Class 1 electric bicycle", an electric bicycle or tricycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

"Class 2 electric bicycle", an electric bicycle or tricycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

"Motorized bicycle", a pedal bicycle which has a helper motor, or a non-pedal bicycle which has a motor, with a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission, and which is capable of a maximum speed of no more than thirty miles per hour; provided, that the definition of "motorized bicycle" shall not include an electric bicycle.

"Motorized scooter", any 2 wheeled tandem or 3 wheeled device, that has handlebars, designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, powered by an electric or gas powered motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. The definition of "motorized scooter" shall not include a motorcycle, electric bicycle or motorized bicycle or a 3 wheeled motorized wheelchair.

"Way", any public highway, private way laid out under authority of statute, way dedicated to public use, or way under the control of park commissioners or body having like powers.

Official text: https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section1

A.2 G.L. c. 90, § 1E: Motorized scooters; operation regulations (full text)

Section 1E. A motorized scooter shall not be operated on any way by a person not possessing a valid driver's license or learner's permit, nor at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour.

A person operating a motorized scooter upon a way shall have the right to use all public ways in the commonwealth except limited access or express state highways where signs specifically prohibiting scooters or bicycles have been posted, and shall be subject to all traffic laws and regulations of the commonwealth and the regulations contained in this section, except that: (1) a scooter operator shall keep to the right side of the road at all times, including when passing a motor vehicle which is moving in the travel lane of the way; and (2) the scooter shall be equipped with operational stop and turn signals so that the operator can keep both hands on the handlebars at all times.

No person shall operate a motor scooter upon any way at any time after sunset or before sunrise. A person operating a motorized scooter shall wear protective headgear conforming with such minimum standards of construction and performance as the registrar may prescribe.

No person operating a motorized scooter shall permit any other person to ride as a passenger on the scooter.

A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than $25 for the first violation, not less than $25 nor more than $50 for a second violation and not less than $50 nor more than $100 for a third or subsequent violation.

Practice note: *because a Massachusetts learner's permit may not be issued to a person under 16 years of age, § 1E operates as a prohibition on operation of a motorized scooter by any person under 16. Note also the statutory prohibition on nighttime operation, the helmet requirement, and the no-passenger rule.*

Official text: https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section1E

A.3 G.L. c. 85, § 11B¾: Electric bicycles; rights, privileges, duties; regulations (full text)

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "electric bicycle" shall have the same meaning as in section 1 of chapter 90 and the terms "bike path" and "bikeway" shall have the same meanings as in section 1 of chapter 90E.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an electric bicycle or an operator of an electric bicycle shall be afforded all of the rights and privileges, and shall be subject to all of the duties, of the operator of a bicycle or duties related to a bicycle set forth in sections 11B and 11B½, any general or special law, regulation or local ordinance; provided, however, that electric bicycles shall not be ridden or operated on sidewalks.

(c) A municipality, local authority or state agency with jurisdiction over a bike path or bikeway after public notice and a public hearing may adopt ordinances or regulations prohibiting or otherwise regulating the operation of electric bicycles on such paths, including, but not limited to, the imposition of speed limits.

(d) An electric bicycle shall not be operated on a trail designated for nonmotorized traffic, that a municipality, local authority or state agency has jurisdiction over, if such trail has a natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have been added; provided, however, that a municipality, local authority or state agency after public notice and a public hearing may adopt ordinances or regulations permitting or otherwise regulating the use of electric bicycles on such a trail within its jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the imposition of speed limits.

(e) Electric bicycles shall comply with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

(f) Manufacturers and distributors of electric bicycles shall apply a label that shall be permanently affixed, in a prominent location, to each electric bicycle containing the classification number, top assisted speed and motor wattage of the electric bicycle.

(g) No person shall tamper with or modify an electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability or engagement of an electric bicycle, unless the person appropriately replaces the label required by subsection (f).

(h) The secretary of transportation may promulgate regulations for electric bicycles in the commonwealth, including, but not limited, to their safe operation and proper labeling. The secretary shall submit any such

proposed regulations to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate and the joint committee on transportation not later than 30 days prior to their effective date.

Official text: https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter85/Section11B3~4

A.4 Additional authorities (summaries with links to full official text)

G.L. c. 85, § 11B: Bicycles; operation and equipment. The primary bicycle statute governing operation on ways, equipment, lights, and the helmet requirement for operators and passengers 16 years of age or younger. https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter85/Section11B

G.L. c. 85, § 11B½: Mandatory helmet use for persons 16 years of age or younger operating in-line skates, skateboards, and (non-motorized) scooters.
https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter85/Section11B1~2

G.L. c. 90, § 1B: Motorized bicycles; operation regulations. Governs operation of motorized bicycles, including the requirements that an operator be at least 16 years of age, hold a valid license or learner's permit, wear protective headgear, and not exceed 25 miles per hour. Section 1B also provides that motorized bicycles shall be excluded from off-street recreational bicycle paths.
https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section1B

G.L. c. 40, § 21D: Noncriminal disposition of ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation violations. The mechanism by which municipal fines under this regulation are issued and processed.
https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter40/Section21D

G.L. c. 45, § 5: Powers of boards with custody of public parks, including authority to make rules and regulations for the government and use of parks.
https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter45/Section5

Senate Bill S.3077 (2026), "An Act to enhance the safe use of micromobility devices" (the "Ride Safe Act"). Pending legislation that would create a statewide speed-based system of rules for e-bikes, mopeds, and scooters. Status and text: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S3077