

## Charleston Southern University

### Policy on Electric Mobility Devices (Indoor Use & Charging)

**Applies to:** All students, faculty, staff, contractors, visitors, and vendors on Charleston Southern University property.

**Effective Date:** March 15, 2026

#### 1. Purpose

To protect the health and safety of the University community and campus property by restricting the indoor operation, storage, and charging of electric mobility devices that use lithium-ion or other rechargeable batteries, while ensuring reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities.

#### 2. Definitions

- **Electric Mobility Device (EMD):** Any personal, battery-powered device used for individual transportation including, but not limited to, e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards, electric skateboards, and similar devices that use rechargeable batteries.
- **Charging:** Connecting an EMD or its removable battery to an electrical source for the purpose of replenishing battery power.
- **Authorized Mobility Aid:** A battery-powered device used primarily for mobility assistance as documented and approved by the University's Office of Accessibility Services (e.g., powered wheelchairs, mobility scooters).

#### 3. Devices restricted in Charleston Southern University facilities

- E-scooters and EMDs are **prohibited** from being inside any Charleston Southern University building. Parking EMDs inside presents fire, safety, and accessibility hazards.
- Charging of EMDs is **prohibited** inside any CSU building. Charging stations are not available.
- Accessibility Exception: Authorized Mobility Aids required for medical or accessibility reasons are exempt from the prohibitions above if the device is documented with and approved by the Office of Accessibility Services.

#### 4. Properly secure your device

- E-scooters and all EMDs must be secured outside of University facilities at bike racks. If using an EMD, have a plan for securing it.

## **5. Violations may result in fines and impounding**

- E-scooters and other EMDs found inside a University facility or improperly parked in places other than bike racks or designated parking areas will be removed and impounded at the owner's expense.
- Contact Campus Security if it has been determined that an EMD has been impounded. Violation of these restrictions will be subject to citations and the Student Conduct process.

## **6. Safe Use of E-scooters**

- Follow the same rules as operating a bicycle by obeying the same traffic laws. This includes observing proper traffic safety procedures.
- Safety and Rider Conduct
  - Riders must maintain safe speeds, not exceeding 10 miles per hour.
  - Reckless behavior, including weaving through foot traffic or performing stunts, is prohibited.
  - Scooters must be dismounted in crowded or congested areas.
  - Only one rider is allowed per scooter at any time.
  - Riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited.
  - Use of headphones, earbuds, or mobile devices while riding is prohibited.

## **7. Impound and Reclaim Procedure**

- Campus Security documents violation and attempts to notify owner.
- Device is tagged, inventoried, and stored. Owner may reclaim with proof of ownership.

## **8. Property, Liability, and Safety Notice**

- CSU is not liable for loss, theft, or damage to EMDs stored, impounded, or otherwise handled under this policy.
- CSU disclaims responsibility for injuries to riders, damage or thefts related to scooters. Operators are solely responsible for their conduct and safety. By riding on campus, individuals acknowledge and accept these conditions.
- Riders are responsible for their own property and liability coverage.

## **9. Review**

- This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner as necessary due to University policy, safety standards, or fire code changes.