Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe operation of skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, and electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs)-I.E., Segways on The University of Alabama Campus in order to support the safety of the university community as a whole.

Policy Statement:

This policy establishes responsibilities and procedures to ensure pedestrian safety, proper operation, and enforcement of skateboards, longboards, in-line skates, roller skates, and electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs) on campus. It applies to University of Alabama faculty, staff, students, as well as all visitors to campus. This policy applies to the roadways owned or maintained by The University of Alabama and does not apply to roadways that are a public street. State Laws or Municipal Ordinances apply to roadways not owned by The University of Alabama. Roadways owned or maintained by the City of Tuscaloosa including: University Boulevard, Paul Bryant Drive, Jack Warner Parkway, Wallace Wade Avenue, and Hackberry Lane south of University Boulevard are public streets and subject to applicable state law or municipal ordinance.

Policy:

The University of Alabama views skateboards, longboards, in-line skates, roller skates, and EPAMDs as Recreational Devices and not as a means of transportation. It is highly recommended that these devices not be used on campus. If used on campus, skateboards and EPAMDs will be permitted only in bike lanes dedicated for such use along University roadways. The following points apply to the use of these devices on The University of Alabama roadways.

- Recreational Devices may not be used in any manner that places pedestrians at risk.
- Recreational Devices are not permitted on concrete/asphalt pathways, sidewalks where pedestrians are allowed and those portions of roadways where vehicles are allowed.
- Users must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on foot at all times.
- Speed of the device must not exceed 5 mph, and the users must remain in control of their device at all times.
- Recreational Devices are not vehicles, and their use is prohibited on those portions of roadways where vehicles are allowed and in parking lots and parking structures.
- Use of the Recreational Devices for acrobatics, racing or other stunts is strictly prohibited.
- Riding on any architectural or landscape features is prohibited.
- All wheels of the Recreational Device must be in contact with the ground while in use.
- The use of Recreational Devices is prohibited within any building, any covered area and in the designated pedestrian-only zones on campus.
- Recreational Devices must not interfere with the operation and safety of vehicles or the safety of other riders.
• Riders will be required to dismount completely and walk through intersections and crosswalks.
• Use of Recreational Devices for tricks or any use other than utilitarian recreation is prohibited.

Individuals with a mobility disability are permitted to use wheelchairs and manually-powered mobility aids, such as walkers, crutches, canes, braces, or other similar devices designed for use by individuals with mobility disabilities in any area open to pedestrian use. Individuals with a mobility disability are permitted to use EPAMDs in all areas open to pedestrian use unless the EPAMD cannot be operated in such areas in accordance with the University’s legitimate safety requirements or if its use will result in a fundamental alteration of the University’s service, program or activity. For further information about services and accommodations available to students with disabilities at the University, please contact the Office of Disability Services at ods@bama.ua.edu. For employee resources, please contact the University’s Human Resources Service Center at hrvctr@ua.edu. For campus visitors, please contact the University’s ADA Coordinator, Gwendolyn Hood, at ghood@aalan.ua.edu.

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