



ALL ABOUT E-BIKES

What are e-bikes?

E-bikes, or electric bicycles, are pedal-powered bikes that are equipped with an electric motor. In Peters Township, an e-bike is defined as a bicycle that weighs no more than 100 pounds, has two or three wheels with a diameter of more than 11 inches, and is powered by a motor rated at no more than 750 watts. E-bikes can reach speeds of up to 20 miles per hour on flat surfaces when using the motor alone.

Ensuring the safe operation of e-bikes.

The increasing popularity of e-bikes and other electrically motorized devices, such as scooters and one-wheels, has raised concerns about safety and potential accidents in public parks and recreational areas. To address these issues, Peters Township has updated its code of ordinances and regulations to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all residents and visitors.

What are the new regulations regarding riding e-bikes and electrically motorized devices?

The new rules for riding e-bikes in Peters Township include the following key points:

- ▶ E-bikes must remain on paved pathways at all times in public parks, including the Arrowhead Trail.
- ▶ Riders must wear helmets if they are under 21 years of age.
- ▶ E-bikes can only be operated by individuals who are at least 16 years old.
- ▶ The maximum speed limit for e-bikes on park pathways is 15 miles per hour.
- ▶ Riders must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and maintain a safe distance.
- ▶ E-bikes may only be used in public parks from dawn to dusk.

Additionally, electrically motorized devices such as electric scooters, electric motorcycles, one wheels, or other electrically powered devices without pedals are prohibited in all Peters Township parks, open spaces, and trails.

Are e-bikes allowed on the Arrowhead Trail/Montour Trail?

Yes, e-bikes are allowed on the Arrowhead Trail, provided they stay on the asphalted or concreted pathways, and adhere to the 15 mph speed limit. However, they are prohibited from being used on grass, fields, or open spaces within the parks.

Are parents responsible if their child rides his/her e-bike in an unauthorized manner?

Yes, parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children do not violate any provisions of the ordinance regarding the operation of e-bikes. They should not authorize or knowingly permit their child to ride in an unauthorized manner.

Can I ride by e-bike on a roadway?

Use of e-bikes and other electrically motorized vehicles on roadways is subject to regulation by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75). For more information, visit dmv.pa.gov, click on Information Centers, then Laws & Regulations.

