

## Pocket Bike, Minibike, ATV's, Powered Skateboards, Scooters, Golf Carts, Go Carts, etc.

The operator of any pocket bike, minibike, ATV, powered skateboard, scooter, golf cart, go cart, etc., that is contacted while operating the vehicle on city owned streets, sidewalks, trails, parks, or other city owned property, is subject to a citation in violation of Lincoln Municipal Code. The officer may take the vehicle into custody or have it towed to the impound lot as evidence. The vehicle can then be held in our custody until the case/citation is disposed of by the courts.

The safe operation of these vehicles is not possible on city streets and sidewalks. Pedestrians and operators of these vehicles are placed in danger. Many of these vehicles are too small to be seen by the motoring public.



**Pocket Bikes cannot be legally operated on City owned streets, sidewalks, trails or any City owned property.**

## Special Powered Devices (Powered Wheelchairs)

State Law and City Ordinance both allow for the operation of special powered devices. These devices, including powered wheelchairs, powered three and four wheeled personal assistance vehicles, may be operated on city owned sidewalks, trails, parks, and other city owned property.

## Bicycles

LMC 10.02.050 defines a bicycle as (a) a device propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride and having two or three wheels at least one of which is more than 14" in diameter OR (b) a device with two or three wheels with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor with a capacity not exceeding 750 watts which produces no more than 1 brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the bicycle at a maximum speed of no more than 20mph on level ground.



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*For additional information on these topics, please call the Traffic Safety Unit at 402-441-6587*



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## Mopeds, Minibikes, Pocket Bikes, ATV's, Powered Skateboards and Scooters



What can be legally operated on city streets, sidewalks, trails, parks and other public property?

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The safety of our citizens is one of our most important concerns. Information provided in this brochure will give guidance to the legality of operation on a variety of powered devices.



A device that is powered either electrically or by gas engine, and is not a moped, motorcycle or a bicycle as described by State Statute 60-611, cannot be legally operated on city streets, sidewalks, city trails, parks, or on any property owned by the city.



NRS 60-6,351: Legislative Intent....“It is the intent of the Legislature to remove from street use and operation minibikes and similar two-wheeled, three wheeled, or four wheeled miniature vehicles, the visibility, power, and equipment of which are inadequate for mixing with normal vehicular traffic upon streets and highways. This section shall not apply to electric personal assistive mobility device.”



## Moped

City Ordinance 10.54.010 defines a moped as a bicycle with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power, an automatic transmission, and a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters which produces no more than two brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the bicycle at a maximum speed of no more than thirty miles per hour on level ground. You need an operator's license and the rider must wear an approved helmet. You do not need insurance and the vehicle does not require a license plate (registration). These vehicles can be operated on city streets and must follow all rules of the road. City Ordinance number 10.54.030.

## Minibike

City Ordinance 10.02.190 defines a minibike as a two- wheel motor vehicle which has a total wheel and tire diameter of less than fourteen inches or an engine-rated capacity of less than forty- five cubic centimeters displacement or a seat height less than twenty-five inches from the ground or any two-wheel motor vehicle primarily designed by the manufacturer for off-road use only. A minibike cannot be operated by any age person on public streets, sidewalks, parks, or any city owned property

for any reason. An exception does allow for their operation on city streets or city owned property during a city sanctioned parade. These vehicles can be operated on private property with the permission of the owner. 10.14.310

## Pocket Bike

Pocket bikes are basically “mini-motorcycles” and fall under the minibike definition. If a pocket bike has a wheel and tire diameter of fourteen inches or greater **and** a saddle height of twenty-five inches or greater **and** an engine of forty-five cubic centimeters or greater, the vehicle would then be classified as a motorcycle. All rules and regulations regarding the registration and operation of a motorcycle would then apply. Most pocket bikes do not fall into the motorcycle category. Their seat height is too short and their wheel and tire diameter is less than fourteen inches. This classifies them as a minibike by definition and they cannot be operated by any age person on city streets, sidewalks, trails, parks, or any city owned property. These vehicles cannot be registered and plated and the operation of this vehicle on public streets and property subjects the operator to a citation. LMC: 10.14.310.