

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGULATION**

**DATE:** April 5, 2024

**REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER:** UWF REGULATION 5.003 Micromobility Devices on Campus (*formerly Skateboards and Similar Devices*)

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of this amendment is to address the use of Micromobility devices on campus.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment to this regulation is as follows:

- Micromobility Devices are defined
- University Property is defined
- Additional definitions have been modified
- Added a requirement that individuals who utilize Micromobility Devices must obey all applicable state and local laws, including but not limited to Section 316.2128, Florida Statutes
- Removed restrictions for use of Micromobility Devices on sidewalks between Building 910 and the UWF East Entrance as well as sidewalks leading to and from Buildings 76 and 79; removed restriction against wearing headphones or earbuds while using Micromobility Devices
- Added restrictions for use of Micromobility Devices inside buildings and on covered sidewalks; added restrictions against charging Micromobility Devices on University Property
- Removed requirement for students under 17 to obtain written consent from their parent or legal guardian prior to using Micromobility Devices
- Added requirement that Micromobility Devices must be stored outdoors in designated areas
- Revisions have been made for ease of reading

**AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE REGULATION:** Chapter 316, Florida Statutes; BOG Regulation 1.001, University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties

**NAME OF UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT:** Betsy Bowers, Vice President of Finance and Administration

**COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.** In response, the University may solicit additional written comments, schedule a public hearing, withdraw or modify the proposed regulation amendment in whole or in part after notice, or proceed with adopting the regulation amendment. The comments must identify the regulation(s) on which you are commenting.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION OR CHALLENGE:** Jessica Whittle, Paralegal, Office of the General Counsel at [gcfrotdesk@uwf.edu](mailto:gcfrotdesk@uwf.edu) or 850-474-3420 or Office of the General Counsel, Building 10, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32514.

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION:** The full text of the proposed amendment to the regulation is attached below this Notice. The full text of the proposed amendment and existing regulation is also posted on UWF's website: <https://uwf.edu/offices/board-of-trustees/regulations/>



**Number:** UWF/REG 5.003  
**Title:** ~~Skateboards and Similar Devices~~ Micromobility Devices on Campus  
**Responsible**  
**Department:** Parking and Transportation Services

## I. General Statement:

The ~~intent is to regulate the use of skateboards and similar~~ regulation of the use of personal Micromobility Devices on property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida (the “University”) is necessary in order to minimize disruption, injury to persons, and damage to property. This regulation does not regulate personal ADA mobility devices.

## II. Definitions:

Crosswalk – a specifically paved or marked path where pedestrians have the right of way to cross.

Micromobility Device – a small human powered or motorized transportation device or vehicle used to travel short distances and that is not capable of traveling at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. These devices include bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), push scooters, electric scooters (e-scooters), Segways, mopeds, hoverboards, skateboards, electric skateboards, RipSticks, roller skates, inline skates, and other small, lightweight motorized or non-motorized wheeled conveyances given this designation by the University. Automobiles, motorcycles, and wheelchairs and other mobility devices used by persons with disabilities are excluded from this definition.

Motorized ~~—motorized, as defined for this regulation, is as any transportation device that is~~ powered by a gas or electric engine.

Recreational Use ~~—for the purposes of this regulation, recreational use is defined as use of a~~ Micromobility described dDevices for entertainment, fun, leisure, or amusement such as ~~Entertainment uses might include~~ practicing tricks or stunts.

Sidewalks – those portions of a street between the curb line or the lateral line of a roadway and the adjacent property lines or the walkway between buildings, intended for use by pedestrians.

~~Skateboard—a device propelled by human power with wheels and a floorboard designed to be stood upon when riding.~~

Transportation Use ~~—for the purposes of this regulation, transportation use is defined as~~ a means of conveyance while traveling from point-to-point on or through University property.

University Property – the University campus and any other property allocated to or operated, leased, managed, or controlled by the University or any component or affiliated entity thereof, including but not limited to buildings, streets, sidewalks, pathways, parking areas, or other grounds.

### III. Assumption of ~~the~~ Risk

~~All persons~~ Any person who ~~participate in skateboarding~~ utilizes Micromobility Devices on University Property ~~owned or controlled by the University of West Florida~~ assumes the known and unknown inherent risks in this activity, irrespective of age, and is legally responsible for all damages, injury, or death to ~~himself, herself, themselves or~~ other persons or property ~~which that~~ results from their participation in such activities.

### IV. ~~Guidelines for Users of Skateboards and Similar Devices~~ Use of Micromobility Devices on University Property

~~The use of skateboards is prohibited on any University owned or controlled property except in a manner consistent with the following~~ Micromobility Devices may be used on University Property as follows:

- A. ~~Skateboarding is~~ Micromobility Devices are only permitted only on the ~~UWF~~ main campus of University Property and not on any other University Property. ~~for transportation use, not on other property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida. Skateboarding for recreational use is prohibited on all property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida.~~
- B. ~~Skateboarding is only permitted on the UWF main campus by current UWF students, faculty, and staff~~ Micromobility Devices are permitted only for Transportation Use on sidewalks and crosswalks, unless otherwise provided by signage or regulation.
- ~~B.C.~~ Micromobility Devices are prohibited for Recreational Use on all University Property, except in designated areas.
- ~~C.D.~~ Skateboarders must yield to pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Individuals who utilize Micromobility Devices must yield to pedestrians and vehicular traffic and obey all applicable state and local laws, including but not limited to Section 316.2128, Florida Statutes.
- ~~D.~~ Skateboarding is only permitted on sidewalks and crosswalks of the UWF main campus, unless otherwise provided by signage or regulation. Under no circumstances will skateboarding be allowed on ramps, curbs, benches, steps, stairs, or other such structures.

- E. ~~Skateboarding is~~ Micromobility Devices are prohibited from use in the following areas in all other areas of the campus, including, but not limited to:
1. Ramps into buildings, curbs, benches, steps, stairs, or other such structures;
  2. Parking lots and roads;
  3. Within 10 feet of all building entrances;
  4. ~~All sidewalks between building 910 (Village East) and the UWF East Entrance;~~ Covered sidewalks; and
  5. ~~All sidewalks directly leading to and from building 76 and building 79~~ Inside all buildings.
- F. Non-motorized skateboards may be carried (but not ridden) into campus buildings and classrooms if they do not create an obstruction or trip hazard and do not damage University Property.
- G. ~~Skateboarding is only permitted~~ Micromobility Devices may be used only at reasonable, safe, and prudent speeds based upon conditions, and all wheels must maintain contact with the sidewalk or paved surfaces ~~at all times. Wearing headphones or ear buds while operating such devices is prohibited.~~
- H. ~~Skateboarders~~ Individuals who use Micromobility Devices must maintain control of themselves and of their ~~skateboards~~ devices. Users must refrain from acting in any manner that may cause injury to themselves or other persons or damage to any property.
- I. ~~Skateboarders must refrain from acting in any manner which may contribute to injury to themselves or other persons or damage to any property.~~
- J. ~~Skateboarding is not permitted inside any building. Skateboards may be carried (but not ridden) into campus buildings and classrooms as long as they do not create an obstruction, trip hazards or damage to University property.~~
- K.I. The use of motorized skateboards, scooters, hoverboards, and other similar devices are prohibited on the UWF main campus. Charging of motorized Micromobility Devices is strictly prohibited on University Property.
- L. ~~Students under 17 years of age may not engage in skateboarding on the UWF campus without written consent from the students' parents or legal guardian. Written consent may only be obtained through submission of the completed the form found at:~~
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- N. ~~<https://uwf.edu/media/university-of-west-florida/offices/general-counsel/pdf/Skateboarding-Consent-Form.pdf>~~

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~~P.J. The completed form must be submitted to [envhs@uwf.edu](mailto:envhs@uwf.edu) prior to participation. Parking and storage of motorized Micromobility Devices are limited to bike racks and other designated areas. If found parked indoors or creating a safety hazard, the University will move the device to an outside location. The University will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property.~~

## V. Violations

- A. Anyone causing property damage may be required to render restitution as appropriate.
- B. Employees of the University who violate this regulation may be subject to disciplinary actions.
- C. Students of the University who violate this regulation may be subject to student disciplinary proceedings.
- D. Persons not affiliated with the University who violate this regulation may be subject to a ban from University ~~P~~Property by the University Policy.
- E. ~~Skateboards~~ Micromobility Devices used for recreational use on University Pproperty ~~owned or controlled by the University of West Florida, or otherwise~~ in violation of this regulation may be subject to confiscation by the University Policy.
- F. Individuals violating State law are subject to arrest.

**Effective Date:** [date]

**Authority:** ~~§316.0085~~ Chapter 316, Fla. Stat.  
BOG Regulation 1.001

**History:** Adopted March 28, 2016; revised October 7, 2016 and [date]

**Last review:** [date]