



E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and E-Motos in Blaine, MN

	E-Bike	E-Scooter	E-Moto
Definitions	<p><i>Electric-Assisted Bicycle (E-Bike)</i> means a bicycle with two or three wheels that has fully operable pedals for human propulsion; is equipped with an electric motor that has a power output of not more than 750 watts which disengages when you brake; including Class 1 (pedal-assist up to 20 mph), Class 2 (throttle-assist up to 20 mph), Class 3 (pedal-assist up to 28 mph), and multiple-mode e-bikes, provided they meet state classification requirements.</p> 	<p><i>Motorized foot scooter (E-Scooter)</i> means a device with handlebars designed to be stood or sat upon, and powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion, and that has no more than two 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels and has an engine or motor that is capable of a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour.</p> 	<p><i>Motorized Bicycle, pocket bike, mini-bike, mini-motorcycle, mini-chopper, moped (E-Moto)</i> resemble a miniature motorcycle that is propelled by an electric or a liquid fuel motor that has an output of more than 750 watts and is capable of reaching speeds of 28 mph or higher.</p> 

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How fast can I go?	Up to 20 mph	Up to 15 mph	Up to 50 mph
Do I need a driver's license?	No	No	Yes
Do I need a license plate?	No	No	Yes, as well as yearly registration and current insurance or vehicle can be impounded.
How old do I need to be to operate?	15	12	16
Do I need to wear a helmet?	Required if under 18 - strongly encouraged for others	Required if under 18 - strongly encouraged for others	Required if under 18 - strongly encouraged for others
Can I have a passenger?	No, unless designed to carry or has an approved and attached car seat.	No	No, unless designed to carry
Can I ride on the sidewalk?	Yes	No, except to enter or leave a property.	No
Can I ride on a bike path?	Yes, unless you have a Class 3 e-bike (pedal-assist up to 28 mph) which is prohibited on bike paths or trails.	Yes	No
Can I ride in vehicle lanes?	Yes. Ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway and ride in the same direction as traffic.	On roadways with speed limits of 35 mph or less, Yes. Ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway and ride in the same direction as traffic.	Yes. Ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway and ride in the same direction as traffic.

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Is white light in the front and red light in the back required from sunset to sunrise?	Yes	Yes	Yes, and brake lights
Do I need to yield to pedestrians?	Yes, and audibly signal as you approach	Yes, and audibly signal as you approach	Yes
Do I need to signal my turns?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do I need to obey the same traffic laws as a motorist?	Yes	Yes	Yes
What are the engine restrictions?	Power output of no more than 750 watts	Power output of no more than 750 watts	Power output of no more than 1500 watts

- Operators must exercise due care at all times, including yielding the right-of-way, signaling turns, and maintaining control to avoid collisions
- No person shall operate an e-bike or e-scooter in a careless manner
- Officers may issue warnings, citations, or seize non-compliant devices
- Upon issuance of charging, in addition to any state penalties, the city may impound the device for up to 30 days

The City of Blaine has passed an ordinance (Chapter 82) that is in effect as of June 4, 2026 regulating the operation of electric-assisted bicycles and motorized foot scooters, incorporating state laws and implementing additional restrictions.