



LAKE MONTICELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE FOR E-BIKES, SCOOTERS, ETC.

In an effort to clarify some confusion regarding E-bike's, Lake Monticello's Police Department recommends reviewing the following guidelines pertaining to Fluvanna County and Virginia Regulations.

There are a number of retailers in Virginia that offer for sale a large variety of E-bikes. It is important to note that some E-bikes are not legal for use on the roadways in Virginia. Please check with your retailer before buying to ensure your E-bike is compliant with Virginia Law.

Important – Lake Monticello is a private community, but our roads are governed by: Fluvanna County Ordinance Sec. 15-1-1 and 18-1, Pursuant to the authority contained in section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, the entire width between the boundary lines of **all private roads and private streets in the Lake Monticello subdivision** (Phases 1 through 12 Addition I, inclusive) **are hereby specifically designated highways for law-enforcement purposes only.**

In Virginia E-bikes are classified by the bicycles level of motor assistance and top assisted speed:

1. **"Class one"** means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour;
2. **"Class two"** means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour; and
3. **"Class three"** means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

To aid parents or others purchasing an E-bike in Virginia, state law requires that "On and after January 1, 2021, manufacturers and distributors of electric power-assisted bicycles shall permanently affix a label, in a prominent location, to each electric

power-assisted bicycle that they manufacture or distribute. The label shall contain the classification number, top assisted speed, and motor wattage of the electric power-assisted bicycle and shall be printed in Arial font in at least nine-point type.”

Note - Removing this label is illegal!

Laws (summarized) pertaining to **electric power-assisted bicycles**, and motorized skateboards or scooters relevant to Lake Monticello Streets:

- No person less than 14 years old shall drive any electric personal assistive mobility device, motorized skateboard or scooter, or class three electric power-assisted bicycle.
- No person shall at any time or at any location operate a motorized skateboard or scooter at a speed faster than 20 miles per hour.
- An electric power-assisted bicycle may be ridden in places where bicycles are allowed, including streets.
- Each operator and passenger of a **class three** electric power-assisted bicycle shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle **helmet**.
- Any person operating an electric power-assisted bicycle shall ride as close as safely practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway
- Riders must follow all bicycle traffic laws, including signaling, yielding, and obeying traffic control devices.

Virginia Electric Scooter Laws (summarized) relevant to Lake Monticello Streets

- Minimum Age: Riders must be at least 14 years old.
- Driver’s License: Not required, but riders must carry a government-issued photo ID.
- Helmet Requirement: Not mandated by state law, but highly recommended by the Lake Monticello Department of Public Safety.
- Allowed on roads with a speed limit of 25 mph or less (All of Lake Monticello)
- Riders must yield to pedestrians and follow all traffic laws.
- E-scooters cannot exceed 20 mph.
- Must be parked in a way that does not obstruct pedestrian traffic or violate public right-of-way laws.

To see the full context of Virginia State Laws pertaining to E-bikes, scooters, etc., please follow the links below.

[§ 46.2-100. Definitions.](#)

[§ 46.2-800. Riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, or motorized skateboards or scooters; riding or driving animals.](#)

§ 46.2-904.1. Electric power-assisted bicycles.

§ 46.2-905. Riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards or scooters, and mopeds on roadways and bicycle paths.

§ 46.2-906. Carrying articles or passengers on bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds.

§ 46.2-907. Overtaking and passing vehicles.

§ 46.2-908.1. Electric personal assistive mobility devices, electrically powered toy vehicles, electric power-assisted bicycles, and motorized skateboards or scooters.

Fluvanna County Ordinance regarding Lake Monticello private roads.