

Understanding The Recent Changes

Scottsdale Revised Code

S.R.C. | 17-77.1

(A) No person **under** the age of sixteen (16) shall operate a class three electric bicycle, a similar device that meet or exceed twenty-one (21) miles per hour (mph) or electric motorcycle on city property.

(B) **No person** shall operate an electric motorcycle on a city roadway that has **not** been titled and registered with the State of Arizona.

(C) A violation of this section is a civil traffic offense and shall be punished by a minimum fine of one hundred (100) dollars.

S.R.C. | 17-77.2 & .3

S.R.C. 17-77.2 and 17-77.3 place some requirements on businesses selling Class 3 E Bikes within the City of Scottsdale. These new laws regulating E bikes went into effect July 31, 2025.



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ebikes and the laws



**New Ebike Law:
What You Need
To Know**



Electric Motor Driven Cycle

EMDC

- ▶ Electric Motor Driven Cycle
- ▶ Does **not** have functional bike pedals
- ▶ Motor is 5 HP or 3.7 kilowatts or less
- ▶ Driver needs driver license and motorcycle endorsement
- ▶ Vehicle needs to have registration, license plate, and insurance if driven on the roadway
- ▶ Does not fit moped, electric scooter, or electric bicycle definitions

Towing

If operating on the roadway, an EMDC can be towed for twenty (20) days if the driver does not possess a driver license under A.R.S. 28-3511.



Other Laws and Information

There are several other laws regulating bicycles, E bikes, and electric motor driven cycles. These laws can range from other violations located in the city codes, civil violations, and criminal violations under Arizona Revised Statutes.

Many of the criminal laws usually deal with the electric motor driven cycles to include felony crimes if the driver fails to stop and flees from a police vehicle. Parents may also be cited in some of these circumstances to include but not limited to:

- ▶ A.R.S. 28-1524 - Allowing to operate on the highway in any manner contrary to law.
- ▶ A.R.S. 13-3613 - Contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Mcdowell Sonoran Preserve

Gas or electric motor-driven vehicles are prohibited in the preserve. This includes E bikes, motorized skateboards, and one wheels. Check the city website for more information and exceptions.

Ebike Class Types

01 | Class 1

- ▶ The electric motor only assists the rider when the rider is actively pedaling the bike
- ▶ Motor stops assisting the rider at 20 MPH
- ▶ Has a motor less than 750 watts
- ▶ Can be used on roadways, sidewalks, and multi-use paths

02 | Class 2

- ▶ The electric motor can assist the rider with **or** without pedaling
- ▶ Motor stops assisting the rider at 20 MPH
- ▶ Has a motor less than 750 watts
- ▶ Can be used on roadways, sidewalks, and multi-use paths

03 | Class 3

- ▶ The electric motor can assist the rider with or without pedaling
- ▶ Motor stops assisting the rider at **28** MPH
- ▶ Has a motor less than 750 watts
- ▶ Can **only** be used on roadways and bike lanes adjacent to roadways
- ▶ Must be 16 years of age or older to ride in Scottsdale