

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGULATION**

**REGULATION NO.:** FIU-115

**REGULATION TITLE:** **Skateboarding, Skates, Scooters, Ripstiks, and Other Similar Devices and High Risk Activities on University Property**

**SUMMARY:** This regulation is being renamed to Bicycles and Micromobility Devices and High-Risk Activities on University Property to encompass the general term Micromobility Devices that is intended to encompass scooters, motorized scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards, and other similar devices. This regulation is further revised to increase the safety of the campus community and protect University property.

**TEXT OF REGULATION:** The full text of the Proposed Amendment to Regulation can be viewed below and on the website of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at <http://regulations.fiu.edu/>. If you would like a copy of the Proposed Amendment to Regulation, please contact Eli Deville, Special Assistant to General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, (305) 348-2103.

**AUTHORITY:** BOG Regulation 1.001

**NAME OF PERSON INITIATING PROPOSED REGULATION:**  
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ANY PERSON SEEKING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGULATION MUST SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW. ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CONTACT PERSON WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

**CONTACT PERSON REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGULATION:**

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**THE FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS PROVIDED BELOW:**

**FIU-115 Skateboards, Skates, Scooters, Ripstiks, Hoverboards Bicycles and other Similar Micromobility Devices and High Risk Activities on University Property.**

**I. — Definitions General**

~~II. — Skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards or other similar devices may only be used on University sidewalks and while crossing the street at crosswalks. The aforementioned devices must be operated at speeds reasonable and prudent, having due regard to traffic, pedestrians, property of others, surface of the side walk or pavement, the hazard at intersections, and other conditions.~~

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~~IV. — B. Definitions:~~

~~I. (1)~~

- a. “Central Core” refers to the sidewalks and buildings inside University Drive.
- b. “Crosswalk” means a specifically paved or marked path where pedestrians have the right of way to cross.

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~~c.~~ “Micromobility Devices” are skateboards, skates, scooters, motorized scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices.

~~e.d.~~ “Paved Surface” means any smooth asphalted surface designed for use by motorized carts or vehicles.

~~f.e.~~ “Sidewalks” mean that portion of a street between the curb-line, and the lateral line, of a roadway and the adjacent property lines or the walkway between buildings intended for the use by pedestrians.

~~g.f.~~ “University Property” means any real or personal property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Florida International University including, but not limited to, any vehicles, equipment, fixtures, materials or other items that are located on, within or around, any one of the above areas.

~~pedestrians:~~

~~V. —~~

~~VI. II.~~ No person shall use Micromobility Devices on University Property except as a means of transportation on sidewalks and at crosswalks while crossing the street. All persons using a bicycle are responsible for following applicable traffic laws which includes, but is not limited to, stopping at stop signs and stop lights, yielding, and following the speed limit. **C. Rules:**

- a. The use of Micromobility Devices is prohibited at all times, in streets, in/on curbs, benches, stairs, stairwells, railings, ramps, parking lots, parking garages, wooden walkways, library breezeways, athletic facilities, landscaped areas, the interior or exterior of any building, including inside and outside patios. ~~The use of skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices is also prohibited at all times in any, and~~ area(s) where the University has posted a sign(s) prohibiting ~~the such~~ use of ~~skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices.~~ However, Micromobility Devices may be carried into buildings.

- b. (3) — ~~Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks, crosswalks, walkways, and paths commonly used for pedestrian traffic.~~ Persons operating ~~skateboards,~~

- ~~longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices~~ bicycles and Micromobility Devices shall yield to pedestrians at all times.
- c. Bicycles and Micromobility Devices may not exceed seven (7) mph on University Property. Reduced speed regardless of locations may be enforced due to adverse conditions (e.g. heavy vehicular or pedestrian traffic, obstructed visibility, environmental condition).
  - d. Parking or securing of bicycles and Micromobility Devices is only permitted at bike racks and other locations clearly marked for such purpose.
  - e. Bicycles and ~~service animals~~. Micromobility Devices shall not be parked or secured within 15 feet of any building exit.
  - f. ~~(4)~~ No bicycle and Micromobility Device shall be used to carry more than one (1) person at a time, except for bicycles where an adult rider may carry a child securely in a seat or carrier that is designed to carry a child.
  - g. Riders must remain aware of their surroundings and avoid all distractions including, but not limited to, riding without hands and control, taking your eyes off the road, or riding with headphones impeding the ability to hear the surroundings. Riders are encouraged to use protection devices such as helmets or knee pads for their safety.
  - h. A person or business that owns or offers bicycles or Micromobility Devices for hire, is responsible for securing such devices located in any area of the University during an active tropical storm or hurricane warning has been issued by the National Weather Services.
  - i. Bicycles and Micromobility Devices are not to be operated while impaired. Crosswalks are to be approached slowly to allow drivers yielding the right of way adequate reaction time.
  - j. Every bicycle and Micromobility Device in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light and a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light, except that a red reflector meeting the requirements of this section may be used in lieu of the red light. A rider may be equipped with reflective gear, lights, or reflectors in lieu of those required for bikes and Micromobility Devices outlined in this section.
  - k. The following high-risk activities are ~~also~~ prohibited in, on, or about the University's Property:
    - i. ~~(a)~~ acrobatics (e.g., jumping on or ~~over steps~~ oversteps, benches, walls, ramps, rails, bike racks, "free running," "Parkour," etc.); or
    - ii. Slacklining and rappelling, climbing in any areas, buildings, facilities, and/or exterior and interior locations that are not designated for climbing.

### ~~VII. III.~~ Violations

- ~~a.~~ Any person who violates this regulation is subject to an order to leave University Property by
- ~~b.~~ the University Police ~~Department~~ or any University representative having responsibility for the
- ~~e.a.~~ area(s) in, on, or about the University Property. ~~Persons failing to comply with the order to leave~~

~~d.~~b. ~~or remain off the University Property are subject to ar~~ Any University student who violates this regulation may also be subject to discipline under FIU Regulation 2501.

~~e.~~c. Any University employee (faculty, staff, or otherwise) who violates this Regulation may also be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

~~f.~~d. The University may seek restitution for damage to University Property due to a violation of this Regulation.

~~g.~~ ~~this Regulation.~~

~~h.~~e. Violation of this section may result in the Bicycle or Micromobility Device being removed, relocated, or confiscated by University Police or other authorized University representative without recourse to any subsequent claim for damage or loss of use.

#### **IV. Exceptions**

Activities otherwise prohibited by this Regulation ~~may be allowed~~are permitted as part of a University ~~approved/sponsored~~or recognized student organization program, activity, or event ~~or a program, activity, and/or event of a registered student organization provided the program, activity, and/or event has been~~if pre-approved in writing by the President or designee.

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