

July 3, 2025

Proposed TLC Rule Amendment for July 17th Meeting

Newly proposed language in red

Current language proposed to be deleted in ~~striketrough~~

Section 903 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A. To be eligible for a permit, the following standards must be met:

1. All bicycles used by operators issued a permit under this chapter shall meet the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under Title 16, Chapter II, Subchapter C, Part 1512 – Regulations for Bicycles and ISO 43.150 – Cycles, subsection 4210. All bicycles shall meet the requirements for lights during hours of darkness described in Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-8- 177. This includes a front light that emits white light and a rear red reflector.
2. All electric bicycles used by operators issued a permit under this chapter shall meet the standards set forth for bicycles, including a front light that emits white light and a rear red reflector, and shall meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration definition of lowspeed electric bicycle. Each electric bicycle must have fully operable pedals, two (2) or three (3) wheels, any of which is twenty inches (20") or more in diameter, an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and a top motor-powered speed of less than 20 miles per hour when operated by a rider weighing 170 pounds. An electric bicycle must meet the standards set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 3. If it is determined that any battery or motor on an electric bicycle is unsafe for public use, the Metropolitan Government reserves the right to terminate the permit ~~issued under this pilot program~~.
3. All electric scooters used by operators issued a permit under this chapter shall meet the standards set for the for electric bicycles, including a front light that emits white light and a rear red reflector, except an electric scooter need not have fully operable pedals nor wheels of twenty inches (20") or more in diameter. An electric scooter shall have a foot board for the user to stand upon ~~and no~~ **or a** seat. Each scooter shall have a top motor-powered speed of less than 15 miles per hour when operated by a rider weighing 170 pounds. If it is determined that any battery or motor on a scooter is unsafe for public use, the Metropolitan Government reserves the right to terminate the permit ~~issued under this pilot program~~.
4. The MTLC is authorized to adopt safety standards to address other types of UMD's, including but not limited to (non-electric) types of powered UMD's, if it chooses to allow them.