

16.0 Trails and Wheeled Devices. The regulation and control of Trails and Wheeled Devices, as specified herein, is important to the safe and harmonious public use of Park Facilities and Trails and for the protection and preservation of Park Facilities and Trails.

16.1 Definitions:

16.1.1 *Wheeled Device* means any non-motorized wheeled vehicle or device including but not limited to: a) bicycles, b) skates (roller, in-line, roller blades, etc.), c) skateboards, d) scooters, e) electric bicycles, and f) electric scooters. Except where noted in this section 16.0 or in 16A.0, strollers or other similar devices used to transport children, or a wheelchair or other similar mobility assisted device used by a disabled person for conveyance is regarded as a Wheeled Device. Gas-powered (“Motorized”) vehicles are limited and restricted as set forth in 17.0, below.

16.1.2 *Regional Trail* means any of the following trail systems to the extent operated or controlled under the jurisdiction of DPR: a) Bear Creek Trail, b) Cherry Creek Trail, c) High Line Canal Trail, d) Lakewood Gulch Trail, e) Sand Creek Trail, f) Sanderson Gulch Trail, g) Weir Gulch Trail, h) South Platte River Trail, and i) any other trail designated by the Manager as a Regional Trail.

16.1.3 *Special Trail Rules* means the rules and regulations designed to protect the Traveling Public and other persons on or near a Trail, as provided in 16.2 below.

16.1.4 *Special Trail Rules Notice* means notice of Special Trail Rules provided to the Traveling Public and other persons on or near a Trail by means of signs or other postings placed in prominently visible locations next to or near the Trail or by traffic signs or traffic-control devices; however, notice of Special Trail Rules may also be directly provided by verbal communication or written notice from DPR staff or an Enforcement Official (see definition in 20.4 below) to members of the public who are in violation of the Special Trail Rules.

16.1.5 *Trail* means any trail, path or sidewalk, hard surfaced or soft surfaced, located in any Park Facility or any other trail, path, or sidewalk, hard surfaced or soft surfaced, designated as a Regional Trail. Trail does not include any sidewalk located in right of way for a Parkway outside of a Parkway Median (as defined in 1.3 above).

16.1.6 *Traveling Public* means persons traveling on Trails as pedestrians or operators of Human-Powered Devices.

16.2 **Violation of Special Trail Rules:** Special Trail Rules specific to a particular Trail or segment of Trail may be established by the Manager and implemented by providing Trail Rules Notice. Uses, activities or behavior restricted or prohibited by the Special Trail Rules and for which Special Trail Rules Notice has been provided are not allowed in violation of the Special Trail Rules.

16.3 **Basic Trail Rules:** If there are no different or contrary Special Trail Rules for which Special Trail Rules Notice has been provided, the following basic rules are applicable:

16.3.1 The speed limit for Wheeled Devices on a Trail is fifteen (15) miles per hour unless otherwise posted. The speed limit is reduced to what is reasonable under the circumstances when there is heavy traffic on the Trail, at-grade intersections with streets, inclement weather, darkness or Trail conditions warranting slower speeds for Wheeled Devices.

16.3.2 Operators of Wheeled Devices must also take such other precautions as are reasonable under the circumstances when there is heavy traffic on the Trail, at-grade intersections with

streets, inclement weather, darkness or Trail conditions warranting such precautions for the operation of Wheeled Devices and as appropriate to protect the safety of the public and property. Reckless or dangerous uses of Wheeled Devices on Trails are prohibited.

16.3.3 The Traveling Public must stay to the right side of a Trail, except when passing, and must not block or substantially impede the Traveling Public coming from the opposite direction.

16.3.4 Operators of Wheeled Devices must yield to pedestrians and slower operators of Wheeled Devices. Yielding includes slowing down and being prepared and able to stop timely and safely when necessary under the circumstances.

16.3.5 Passing may occur only after yielding to the Traveling Public coming from the opposite direction and only when it is safe to do so and when the persons being passed are appropriately warned of the impending pass.

16.3.5 Stopping or standing on a Trail such that the passage of the Traveling Public is blocked or substantially impeded is not allowed.

16.3.6 Operators of Wheeled Devices, except for wheelchairs or other mobility assisted devices being used by the disabled, must dismount or cease operating or riding the Wheeled Devices when appropriate under the circumstances, such as when it is necessary in order to safely enter or exit Trails, to cross at unsafe or busy at-grade intersections with streets, due to inclement weather, or when Trail conditions warrant not operating or riding Wheeled Devices.

16.3.7 Operators of Wheeled Devices must comply with all other state laws and local laws applicable such as to Wheeled Devices.

16.3.8 Dogs brought on to Trails must be restrained by a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length. Operators of Wheeled Devices on Trails are not allowed to have a dog on leash while operating or riding Wheeled Devices.

16.4 Non-Travelling Uses: Trails are primarily intended for the use of the Traveling Public. Public uses or activities not involving lawful travel on a Trail are not allowed to occur on a Trail so as to prevent or substantially impede the Traveling Public's use of the Trail.

16.5 Wheeled Devices on Trails: In order to protect and preserve Park Facilities and the safety of the public, Wheeled Devices are to be operated or ridden only on established Trails and on roadways, driveways and parking areas located in Park Facilities. Exceptions to this rule:

16.5.1 Wheelchairs or other mobility assisted devices being used by the disabled.

16.5.2 Wheeled Devices may be allowed in areas in a Park Facility designated for such activity, such as a skatepark or a bicycle course, subject to compliance with such rules and regulations that may be posted in or near the designated area.

16.5.3 Wheeled Devices may not be operated on any Trail which is posted with a sign not allowing the operation of all or certain Human-Powered Devices on a Trail or a part of a Trail.

16.5.4 Events or specific activities for which a permit has been issued or a contract with the City has been entered authorizing Wheeled Devices in a particular location, so long as there is compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit or contract.

16.5.5 Unless authorized by the DPR Manager by permit or other writing, a person may not operate or ride upon any Wheeled Device in or on any pavilion, monument, event facility, open-air theater, fountain, interactive water feature, playground area, athletic or playing field, ballpark, tennis court or basketball court located in a Park Facility and may not propel or jump any Wheeled Device up or down steps, walls, rails or similar elevated features in any Park Facility not designated by the Manager for that purpose.

16A.0 Electric Mobility Devices; Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices; Electric Scooters.

The use and operation of certain electric devices shall be allowed in parks, Parks Facilities and DPR regulated lands as limited by these rules. This Part 16A.0 is intended to regulate certain electric bicycles and electric scooters, consistent with bicycle regulations due to the similar size, weight and functions of the devices.

16A.1 Definitions:

16A.1.1 *E-Device* means Electric Assisted Bicycles, Electric Mobility Devices; Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices; and Electric Scooters. “E-device” does not include ADA and other mobility and assistive electric devices.

16A.1.2 *Park Road* means the same as defined in 17.1.2 below.

16A.1.3 *Trail* means the same as defined in 16.1.5 above.

16A.2 Use of E-Devices in Parks. Trails and Park Roads rules under 16.0 for the use of E-Devices in parks shall apply except as otherwise set forth in this 16A.0.

16A.2.1 All E-devices, when in use during dusk to dawn, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front; and shall be equipped with a red reflector visible for six hundred (600) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beam of head lamps on another device or vehicle.

16A.2.2 No E-device may be left unattended, unused or abandoned in any area of any park, unless removed to a safe area that does not obstruct or interfere with standard, safe usage and enjoyment of the park.

16A.2.3 E-devices must be removed from parks and trails by parks curfew.

16A.2.4 E-devices must yield to pedestrians and slower operators of other allowed devices, consistent with 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 of the Park Use Rules.

16A.2.5 Prohibitions regarding Motorized Vehicles under 17.0 of the Park Use Rules shall not apply to E-devices as defined in these Park Use Rules.

16A.2.6 Commercial E-device providers, for example but limited to Lyft, Lime or Jump, shall be subject to all laws, rules and regulations regarding operation of and obstructions caused by E-devices, including applicable agreements or restrictions from any City agencies. E-devices may not be staged unaccompanied in any park, park facility or trail, or in any way that interferes with use by other park patrons of park trails or other park facilities.

16A2.7 Tours utilizing E-devices are not permitted to convene in or on a park facility in a manner that interferes with normal, reasonable park use to begin, conduct or conclude the tour.

16A3.0 E-Device Location and Use Restrictions. The regulation and control of E-devices as specified herein is important to the safe and harmonious public use of Park Facilities and for the protection and preservation of Park Facilities.

16A3.1 Unless otherwise posted, closed or restricted, E-devices shall be allowed only on certain park Trails and Trail segments; park sidewalks; and park roads. No operation on turf is permitted.

16A3.2 E-devices other than E-bicycles are allowed in any designated areas where skateboards are allowed, except E-devices are not allowed in skate parks or designated bike parks.

16A3.3 All E-device users must abide by posted signs regulated use of vehicles, including speed limit signs, and signs regulating safe usage (such as passing signs).

16A3.4 No E-device may occupy more than 50% of the width of any trail or land width on a road in one direction.

16A3.5 No E-device usage is allowed in or on any pavilion, monument, event facility, open air theater, fountain, interactive water feature, playground area, athletic or playing field, ballpark, tennis court or basketball court located in a Park Facility and may not propel or jump any vehicle up or down steps, walls, rails or similar elevated features or surface in any Park Facility not designated by the DPR Executive Director for that purpose. (see 16.5.5 above).

16A3.6 Sidewalks adjacent to parks are regulated in accordance with Division III, Article IX of Chapter 54 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

16A3.7 Operators may not have a dog on leash while operating an E-device. This prohibition shall not apply to trained service animals for the disabled in wheelchairs or other mobility assisting devices to the extent necessary so that the animal can provide the services for which it was trained.

17.0 Motorized Vehicles; snowmobiles, go-carts and ATV's; vehicle repair; and overnight parking. (39-19) The regulation and control of Motorized Vehicles, snowmobiles and ATV's, vehicle repair, and overnight parking, as specified herein, is important to the safe and harmonious public use of Park Facilities and for the protection and preservation of Park Facilities.

17.1 Definitions:

17.1.1 *Motorized Vehicle* means any motorized wheeled vehicle or device that may be legally operated on the streets including but not limited to an automobile, truck, van, sports utility vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter and motor bike.

17.1.2 *Park Road* means any roadway for Motorized Vehicles which is located in a Park or a Mountain Park and which is administered and operated by DPR.

17.1.3. *Trail* means the same as defined in 16.1.5.

17.1.4 *Travelling Public* means the same as defined in 16.1.6.

17.2 Restricted Travel or Parking Areas: In order to protect and preserve Park Facilities and the safety of the public, Motorized Vehicles are to be operated only on established roadways, driveways and parking areas located in Park Facilities and are to be parked only in designated parking spaces on roadways, driveways and parking areas. Exceptions to this rule:

17.2.1 Motorized wheelchairs and other mobility assisted devices being used by the disabled.

17.2.2 Motorized Vehicles may be allowed in areas in a Park Facility designated for driving and/or parking Motorized Vehicles or certain types of Motorized Vehicles, subject to compliance with such rules and regulations that may be posted in or near the designated area.

17.2.3 Events or specific activities for which a permit has been issued or a contract with the City has been entered authorizing the driving and/or parking of Motorized Vehicles or certain types of Motorized Vehicles in a particular location, so long as there is compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit or contract.

17.3 Trails: Motorized Vehicles are not allowed on Trails. Exceptions to this Rule:

17.3.1 Motorized wheelchairs and other mobility assisted devices being used by the disabled.

17.3.2 Events or specific activities for which a permit has been issued or a contract with the City has been entered authorizing the driving or parking of Motorized Vehicles or certain types of Motorized Vehicles in a particular location on a Trail within a Park Facility, so long as there is compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit or contract.

17.4 Traffic Controls: Motorized Vehicles must be operated and parked so as to comply with all posted rules, traffic signs and traffic-control devices regulating such Motorized Vehicles. Unless traffic signs or traffic-control devices indicate differently, the operators of Motorized Vehicles must yield to patrons on or in a Park Facility and the Traveling Public on Trails.

17.5 Snowmobiles, go-carts and ATV's: Snowmobiles, go-carts and all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not allowed in a Park Facility or a Trail.

17.6 Repair or Maintenance: The repair or maintenance, including cleaning, of any Motorized Vehicle is not allowed on or in a Park Facility except for emergency repairs necessitated by the inability to start or operate a Motorized Vehicle lawfully brought on or in a Park Facility.

17.7 Overnight Parking: A Motorized Vehicle may not be parked or stored on or in a Park Facility during curfew as specified in section 1.0 above. Exceptions to this rule:

17.7.1 On-street parking in Parkways where such on-street parking is allowed.

17.7.2 Overnight parking may be allowed in areas in a Park Facility designated for such activity, subject to compliance with such rules and regulations that may be posted in or near the designated area.

17.7.3 Events or specific activities for which a permit has been issued or a contract with the City has been entered authorizing the overnight parking of Motorized Vehicles or certain types of Motorized Vehicles in a particular location within a Park Facility, so long as there is compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit or contract.