SAFETY FIRST!

When riding any recreational vehicle, safety should be your first concern. Scraped knees and elbows are often an easy repair with a bandage, but head injuries can be life changing. Always wear a helmet when riding. Knee and Elbow Pads are an extra layer of protection.

Can you see and be seen? Reflective clothing is best for both day and evening rides. Always have a light on the front and a reflector on the back of your scooter or skateboard for safety too.

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard at any time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of five hundred feet (500') ahead.
~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard unless it is equipped with a brake which enables the operator to make a braked wheel(s) skid on pavement.
~ A person under the age of eighteen (18) years’ operating a motorized skateboard on a roadway shall at all times wear a protective helmet on his or her head in an appropriate and safely secured manner. The helmet shall meet minimum standards of testing and safety inspection as approved by the bicycle industry.
~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard without wearing footwear. The footwear must have a sole and completely cover the feet and toes.
~ A person operating a motorized skateboard shall wear, at all times, protective glasses or goggles or a transparent face shield of a type approved for motorcycles or motor-drive cycle use.

PENALTY

Mesa City Code 10-1-21 PENALTY: A violation of any provision of this Chapter of the Mesa City Code shall be a civil traffic offense punishable by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300.00).
MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS

A motorized skateboard is defined as a self-propelled device which has a motor, a deck on which a person may ride, and has at least two (2) wheels in contact with the ground and which is not otherwise defined in ARS as a "motor vehicle," "motorcycle," "motor-driven cycle," or "motorized wheelchair."

RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

Mesa City Code 10-1-15 RIDING ON SIDEWALK IN COUNTRY CLUB OVERLAY AREA (POA) ~ When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard, motorized skateboard, or scooter upon a sidewalk within a POA. The boundaries of the POA are the east side of Country Club Dr. to the west side of Centennial Way, the south side of 1st St. to the north side of 1st Ave.

OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS

Mesa City Code 10-1-18(A.1) OBEYANCE TO TRAFFIC LAWS ~ Any person operating a motorized skateboard on a roadway or on any shoulder adjoining a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the drive of a vehicle by both:
(a) The laws of this State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles
(b) The traffic laws of the City applicable to the driver of a vehicle

No riding in a bike lane, running stop signs, red lights or riding against the flow of traffic.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Mesa City Code 10-1-18(B) RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CUSTODIANS: ~ The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of any minor or ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit such minor or ward to violate any of the provisions of this Article.

LIABILITY

Mesa City Code 10-1-20 PARENT OR GUARDIAN LIABILITY ~ The parent of any minor or the guardian having custody or control of any minor shall not authorize or knowingly permit the minor to violate any of the provisions of this Chapter. If a fine is imposed upon a minor who is found to be in violation of this Ordinance (motorized skateboards), the parents or legal guardians having custody or control of minor shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for payment of the fine whether or not the parents or guardian know of, or anticipated, a violation of this Ordinance.

PROHIBITED AREAS

Mesa City Code 10-1-18(C) OPERATION PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREA AND AT CERTAIN TIMES: ~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard on any sidewalk except for use in crossing such sidewalk to gain access to any public or private road or driveway.

REQUIREMENTS

Mesa City Code 10-1-18(D) GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS:
~ No child under the age of fourteen (14) shall operate a motorized skateboard.
~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard in excess of the posted speed limit or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing.
~ A person operating a motorized skateboard, approaching a sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle lane, or multiuse path in order to cross, shall yield the right-of-way to all other users.
~ No person operating a motorized skateboard shall allow passengers when the motorized skateboard is in operation or motion.
~ No person operating or riding upon a motorized skateboard shall attach themselves or the motorized skateboard in any manner to any other vehicle.
~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard while carrying any package, bundle, or article which prevents the operator from keeping both hands upon the steering mechanism at all times.
~ No person operating a motorized skateboard shall transport extra fuel in a separate container or alter the fuel reservoir from the original manufacturer's design. This includes the prohibition of physically attaching fuel packs or containers to the operator's person.
~ No person shall operate a motorized skateboard in a manner causing excessive, unnecessary, or offensive noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to a reasonable person of normal sensitivity.