

E-Bikes & Micromobility in Belle Isle

The City Wants Your Input

Electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters, and other micromobility devices have become increasingly common throughout Central Florida, including here in Belle Isle.

These devices provide another transportation and recreational option for residents, but their increased use has also raised questions and concerns regarding pedestrian safety, sidewalk and pathway use, roadway operation, speed, younger riders, and how existing traffic laws apply to these devices.

What Is the City Doing?

The City of Belle Isle is currently working with its legal counsel to evaluate potential regulations concerning e-bikes, electric scooters, and other micromobility devices.

Orange County is also developing regulations addressing these devices. Because Belle Isle is located within Orange County, the City believes it is beneficial to review the County's ordinance and legal analysis as that process is completed. Maintaining reasonable consistency between Belle Isle and the surrounding jurisdiction may make the rules easier for residents to understand and for law enforcement to enforce.

At the same time, any ordinance ultimately considered by the Belle Isle City Council should address the needs and concerns of our own community.

Why Not Just Pass an Ordinance Now?

Micromobility regulation is a developing area for local governments throughout Florida. The City wants to ensure that any regulations considered by the City Council are legally sound, reasonable, clearly understood by the public, and practical for law enforcement officers to enforce.

The goal is to develop effective regulations rather than adopt rules quickly that may later prove difficult to enforce or create unintended consequences.

We Want to Hear From Belle Isle

While this process is underway, the City would like to better understand how e-bikes and other micromobility devices are being used in Belle Isle.

We want to hear from pedestrians, runners, bicyclists, parents, e-bike and scooter riders, motorists, and other members of our community.

Whether you have experienced a safety concern, regularly use an e-bike yourself, or simply have thoughts about what reasonable regulations should look like, we encourage you to participate.

[TAKE THE E-BIKE & MICROMOBILITY COMMUNITY SURVEY]

The information collected will help City staff, law enforcement, legal counsel, and ultimately the City Council better understand community concerns as potential regulations are evaluated.

Please Remember

E-bikes and micromobility devices are not currently prohibited simply because they are being operated on a sidewalk. Florida law establishes rules for these devices and also provides local governments with authority to regulate their operation in certain circumstances.

Regardless of the type of device being used, everyone sharing our roadways, sidewalks, and public spaces should operate responsibly and with consideration for the safety of others.

Reporting an Immediate Problem

The community survey is intended to collect information and opinions to assist with policy development. **It is not a police reporting system.**

If you are witnessing an incident that requires law enforcement assistance, please contact the Belle Isle Police Department through the appropriate emergency or non-emergency method.

Where We Are in the Process

Current Status: Community Input and Ordinance Development

The City will continue working with legal counsel and reviewing developments at the County level. Additional information will be provided as the process moves forward.

Thank you for helping us develop an approach that promotes safety while recognizing the legitimate use of e-bikes and other micromobility devices in our community.