



E-SCOOTER



E-BIKE

Especially this time of year, the Stratford Police Department receives inquiries regarding the legalities of various electric scooters and electric bicycles. As described in the below law, E-Bikes and E-Scooters maybe operated within the Borough of Stratford. All riders of E-Bikes or E-Scooters must abide by all rules of the roadway. **Riders under the age of 17 years of age must wear a securely fitting helmet while operating an E-Bike or E-Scooters.**

FAQ: WHAT IS LEGAL?

Low Speed Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters Defined
New Jersey Statute 39:4-14.16

Low-speed Electric Bicycles or Low-Speed Electric Scooters may be operated upon a street or roadway in Stratford or any town in New Jersey. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Code classifies these two types of motorized vehicles as follows:

1. **Low-Speed Electric Bicycle**, commonly referred to as an E-Bike must consist of **two or three wheels must have pedals** to assist an electric motor and cannot exceed **20 MPH** with the rider pedaling. If the bicycle cannot be pedaled independent of the electric motor, the bike is not an E-Bike under New Jersey law and is illegal to operate on the streets. **Mopeds and electric pocket bikes are not E-Bike's. Electric or gas pocket cycles are not street legal.**
2. **Low-speed Electric Scooter**” means a scooter with a floorboard that can be stood upon by the operator, with handlebars, and an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion at a maximum speed of less than **20 MPH**

FAQ: WHAT IS NOT LEGAL?

Any electric vehicle that is not an E-Bike or Electric Scooter as defined above, are not legal to be operated on roadways in Stratford or any other roadways within the State of New Jersey.

With all that that said, children's power wheels, big wheels or similar electric toys may be driven on privately owned property or adjacent to sidewalks under parental supervision.