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Chapter: Finance

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1. PURPOSE

The Board of Directors of the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) has the authority to promulgate rules governing the operation of Bicycles and Scooters pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) §§ 23-5-107 and 23-70-106. These Rules establish requirements, regulations, and enforcement measures to promote the safety and welfare of the Auraria Campus. These Rules apply to any person who owns, operates, or parks a Bicycle or Scooter on the Auraria Campus.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Auraria Campus: All real property, and all buildings, facilities, grounds, and areas located on the real property comprising AHEC.
- 2.2. Bicycles and Scooters: a collective term used to refer to the following:
 - 2.2.1 Bicycle: A vehicle propelled by human power applied to pedals upon which a person may ride having two tandem wheels or two parallel wheels and one forward wheel, all of which are more than fourteen inches in diameter.
 - 2.2.2 Electrical Assisted Bicycle: As defined in C.R.S. § 42-1-102(28.5), a vehicle having two tandem wheels or two parallel wheels and one forward wheel, fully operable pedals, an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty watts of power, and a top motor-powered speed of twenty miles per hour.
 - 2.2.3 Electric Scooter: A vehicle weighing less than one hundred pounds, with handlebars, that is powered by an electric motor, and that has a maximum

speed of twenty miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor.

- 2.2.4. Low-Power Scooter (“Scooter”): As defined in C.R.S. § 42-1-102(48.5)(a), a self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for use on the roadways with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, no manual clutch, and either a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters if powered by internal combustion or a wattage not exceeding 4,476 if powered by electricity. Low-Power Scooter shall not include a Toy Vehicle, Bicycle, Electrical Assisted Bicycle, wheelchair, or any device designed to assist mobility-impaired people who use pedestrian rights-of-way. C.R.S. § 42-1-102(48.5)(b).
- 2.2.5. Toy Vehicle: As defined in C.R.S. § 42-1-102(103.5), any vehicle that has wheels and is not designed for use on public highways or for off-road use, including, but not limited to, gas-powered or electric-powered vehicles commonly known as mini-bikes, pocket bikes, kamikaze boards, go-peds, and stand-up scooters.

- 2.3. Constituent Institution: As defined in C.R.S. § 23-70-101(b), an institution of higher education at and within AHEC, including Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University Denver, and University of Colorado Denver.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. Riders are responsible for abiding by all laws of the State of Colorado, ordinances of the City and County of Denver, and rules of AHEC while on the Auraria Campus.
- 3.2. Riding is prohibited in designated dismount zones and on campus sidewalks, malls, and other pedestrian walkways or areas, except in designated bike lanes or City of Denver rights-of-way. Bicycles and Scooters should be walked through pedestrian areas or designated dismount zones to access bike racks. A map identifying bike dismount zones, bike racks, and bike routes can be found here: [Auraria Campus General Map_2025_WEB](#)
- 3.3. Bicycles and Scooters may not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic or ingress or egress to or from any campus building.
- 3.4. Bicycles and Scooters may not create a safety hazard.
- 3.5. Parking:
 - 3.5.1. All parking rules apply to Bicycles and Scooters.
 - 3.5.2. Bicycles and Scooters may be parked only at Auraria Campus bike racks. Bike racks may be used free of charge.

- 3.5.3. Locking or securing Bicycles and Scooters to anything other than a designated bike rack is prohibited.
- 3.5.4. Parking motorcycles (including scooters, mopeds, or gas-powered bicycles that do not match the definition of a “Low-Power Scooter”) at campus bike racks or in any area not designated for motor vehicle parking is prohibited.
- 3.5.5. Parking a Bicycle or Scooter on the Auraria Campus does not create any bailment. Neither the Auraria Board nor the Constituent Institutions are responsible for the loss of, or damage to, any Bicycle or Scooter, or its contents, parked on the Auraria Campus.

3.6. Abandonment and Impoundment

- 3.6.1. Bicycles and Scooters, as well as associated parts and locks, may be considered abandoned if they are (i) parked at or secured to anything other than a designated bike rack or (ii) ticketed/tagged by the ACPD and not removed from the Auraria Campus within ten (10) calendar days of being ticketed or tagged. Abandoned items may be impounded by ACPD.
- 3.6.2. An item may be ticketed/tagged, even if parked at or secured to a designated bike rack, when one of the following criteria are met:
 - Located at or attached to a bicycle rack for ten (10) calendar days or more.
 - Rusted chain.
 - Flat or empty tire(s).
 - Missing major parts (e.g., wheel, handlebar, pedals, chain, motor, etc.) or extreme damage (e.g., severely bent rim or frame) that renders the Bicycle or Scooter incapable of being operated in its intended fashion.
 - Organic growth around or through the Bicycle or Scooter (e.g., vines, grass, weeds, etc.).
 - Build-up of debris or trash around tires.

All items at bike racks will be tagged at the conclusion of each academic semester, regardless of whether they meet the foregoing criteria.

- 3.6.3. Impounded items will be held for ninety (90) days following the date of being impounded and then disposed of at AHEC’s discretion. Any proceeds received for the Bicycle or Scooter will be retained by AHEC. Owners may recover their impounded items before disposal by identifying the items to the ACPD. An impound fee may be assessed and shall be paid

in full as a condition of recovering an impounded item.

4. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

This Policy has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors for the Auraria Higher Education Center.

Date: June 28, 2025

Approved by: */s/ Kate Barton*
Chairperson of the Auraria Board