

# JUNO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The following Flyer was made to assist with understanding E-Bike regulations and requirements. E-Bikes and motorized scooters are not permitted on sidewalks in Town.

Our local Town Adopted Code of Ordinances, Sec. 30-2 also references FL State Statute 316.1995. We have outlined both below and should you have any questions, please feel free to either stop by the police department or call 561-626-2100.

### Thank you!

### Juno Beath Town Ordinance

Sec. 30-2. - Driving motor vehicles or riding horses on sidewalks, bicycle paths.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle upon any sidewalk or bicycle path within the town, or to ride a horse upon any sidewalk or bicycle path within the town except upon a permanent or duly authorized pathway for such purpose; provided that this section shall not apply to vehicles driven upon a sidewalk at a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

(Code 1980, § 17-2; Ord. No. 145, § 1, 3-12-1975)

**State Law reference**— Driving on sidewalks or bicycle paths, F.S. § 316.1995.

### Florida State Statute Referenced in Town Ordinance Sec. 30-2

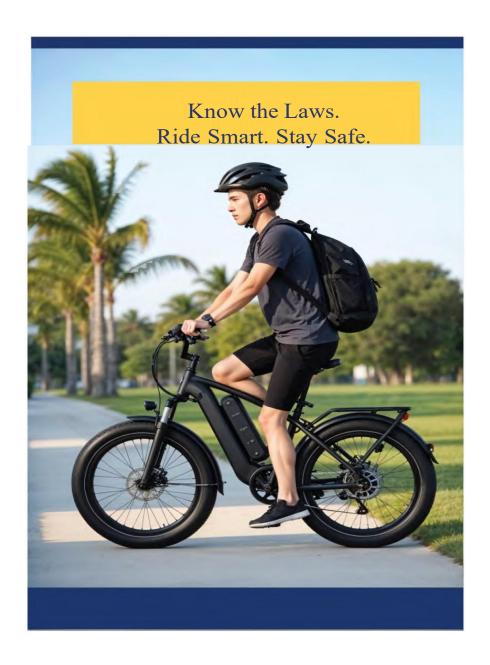
### Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.— 316.1995

- (1) Except as provided in s. 316.008 or s. 316.212(8), a person may not drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.
  - (2) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.
  - (3) This section does not apply to motorized wheelchairs.

History. - s. 1, ch. 71-135; s. 1, ch. 76-31; s. 6, ch. 83-68; s. 3, ch. 84-284; s. 150, ch. 99-248; s. 45, ch. 2010-223.



# YOU HAVE THE POWER TO E-BIKE SAFELY





### E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

Know what class your bike falls in, so you can follow the appropriate bike laws.

### CLASS 1

The Class 1 E-bikes are pedal-assist only, meaning the motor only provides assistance when the rider is pedaling, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph with no throttle control.

### CLASS 2

The Class 2 E-bikes are characterized by having both a throttle (allowing for motor-driven movement without pedaling) and pedal assist, with a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.

### CLASS 3

In Florida, the Class 3 E-bikes are pedal-assist only, meaning the motor only provides assistance when the rider is pedaling. The motor wattage cannot exceed 750W and the maximum assisted speed is 28 mph.



### THIS IS A MOTORCYCLE, AKA E-MOTO. <u>THEY ARE NOT</u> STREET LEGAL.

- The top brands include Sur-Ron and Talaria.
- They are the same size as a typical 250cc dirt bike.
- They are significantly more powerful than an e-bike.
- It can be modified to go speeds up to 70 mph.
   Riding an e-moto on sidewalks and roadways is in violation of Florida State Statute



### KNOW THE LAWS

- •Florida law treats e-bikes the same as traditional bicycles, meaning they have the same rights and privileges, and are subject to the same duties, as bicycles
- •E-bikes are allowed on "any road, path or way that is open to bicycle travel." This means they can be ridden on roads (except limited access highways), bike lanes, bike paths, multi-use paths, and sidewalks.
- •E-bikes must follow all traffic laws including riding with traffic and obeying traffic signals.
- •Every e-bike in use between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with a front white light visible from 500 feet away and a rear red reflector and lamp visible from 600 feet away.
- •A person may not tamper with or modify an electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability or engagement of an
- •If you are riding below the posted speed limit, you are required to ride in the bike lane or as close as practical to the right-hand curb.



### PROTECT YOURSELF

- •Always wear a helmet regardless of your age. The law requires riders under the age of 16 to wear one at all times.
- •Limit distractions and never wear ear buds when riding.



# CONTROL YOUR SPEED AND BREAK EARLY

•E-bikes are quick to pick up momentum and can cause severe injury when at high speeds. Give yourself the appropriate amount of time to slow down.



# BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS

- •The more predictably you ride, the safer you are. Don't weave in and out of traffic.
- •Always be courteous to pedestrians around you.
- •Use bicycle hand signals when turning or slowing down.



### STAY VISIBLE

•Know that you are not as visible to drivers as they are to you. Wear bright or reflective clothing and use lights when riding in low-light conditions or at night.



Stopping or Slowing - Extend your left arm sideways, arm bent 90 degrees at elbow, hand pointing downward with palm facing backward.



Left Turn - Extend your left arm sideways.





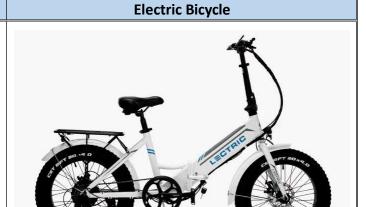
Right Turn - Extend your left arm sideways, arm bent 90 degrees at elbow, hand pointing upwards with palm facing forward or extend your right arm sideways.



## **Electric Motorcycle Vs Electric Bicycle**



# Electric Motorcycle (E-Moto)



- **Cannot** be operated on public roads or sidewalks
- Cannot be registered in the state of Florida (no VIN or title)
- Does not have pedals
- These meet definition of motorcycle in state of FL, as they have the equivalent of greater than 50 cc, have a seat, and have 3 wheels or less
- These e-motorcycles generally come "out of the box" at 6000 watts, which equates to well over 50cc, classifying it as a motorcycle.

- Can be operated on public roads and sidewalks
- Must follow all bicycle and traffic laws under FSS 316.2065
- Must have pedals
- Must be under pedal power and yield to pedestrians while on sidewalks
- Cannot exceed 28 MPH and power under 750 watts
- Riders under 16 must wear helmets
- Riders do not need a license

# **Know Before You Buy or Ride**



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# **EDUCATIONAL DEFINITIONS**

<u>Bike Paths</u> - (Class I): These are physically separated from motor traffic, often on their own right-of-way, and are shared with pedestrians and other non-motorized users.

<u>Bike Lanes</u> - (Class II): These are designated lanes on a roadway, usually marked by a solid white stripe, for the exclusive or preferential use of bicycles

<u>Bike Routes</u> - (Class III): These are shared roadways, marked with signs, where cyclists and motorists travel in the same lane.

<u>Cycle Tracks</u> - (Class IV): These are physically separated from motor traffic but are located on the street, often separated by a barrier like parked cars or a buffer.

<u>Shared-Use Paths</u> - A broad term for paths like rail-trails, which are often paved or unpaved and can be used by bicycles, pedestrians, and sometimes horses.

<u>Bike Boulevards</u> - Streets that have been optimized for bicycle travel but permit cars.