

MOPED PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS ON PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND TERRACE AREAS

City of Madison Department of Transportation-Traffic Engineering Division

I. PURPOSE

It is the policy of the City of Madison that mopeds be parked following the rules and regulations that govern motorcycle parking. The City will consider sidewalk and terrace areas for designated moped parking in limited areas. This policy identifies considerations and policies for siting sidewalk and terrace areas as public Moped Parking Areas.

II. DEFINITIONS

- **Mopeds** are defined as motorized vehicles, capable of speeds not more than 30 mph. There are two types of mopeds. A moped most typically is a motorcycle with an automatic transmission and an engine of 50 cc or less or an equivalent electric engine. A moped can also be a bicycle type vehicle with fully operative pedals and an engine of not more than 130 cc or an equivalent electric engine. Mopeds are issued a registration plate from WisDOT that includes the word MOPED
- **Terrace** is defined as the space from the back of street curb to the sidewalk. The terrace may be concrete, pavers, or grass. No part of the sidewalk shall be considered part of the terrace.
- **Sidewalk and Terrace Area** means the entire area of the highway from the curb line of the roadway to the adjacent property line. This area often includes, but is not limited to, both a paved sidewalk and a grassy or paved area commonly referred to as the terrace.
- **An Operator** is defined as a person who drives or is in actual physical control of a moped.
- **The Registered Owner** is defined as the person to whom the moped is registered as owner through the Department of Transportation (DOT).
- **A Privilege-in-Streets Permit** is required when a private project intrudes on, above, or under public streets, alley or other public grounds, a street encroachment agreement is necessary. This insures that the private project will not interfere with public safety and is in accordance with MGO 10.31 and Wis. Stats. 66.0425

III. POLICY

Moped parking is only allowed in areas designated for public parking on-street or in designated moped or motorcycle parking spaces in public garages and public parking lots. The City will consider issuing a Privilege-in-Street permitⁱ for the maintenance and construction of a designated Moped Parking Area for public moped parking on the sidewalk and terrace area within Zoning Districts noted below.

IV. MOPED PARKING ON SIDEWALK AND TERRACE GUIDELINES

Prior to the issuance of a Privilege-in-Street permit, the City Traffic Engineer or representative will review and consider the following:

1. The requested Moped Parking Area will only be permitted within Zoning Districts identified as UMX, DC, TSS, NMX and TE.
2. In no event will mopeds be permitted to reduce the effective width of the pedestrian circulation area of the sidewalk. Moped Parking Areas must provide space for signing, and where on-street parking is allowed, the Moped Parking Area must also provide space for car door swing and parking meter access.
3. No Moped Parking Area will be approved if the sidewalk and terrace area was paved after January 1, 2018. The applicant will be required to adhere to all requirements of the City's Privilege-in-Streets permit process.
4. Mopeds may not be driven on a sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, pedestrian mall, or wheelchair ramp unless the area is specifically designated for use by motorized vehicles by signs or pavement markings. The applicant may be required to construct a new curb ramp to accommodate moped traffic to and from a defined Moped Parking Area.
5. Mopeds may not be parked locked to or leaning against light poles or trees.
6. Mopeds must be registered to the current owner and display a valid moped license plate to park in a designated Moped Parking Area. Mopeds not displaying a current and valid moped license plate may be cited and towed. Citations issued to illegally parked mopeds are the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle.
7. In no event will moped parking on the sidewalk and terrace area be considered when, in the opinion of the City Traffic Engineer, the location will create a vision obstruction to on-street traffic, interfere with access to vehicles parked on the street, interfere with bus stops or loading zones, or interfere with pedestrian travel.

8. The applicant will be required to maintain any pavement markings required to define the boundaries of the Moped Parking Area. The applicant will be required to fund the installation of signing identifying the zone where mopeds may park. Moped stall design shall be done in accordance with MGO 28.141(12) titled Moped Parking Design.
9. The applicant will be responsible for all snow and ice control in the Moped Parking Area and maintain the pavement surface in a safe fashion.
10. The applicant will acknowledge that the Moped Parking Area is open for public use at no charge to users, and cannot be reserved for private use.

ⁱ Applicant will comply with privilege in street permit process and any annual fees as required.