

Mopeds

Definition

S.C. 56-5-165

“Every cycle with pedals to permit propulsion by human power or without pedals and with a motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters which produces not to exceed two brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at the speed in excess of thirty miles an hour on level ground. If an internal combustion engine is used, the moped must have a power drive system that functions directly or automatically without clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged”

Parking Areas

Clemson University Parking Regulations require students to obtain a parking permit immediately upon bringing a vehicle to campus and to park in a space designated for student parking. Motorcycles, mopeds and motor scooters must display a current parking permit and park in designated motorcycle parking areas. Parking permits are available to all students, provided the permit fee is paid. The permit may not be transferred to another person. Students are encouraged to purchase annual parking permits during the summer months to avoid long lines during the start of the Fall semester in August.

Mopeds may not be parked, stored or left unattended in offices, stairwells, hallways, lobbies or other common areas, in front of or to the side of any entrance or exit of any building, sidewalk or in other areas as designated by appropriate University departments. According to South Carolina Fire Codes, mopeds may not be parked in any building or attached to any building.

Driving upon Sidewalk Prohibited

S.C. 56-5-3835

"No person shall drive any vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area."

Limitations

S.C. 56-5-3710

"No person may ride upon a moped other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the moped. No moped may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped."

Required Equipment

S.C. 56-5-3720

"It is unlawful for a person to operate a moped upon the public highways and streets of this State without operable pedals if the moped is equipped with pedals, at least one rearview mirror, operable running lights, and brake lights which are operable when either brake is deployed."

Use of Operating Lights

S.C. 56-5-3730

"The operator of a moped must have the operating lights turned on at all times while the moped is in operation on the public highways and streets of this State."

Helmet Usage

S.C. 56-5-3660

"It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one to operate or ride upon a two-wheeled motorized vehicle unless he/she wears a protective helmet."

State Law Violations

It is important to know that failure to comply with state laws governing the operations of mopeds is a misdemeanor and will be tried by the Municipal Court Judge. These regulations are applicable whenever a moped is in operation on public highways or streets.

Parking Regulations

University Parking regulations are published in the *South Carolina Code of Laws*, 1976, as amended. A copy of the parking regulations is issued at the time of parking permit purchase. Students are encouraged to read and comply with the regulations. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of a parking citation. Students who receive six or more parking citations in a parking year are subject to an additional penalty for the seventh and subsequent parking citations. Disciplinary action, including loss of parking privileges for the remainder of the parking year, will be initiated for students who receive ten or more parking citations in a parking year. A parking year is the period of time that an annual parking permit is valid, currently August 16th - August 15th.

Citation Payments

Students are expected to pay parking violation penalties promptly. Citations become past due if not paid or appealed within 15 days. Accumulation of 3 or more past due citations will result in the vehicle being towed and impounded until all indebtedness has been paid. From time to time, past due citations are turned over to the Bursar's office for collection and will appear on the next academic bill. Payment of citations may be made via mail or in person at the Office of Parking Services.

Citation Appeals

Appeals must be initiated within 15 calendar days of the date of the citation. Requests for an appeal should be initiated at the University Municipal Court, located in G-01 University Union. Appeals will be heard by a Parking Review Board.