



## Moped or Motorized Bicycle Regulations



### What is a Motorized Bicycle?

*A pedal bicycle which has a helper motor or a non-pedal bicycle which has a motor, with cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission, and which is capable of a maximum speed of no more than thirty miles per hour. Chap. 90 sec 1*

## State Law and Local Regulations

### State Law Allows (Chapter 90, Sec. 1b) -

- **The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV)** requires all motorized bicycles to have a RMV decal affixed to the rear of the vehicle and clearly visible
- **Motorized Bicycles:**
  - To be operated by person over 16 years of age with drivers license or permit (ch. 90, sec. 1b)
  - Shall not exceed speed greater than 25 m.p.h. (ch. 90 sec.1b)
  - Shall use all public ways in the Commonwealth, except limited access or express state highways where signs prohibiting bicycles have been posted. (ch. 90, sec. 1b)
  - Shall use bicycle lanes next to various ways but not use off street recreational paths. (ch. 90 sec. 1b)
  - Shall keep right when passing a motor vehicle in the travel lane of the way. (ch. 90 sec. 1b)
  - Intentions to stop or turn to be signaled by operator(ch. 90 sec. 1b)
  - Shall be operated and ridden by person(s) wearing DOT standard helmets (ch. 90 sec 1b)

### Enforcement (Chapter 90, Sec. 1b)

- Operators in violation of these regulations shall be punished by a fine of no more than \$25 for the first offense, not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for a second offense, and not less than fifty nor more than \$100 for subsequent offenses committed. (ch. 90, sec. 1b)

### Parking in Cambridge

[Parking Regulations may vary by municipality]

- Motorized bicycles must not be parked in a manner that impedes pedestrian and wheelchair access, including minimum 36" clear space for passing. If found parked in such a manner the vehicle will be removed by the Police Department at the owner's expense.
- In the event that a motorized bicycle appears abandoned, a 72 hour notice will be placed on the vehicle. Following the 72 hour period, the vehicle will be removed and placed in storage for 30 days, after which it will be auctioned or disposed of.

### When Does a Moped become a Motorcycle?

- A moped or motorized bicycle capable of speeds greater than 30mph or which has the restrictor plate removed will be classified by the RMV as a motorcycle

