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Executive Action Summary

Committee Name: Academic Affairs **Date:** October 30, 2026

Agenda Item: Revisions to MSU Ordinances

☐ **Information** ☐ **Review** ☒ **Action**

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the changes to Ordinance 5.00: Duties of Police Officers, Ordinance 12.00: Buildings, Ordinance 15.00: Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct, Ordinance 23.00: Animals, Ordinance 32.00: Traffic – Pedestrians, Ordinance 33.00: Mobility Devices - Traffic, as indicated in Attachment A.

Recommendation:

The Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Board of Trustees approve updates to Ordinances 5.00, 12.00, 15.00, 23.00, 32.00, 33.00, as indicated in Attachment A.

Prior Action by BOT:

The Board of Trustees has previously amended ordinances periodically, with a comprehensive review last conducted in 2024, to reflect evolving campus needs, legal requirements, and operational considerations.

Responsible Officers:

Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

Summary:

The proposed updates modernize several board ordinances to enhance clarity, improve enforceability, and explicitly recognize existing practice in alignment with applicable federal and state law as well as current University priorities, including safety and

operational efficiency. To enhance clarity all section titles have been replicated besides the relevant subsection numbers.

Ordinance 5.00 – Duties of Police Officers includes revisions clarifying the authority of the Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety and subordinate officers, including enforcement powers, authority to restrict access to University property, and responsibilities related to public safety. Additional proposed changes refine the scope and conditions under which enforcement authority may be delegated to employees of public safety authorities or university contractors.

Ordinance 12.00 – Buildings has been updated to revise terminology, references, and accessibility standards to recognize current U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) directives and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The amendments clarify the ordinance's application, incorporate contemporary accessibility and nondiscrimination standards, and reinforce the University's commitment to providing equal access and reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Additional proposed changes refine definition discrepancies with Ordinance 33.00.

Ordinance 15.00 – Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct includes revisions clarifying the application of existing restrictions on sound amplification in relation to ADA requirements. Proposed language specifies that restrictions do not apply to personal assistive technology or sound amplification and auxiliary aids used as approved disability accommodations.

Ordinance 23.00 – Animals includes revisions clarifying requirements for service animals and assistance animals, including the distinction between the two categories and corresponding references to University policies. Proposed changes also clarify animal handler responsibilities and existing exceptions related to veterinary medical treatment, University research, and other authorized activities.

Ordinance 32.00 – Traffic Pedestrians includes revisions clarifying accessibility-related provisions and pedestrian safety requirements. Proposed changes expand language concerning motorists' responsibilities toward pedestrians with disabilities, including individuals using white canes, mobility devices, or service animals, and reinforce the ordinance's consistency with applicable ADA requirements.

Ordinance 33.00 – Mobility Devices Traffic includes revisions updating definitions and regulations governing bicycles, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, and other designated mobility devices. Proposed changes clarify permitting requirements, including recognition of valid permits issued by Michigan municipalities and the applicability of permitting requirements in 33.03 – 33.06 to those who park or leave unattended noncommercial mobility devices. Additional proposed changes to 33.05 improve consistency with language in September proposed changes.

Background Information:
The University regularly reviews and updates ordinances to ensure alignment with legal standards, operational needs, and institutional values. These updates reflect input from various administrative units.

Source of Funds:
Not applicable.

Resource Impact:
Minimal. The updates are expected to improve administrative efficiency, reduce ambiguity, and support safer and more inclusive campus operations without requiring significant additional resources

Attachment A

Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 5.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Duties of Police Officers

5.01 Duties

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~~**5.02 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety restricting access to property**~~

~~**.01.**~~ The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety and their subordinate police officers ~~shall:~~ are required to show respect for the civil rights of all persons lawfully in connection with the occurrence of any event or activity held on property governed by the board. They are also authorized to:

- issue a citation, apprehend, and arrest any person in violation of any provision of these ordinances ~~and shall~~ ;
- make complaint against such violator before any judge or judicial officer having jurisdiction;

- ~~shall~~ restrict access to any area to secure the protection of an individual, crime scene, or the public;
- ~~is empowered to delegate to any citizen or peace officer authority to enforce any provision(s) of these ordinances when the citizen or peace officer is acting in conjunction with the police officer; may~~ eject from property governed by the board any person lacking lawful right to be present on said property;
- ~~shall~~ take into custody any property which appears to be lost, stolen or abandoned;
- ~~shall~~ cause to ~~be towed~~tow and/or ~~impounded~~impound any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, if such device is parked contrary to the provisions of these ordinances is causing damage or constitutes a hazard, is parked upon a lawn or crop area, is obstructing convenient movement of the public or University operations, or is in violation of the provisions of these ordinances or state law;
- ~~shall~~ take into protective custody any person present upon property governed by the board who appears to be mentally disturbed, or otherwise incapacitated, until such person may be placed into the care of appropriate health professionals;
- ~~shall~~ take into custody any domestic animal found running loose upon property governed by the board until the animal can be returned to its owner or placed in the custody of an animal shelter;
- ~~is authorized to~~ destroy any domestic animal running loose on property governed by the board which is deemed to pose a threat of danger to the safety or well-being of the public and if unable to capture the animal; ~~shall~~ and
- apprehend and arrest any person who, without proper authority, obstructs or interferes with the free movement of any other person lawfully present on property governed by the board~~; shall diligently secure respect for the civil rights of all persons lawfully property in connection with the occurrence of any event or activity held on property governed by the board.~~.

~~.02~~ The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety~~,~~ and their ~~subordinates, are authorized~~subordinate police officers may delegate to ~~temporarily restrict access to and use~~an employee of ~~University property, or portions of such property, as is deemed necessary or desirable for~~public safety authorities the ~~convenient and efficient conduct~~authority to enforce provision(s) of these ordinances.

The Chief of ~~University affairs or activities, and any such restrictions shall be made known by use~~Police and Executive Director of ~~signs, barricades, announcements, postings or other means deemed appropriate under~~Public Safety and their subordinate police officers may delegate to a security contractor, which is licensed in Michigan, authority to enforce provision(s) of these ordinances to the ~~circumstances.~~

extent to which that authority has been specifically delegated when the employee of public safety authorities or university contractors is acting in conjunction with the police officer.

~~1.~~ **History** Enacted: September 15, 1964
Reprinted: May 16, 1969
Amended: December 10, 1994
~~2.~~ ~~Amended:~~ April 12, 2019
~~Amended:~~ September 6, 2024
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Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 12.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Buildings

12.01 Definitions
12.02 Restricting access to or use of buildings and property

12.01 Definitions. For ~~the~~ purposes of this ordinance, "electric mobility device" ~~means any device in, upon, or by which, any person or property is or may be transported that has an~~

~~electrical propulsion system (including, without limitation, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, and other electric mobility devices designed as such~~shall have the meaning ascribed to it pursuant to Ordinance 33.0~~2~~.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to limit, restrict, or prohibit the use of wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices ("OPDMDs") by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and its implementing regulations.

12.02 Restricting access to or use of buildings and property. The Secretary to the Board of Trustees, or the secretary's designee(s), is empowered to establish regulations restricting or prohibiting access to and/or use of University buildings and property to provide for the ~~convenient and~~ efficient conduct of the University's affairs~~,~~ and the management~~, and~~ protection, and safe operation of such buildings and property; such regulations must be posted in the affected areas.

Michigan State University has established policies, ordinances, and regulations to reduce the risk of fire hazards in campus buildings
This ordinance shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with the ADA, its implementing regulations, and all other applicable federal and state disability-access laws.

Enacted: September 15, 1964

- **Amended: May 16, 1969**
- ~~**Amended:** **December 10, 1994**~~
- ~~**Amended:** **March 18, 2016**~~
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Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE 15.00 Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct

15.01 Unauthorized assembly
15.02 Disruption of educational activities
15.03 Disruption of normal campus building or area activities
15.04 Public address systems or other amplification
15.05 Disruption of persons, firms or agencies

15.06 Enter athletic contest or exhibition
15.07 Projected or dropped objects at assemblages
15.08 Public event admission restrictions
15.09 Enter steam tunnel, mechanical or boiler rooms
15.10 Noise disturbance
15.11 Public urination or defecation

15.01 Unauthorized assembly. No person shall, without authorization, assemble together anywhere on the campus for the purpose of creating any excessive noise or any disturbance, riot, or raid, or assemble in a manner which obstructs the free movement of persons about the campus or the free and normal use of University buildings and facilities or which prevents or obstructs the normal operations of the University.

15.02 Disruption of educational activities. No person shall obstruct, hinder, or impede the normal operation of any class, laboratory, seminar, examination, field trip, or other educational activity of the University.

15.03 Disruption of normal campus building or area activities. No person shall obstruct, hinder, or impede the normal use or operation of any campus building or area which has been assigned or scheduled for educational or extracurricular activities, including, but not limited to, dramatic or musical presentations, lectures, athletic events, military exercises, orientation meetings, commencement ceremonies, and placement activities.

15.04 Public address systems or other amplification. No person shall use public address equipment, bullhorns, or other methods of sound amplification anywhere upon the campus except through written permit by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The following acts, and the causing thereof, are hereby declared to be violations of this section:

Sound and Reproduction system. The playing, using or operating, or permitting the playing, using or operating, of any television or radio receiving set, musical instrument, or other machine or device for producing, reproducing or amplifying sound, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance, or at any time with a louder volume than is reasonably necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) present in the room, vehicle or other place in which such instrument, machine, set or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The

operation of any such television or radio receiving set, instrument, machine or device between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of seventy- five feet from the building, structure, vehicle or other place in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. This subsection shall not apply to noncommercial speech.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed or interpreted in a manner that conflicts with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, or any applicable federal or state accessibility laws. The prohibitions and restrictions contained within this section do not apply to personal use assistive technology devices such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive listening devices utilized by individuals with disabilities or sound amplification or auxiliary aids used as approved accommodation for campus events, programs, or activities in compliance with the ADA.

15.05 Disruption of persons, firms or ~~agencies~~ ~~No~~agencies. No person shall obstruct, hinder, or impede the normal operations of any person, firm, or agency, or the use of its property, while that person, firm, or agency is providing a service or carrying out an activity or agreement for or with the University.

15.06 Enter athletic contest or exhibition. No unauthorized person shall enter upon the playing area of any athletic contest or exhibition before, during or after said contest or exhibition.

15.07 Projected or dropped objects at assemblages. No person shall project or drop any object which could cause injury, damage, or interference in the spectator or playing area during any athletic contest or exhibition.

15.08 Public event admission restrictions. No person shall enter or attempt to enter into any dance or social, athletic, theatrical, or other public event without a ticket of admission to such event when such tickets are required, or enter or attempt to enter contrary to any established rules or qualifications for eligibility for attendance at such events as provided by the sponsors. No person ineligible to attend such events shall loiter about the premises where such an event is being held.

15.09 Enter steam tunnel, mechanical or boiler rooms. No person shall enter any steam tunnel, mechanical room or boiler room unless required to do so in the proper performance of assigned University duties.

15.10 Noise disturbance. No person shall make, or continue, cause or permit to be made, orally or by use of any device, any unnecessary noise disturbance. Noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right of way shall be exempt from this section, except as otherwise provided herein.

15.11 Public urination or defecation. No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place or upon any public or private property, except in a sanitary facility intended for such activities.

- **Enacted:** September 15, 1964
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- **Amended:** April 20, 1973
- ~~**Amended**~~**:** December 10, 1994
- ~~**Amended**~~**:** February 11, 2005
- ~~**Amended:**~~ October 26, 2012
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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE 23.00 Animals

23.01 *Leash and waste cleanup required
23.02 Prohibited in buildings
23.03 Prohibited in buses
23.04 Prohibited from posted areas
23.05 Exceptions
23.051 Service animals

23.052 Assistance Animals
23.053 Veterinary medical treatment and university research
23.054 Transported animals
23.055 Sponsored events

23.056~~5~~ Prior authorization for student events
23.057~~6~~ Police exception

23.01 Leash and waste cleanup required. No person owning or being responsible for an animal brought upon property governed by the board shall do so without securing the animal by appropriate use of a leash and promptly cleaning up and appropriately disposing of any waste produced by the animal. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations require service animal to be harnessed, leashed,

or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices or these devices interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of tasks. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls. Animal handlers are responsible for caring for and supervising the service animal, which includes toileting, feeding, grooming and veterinary care. See the MSU Service Animal Policy for more details.

23.02 Prohibited in buildings. No person shall bring any animal into any University building.

23.03 Prohibited in buses. No person shall bring any animal onto a University bus.

23.04 Prohibited from posted areas. No person shall bring any animal into any University area, such as the Beal Botanical Garden or the Horticulture Gardens, posted to prohibit the presence of animals.

23.05 Exceptions. Exceptions to the above provisions shall include:

23.051 Service animals. Service animals providing assistance to individuals with disabilities as defined in the MSU Service Animal Policy. ~~including assistance animals as defined in the Assistance Animal Policy in University Housing provided by the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD).~~

23.052 Assistance animals. Assistance animals providing assistance to individuals with disabilities as defined in the Assistance Animal Policy in University Housing.

23.053 Veterinary medical treatment and university research. Animals brought for treatment to the Veterinary Medical facilities or for University sponsored research.

23.054 Transported animals. Animals being transported and which remain inside a vehicle.

23.055 Sponsored events. Animals brought to animal related University sponsored events.

23.056 Prior authorization for student events. Animals brought to or that are part of animal related events sponsored by registered student organizations which have received prior authorization from the Office of the Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

23.057 Police exception. Animals subject to the control of any police officer during the course of the police officer's duties.

Service Animal Guidelines and Exemption Request Form (PDF)

Service Animal Policy-Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities

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~~-~~Service Animal Policy

~~and~~ Assistance Animal Policy in University Housing

Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 32.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Traffic - Pedestrians

32.01* Subject to intersection signals, rights and duties at other places
32.02* Right-of-way at crosswalks; traffic control devices; unmarked crosswalks
32.03* Special pedestrian control signals
32.04* Duty between adjacent intersections with signals
32.05* To yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles
32.06* Shall not pass beyond closed railroad crossing gate
32.07* Pedestrians to use right half of crosswalk
32.08* Crossing roadway at right angles
32.09* Crossing at other than crosswalks; yield to vehicles required
32.091* Tunnels or overhead crossings
32.10* Walk left side of roadway; where sidewalks provided; where sidewalks not provided
32.11* Soliciting rides or business
32.12* White canes; guide dogs; duty of motorist
32.13* Crosswalk - at other than intersection

32.01* **Subject to intersection signals, rights and duties at other places.** Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections, and at all other places shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this section.

32.02* **Right-of-way at crosswalks; traffic control devices; unmarked crosswalks.** Pedestrian's right-of-way at crosswalks: Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as otherwise provided in this section.

32.03* **Special pedestrian control signals.** Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words, symbol, or audible direction to "Walk," "Don't Walk" or "Wait" are in place, pedestrians shall be subject to such signals.

32.04* **Duty between adjacent intersections with signals.** Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross the roadway except in a marked crosswalk.

32.05* **To yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles.** A pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle which is flashing emergency lights or otherwise signaling an emergency in progress.

32.06* **Shall not pass beyond closed railroad crossing gate.** No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

32.07* **Pedestrians to use right half of crosswalk.** Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of the crosswalk.

32.08* **Crossing roadway at right angles.** Crossing roadway at right angles: No pedestrian shall, except in a marked crosswalk, cross a roadway at any other place than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb.

32.09* **Crossing at other than crosswalks; yield to vehicles required.** Crossing at other than crosswalks: Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

32.091* **Tunnels or overhead crossings.** Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

32.10* **Walk left side of roadway; where sidewalks provided; where sidewalks not provided.** Walking on left side of roadway: Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for pedestrians to walk upon the main traveled portion of the street or roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall, when practicable, walk on the left side of the street or highway facing traffic which passes nearest.

32.11* **Soliciting rides or business.** Pedestrians soliciting rides or business: No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

32.12* **White canes; guide dogs; duty of motorist.** White canes:

Any driver of a vehicle who approaches a pedestrian with a disability carrying a white cane (including a white cane tipped with red), utilizing a mobility device, or accompanied by a service animal shall immediately come to a full stop. The driver must take all necessary precautions before proceeding to avoid accident or injury to the pedestrian.

~~Any driver of a vehicle who approaches a visually impaired person carrying a cane or walking stick which is white or white tipped with red, or being led by a guide dog wearing a harness and walking on either side of or slightly in front of said blind person, shall immediately come to a full stop and take such precautions before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the person.~~

32.13* **Crosswalk - at other than intersection.** When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed or interpreted in a manner that conflicts with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, or any applicable federal or state accessibility laws.

*Denotes Civil Infraction

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 33.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Mobility Devices - Traffic

33.01 Definitions
33.02* Additional mobility devices; authority to designate
33.03* Permits; required
33.04* Display of permits
33.05* Transfer of permits
33.06 When to apply for permits
33.07* Unlawful to operate unless equipped as required
33.08* Operation; where permitted
33.09* Not to be operated more than two abreast
33.10* Speed not greater than reasonable to safety; speed limits for electric mobility devices
33.11* Clinging to moving vehicle prohibited
33.12* To yield to pedestrians at intersections and crosswalks
33.13* Number of riders

33.14* Careless and reckless manner
33.15* On sidewalk prohibited; exception
33.16* Rights and duties
33.17* Obedience to traffic control devices required
33.18* Unlawful to leave unattended except in designated areas
33.19* Unlawful to leave unattended in areas for motor vehicles; exception
33.20* Bicycles; locking required
33.21 Authority to publish special regulations
33.22 Limitations on persons who may leave unattended on campus
33.23 Impounding and release

33.01 Definitions. ~~.01~~ For purposes of this ordinance the term:

1. "Commercial" means made available to the public to use for payment.
2. ~~The term~~ "Department of Police and Public Safety" means the Michigan State University Department of Police and Public Safety.
3. "Mobility device" is limited to bicycles and electric mobility devices.
4. ~~The term~~ "Eelectric mobility device" is limited to electric bicycles and electric skateboards. This does not include wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices ("OPDMDs") when used as mobility assistive devices by individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").
    a. For purposes of this exclusion, an OPDMD means any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines, whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities, that is used by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of locomotion, including, but not limited to, golf cars, Electronic Personal Assistance Mobility Devices ("EPAMDs") and other mobility devices designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes.
5. "Mmobility device company" means a person or entity that makes mobility devices available to the public to use for payment.
6. The following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time: "bicycle," "electric bicycle," and "electric skateboard."

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33.02* Additional Mobility Devices; Authority to Designate. ~~.02~~ Notwithstanding the definitions in section 33.01:

1. the Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to designate, in their discretion, additional "mobility devices" for purposes of this ordinance;

2. any such designation must specify whether such mobility device is considered a "bicycle," "electric bicycle," or other "electric mobility device" for purpose of this ordinance; and
3. any such designation may be subject to such conditions, and may vary the terms of this ordinance as applied to such additional "mobility device," as the Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety deems appropriate, in their discretion.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or restrict the use of wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, manually powered mobility aids, including walkers, canes, crutches, braces, or other similar devices designed for use by individuals with mobility disabilities, in any area open to pedestrian use, as required by applicable federal and state law.

33.03* Permits; Required. ~~**03***~~ No person may ~~operate~~ park or leave unattended upon the campus:

1. any noncommercial mobility device ~~which does not bear~~without a current and valid permit as required under this ordinance; or
   ~~issued by the Department of Police and Public Safety or, in the case of noncommercial bicycles only, a current and valid permit issued by the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township; or~~
2. any commercial mobility device that does not bear the clearly identifiable logo of a mobility device company with a current and valid permit issued by the Secretary to the Board of Trustees pursuant to authority granted in section 27.01.

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For purposes of this section, a valid permit includes one issued by the Department of Police and Public Safety or, in the case of noncommercial mobility device~~mobility devices~~, a current and valid permit issued by a municipality in the State of Michigan~~the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township. Permits issued by these jurisdictions satisfy the permit requirement for operation or parking of bicycles and noncommercial mobility devices on campus.~~

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33.04* Display of Permits. ~~**04***~~ The permission to park or leave unattended~~operate~~ a noncommercial mobility device in and upon the campus shall be evidenced by a permit tag designed by the Department of Police and Public Safety. The Department of Police and Public Safety shall issue such permit tag after acceptance for filing of the application for a permit. Each owner of a noncommercial mobility device shall, upon receiving a permit tag from the Department of Police and Public Safety, cause the permit to be affixed in a conspicuous place on the noncommercial mobility device covered by the permit; provided, however, that the Department of Police and Public Safety may, in its discretion, designate the particular place on each noncommercial mobility device where the permit tag shall be

displayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any noncommercial bicycle that bears a current and valid permit issued ~~by the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township~~by any municipality in the State of Michigan is not subject to this section 33.04.

33.05* Transfer of Permits. ~~.05*~~ Upon the transfer of a permitted noncommercial mobility device, the owner shall remove the permit tag and surrender the same to the Department of Police and Public Safety; provided, however, that the owner, together with the transferee of a noncommercial mobility device, may apply to the Department of Police and Public Safety for the transfer of the permit to park or leave unattended~~operate~~ the noncommercial mobility device to the transferee, and upon such application the Department of Police and Public Safety shall transfer the permit to park or leave unattended~~operate~~ the noncommercial mobility device to the name of the transferee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any noncommercial bicycle that bears a current and valid permit issued by ~~the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township~~ is not subject to this section 33.05.

33.06 When to Apply for Permits. ~~.06~~ Application for a permit to park or leave unattended ~~operate~~ a noncommercial mobility device shall be made upon bringing the noncommercial mobility device not meeting the requirements of section 33.03 upon the campus. The Department of Police and Public Safety shall provide for noncommercial mobility device permitting at some time during every day of the year except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

33.07* Unlawful to Operate Unless Equipped as Required. ~~.07*~~ No person may operate a mobility device on the campus unless the same is equipped as follows:

1. every mobility device which is operated during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with an activated white lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front of the mobility device, and shall also be equipped with a mirror reflector or lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from all distances from one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet to the rear of the mobility device.
2. every mobility device shall be equipped with a suitable brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop the mobility device within a reasonable distance on dry, smooth, hard-surfaced road.

33.08* Operation; Where Permitted. ~~.08*~~ Where a usable and designated path for mobility devices is provided adjacent to the roadway, a person operating a mobility device must use the path. Where such a path is not provided, a person operating a mobility device shall ride as near the right side of the roadway as practicable and shall exercise due care

when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Mobility devices may be operated on all highways and streets upon the campus, regardless of the speed limit of any such highway or street, provided that such operation is in compliance with this ordinance.

33.09* Not to be Operated More than Two Abreast.
~~.09*~~ No persons operating mobility devices on the campus may ride more than two abreast.

33.10* Speed Not Greater than Reasonable to Safety; Speed Limits for Electric Mobility Devices. ~~.10*~~ No person may operate a mobility device at a speed faster than what is reasonable and proper with regard to the safety of the operator and others; provided, however, that operating an electric mobility device at a speed greater than the speed permitted by the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time, is prohibited.

~~.11*~~**33.11* Clinging to Moving Vehicle Prohibited.** No person operating a mobility device shall attach themselves to any other moving vehicle.

33.12* To Yield to Pedestrians at Intersections and Crosswalks. ~~.12*~~ Every person operating a mobility device shall accord the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing roads and streets on the campus at all intersections and crosswalks.

33.13* Number of Riders. ~~.13*~~ A person propelling a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to such bicycle or electric bicycle. No mobility device may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

. 33.14* Careless and Reckless Manner. ~~14*~~ The operator of a mobility device shall at no time remove both feet from the pedals, nor both hands from the handlebars or steering apparatus of the mobility device; nor shall any person operate a mobility device in a careless or reckless manner or practice any acrobatic riding on campus.

33.15* On Sidewalk Prohibited; Exception. ~~.15*~~ No operator of a mobility device shall cause the same to be driven upon or across any sidewalk or footpath situated on the campus or upon campus grounds; provided, however, that the operator of any mobility device may dismount from the mobility device and proceed upon such sidewalks and footpaths on foot, pushing the mobility device while so proceeding on foot.

33.16* Rights and Duties. ~~.16*~~ Every person operating a mobility device on a roadway on the campus shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties

applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by the laws of the State of Michigan except insofar as the provisions of this ordinance conflict with or modify said general laws.

33.17* Obedience to Traffic Control Devices Required. ~~.17*~~ Any person operating a mobility device upon a roadway on the campus shall obey the instructions of all official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to motor vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

33.18* Unlawful to Leave Unattended Except in Designated Areas. ~~.18~~ No person operating a mobility device may leave the same unattended at any place upon the campus outside of designated mobility device parking areas.

33.19* Unlawful to Leave Unattended in Areas for Motor Vehicles; Exception. ~~.19*~~ No person may leave a mobility device unattended in any space designed and intended for use by motor vehicles unless such areas is specifically allocated to mobility device parking.

33.20* Bicycles; Locking Required. ~~.20*~~ No person may park a bicycle and leave it unless it is locked to a bicycle rack.

33.21 Authority to Publish Special Regulations. ~~.21~~ The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to publish special regulations providing for removal of mobility devices from parking areas and prohibiting mobility device parking in certain areas for designated periods for ground maintenance and improvements or other University functions. Mobility devices not removed from such areas or parked after the special regulations have been published shall be impounded as provided for in section 33.23.

33.22 Limitations on Persons Who May Leave Unattended on Campus. ~~.22~~ No person may leave unattended any mobility device on the campus longer than forty-eight (48) hours unless they are currently registered as a student, employed by the University, or residing on University property.

33.23 Impounding and Release. ~~.23~~ The Department of Police and Public Safety may impound any mobility device found upon the campus which is not permitted as required by this ordinance, or which is operated or parked in violation of this ordinance and shall release such mobility device only after its owner obtains the requisite permit and pays a fee for its impoundment or a summons is issued to the owner for the alleged violation. The fee for impoundment shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the University for all costs of impounding and enforcing the provisions of this ordinance. Impounded mobility devices not claimed may be sold and the proceeds of such sale applied to the cost of enforcement

and impoundment.

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