

## **ELECTRONIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE POLICY**

Definition: An electronic personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD) is any battery powered mobility device – whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities – that is used by a person with a mobility impairment for ambulation, but that is not a wheelchair. **This definition does not include gasoline powered devices, golf carts, or riding lawn mowers.**

Permission: The Boone County Conservation District authorizes persons with mobility impairments to use EPAMDs in District facilities and sites subject to the following restrictions:

1. The operator of the device must be a person with a mobility impairment, and upon request by District officials, shall produce proof of such status within 24 hours; Credible proof includes: a valid State-issued disability parking placard or card, or other State-issued proof of disability; or a verbal representation, not contradicted by fact, that the EMPAD is being used for a mobility disability. A valid disability placard or card is one that is presented by the individual to whom it was issued and is otherwise in compliance with the State of issuance's requirements for disability placards or cards.
2. The device, if used in a facility or in a site or conservation area, is allowed in any area of the facility, site or conservation area in which the general public is allowed, with the exception of employee only spaces, stairways, and identified hazardous areas;
3. If the EPAMD exceeds 30 inches in width its use is prohibited during crowded events such as the Autumn Pioneer Festival.
4. The device, if used in a facility, must be controlled by the operator and:
  - A. must not exceed 4 mph;
  - B. shall be driven on the right side of the circulation route;
  - C. is prohibited from carrying another person or object on the frame.
  - D. must not be operated in a dangerous or reckless manner that jeopardizes the safety of the operator, District employees, District participants, or guests;
  - E. must be under the control by the operator of the device at all times.
5. The device, if used in a site or conservation area or out-of-doors, must be controlled by the operator and:
  - A. may not be operated between dusk and dawn unless required for a District authorized program or activity (e.g., camping, evening education and recreation programs, etc.);
  - B. must not exceed 6 mph;
  - C. must remain on pedestrian trails;
  - D. may not be driven into wet or ecologically sensitive areas;
  - E. shall be driven on the right side of the circulation route;

- F. is prohibited from carrying another person or object on the frame;
  - G. must not be operated in a dangerous or reckless manner that jeopardizes the safety of the operator, District employees, District participants, or guests;
  - H. must be under the control by the operator of the device at all times.
6. The District accepts no responsibility for storage of the device.
  7. The District accepts no liability for damage to the device, or injury to the operator, whether caused by the operator, an employee, another visitor to a District facility or site, or any other circumstance.
  8. The District accepts no liability for damage caused by the operator of the device, or injury to others caused by the operator of the device.
  9. The District reserves the right to suspend the use of facilities, sites or conservation areas by the operator if doing so is in the best interests of the District and its participants.
  10. This policy does not require the District to provide to individuals with disabilities personal devices, such as wheelchairs or permitted EPAMDs.
  11. The operator of the device is responsible for all damages caused by the operation of the device and shall hold the District harmless and indemnified thereon.

*The District reserves the right to change, modify, or amend this policy at any time, as it would any other policy.*