



# *electric* **BICYCLES** **GUIDE**

E-Bikes have revolutionized the commuting and travel experience in many communities, including Oak Island! This guide shows the local Town and State Ordinances which govern how these eco-friendly transportation options are regulated in Oak Island.

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# TYPE OF BIKES

Just because it has pedals, doesn't mean it's a bicycle. Using **N.C.G.S. 20-4.01 (7a), (27)j**, and **(27)h**, e-bikes and similar vehicles can be classified as either:

## **Electric Assist Bicycles**

- Two or three wheels with fully operable pedals
- An electric motor of no more than 750 watts
- Maximum speed no greater than 20 mph
- Standard bicycle laws apply

## **Mopeds**

- Two or three wheels with no external shifter
- An electric motor greater than 750 watts
- Maximum speed between 20 - 30 mph
- Moped laws apply; must be DMV registered and carry liability insurance

## **Motorcycles**

- Two or three wheels
- An electric motor greater than 750 watts
- Maximum speed higher than 30 mph
- Motorcycle laws apply; must be DMV registered and carry liability insurance
- Requires a valid motorcycle endorsement or learner's permit

# RIDING IN TOWN

**Electric Assist Bicycle CAN** be driven on any public street throughout Town.

Per Town Ordinance, they **CANNOT** be driven on sidewalks (**Section 28-12**) or on the public beach strand (**Section 28-5**).

These ordinances also prohibit the use of similar motorized recreational riding devices such as scooters, Onewheels, skateboards, and unicycles.

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