



City of Cambridge Press Release

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Biking and Scooting and Skateboarding

City of Cambridge Residents Reminded that We All Share the Roads and Sidewalks

Cambridge, MD (May 12, 2025). With the advent of warmer weather and longer days, more kids and adults are outdoors enjoying fun and exercise on their bikes, scooters, and skateboards. Many people also use their bikes and scooters as a means of transportation from home to school or home to work and back. According to the 2020 Census, 17% of occupied housing units in Cambridge do not have vehicles. These residents may be walking or using bicycles or scooters to get where they need to go.

The City asks all residents, including young people, to review the commonsense rules for sharing sidewalks and streets and keeping these spaces safe for all pedestrians, two-wheeled riders, and drivers:

- Riding bikes or scooters or skateboarding or roller skating on sidewalks in commercial or business districts is prohibited. Certain blocks of residential neighborhoods may be posted with similar notices, too.
- Children over the age of 14 and adults are prohibited from riding on public sidewalks in any residentially zoned district in the City.
- Mobility devices and wheelchairs are exempted from these prohibitions.
- The Rules of the Road apply to those using bicycles or scooters in the roadways, too:
 - Respect traffic signals and Stop and Yield signs.
 - Follow the flow of traffic and respect the one-way direction of signed streets.
 - Use hand signals to indicate turns.
 - Don't weave in and out of traffic or turn abruptly into on-coming traffic. Children, especially, are smaller and may not be easily visible to drivers of vehicles.
 - Remember that at twilight and nighttime, it is difficult for drivers to see you. Use a light and/or wear light-colored clothing.

- Maryland drivers are required by law to allow a minimum of three feet when passing by a cyclist or scooter rider. This can be very challenging, if not impossible, on some of Cambridge's narrow streets with other vehicles parked on both sides. As much as a driver may wish to default to a rider, they may have no choice but to carefully squeeze by. Give each other the space to do so.

Residents should do the math- a dually may weigh as much as 8000 pounds, a small four-door car may weigh as much as 2500 pounds, a bike or scooter may weigh 25 pounds. No 25-pound vehicle is going to win a confrontation with an 8000-pound vehicle.

Drivers and two-wheelers should follow the speed limit, traffic signals and signs, and one-way street signage.

The City of Cambridge wants all its residents to enjoy a safe summer.

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