

District of West Vancouver
POLICY

Title: E-Bike Share

Division: Engineering & Transportation Services

Policy Number: 0138

File Number: 0282-20-0138

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to establish the District of West Vancouver's vision and goals for electric bicycle (e-bike) share. This policy guides the e-bike share permitting framework, including the e-bike share permit process and business license. Together, the policy and licensing framework create the enabling conditions for e-bike share to operate in a safe, accessible way that supports the District's goals.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to legal entities whose business is to offer e-bike share services.
- 2.2. This policy does not apply to businesses renting devices from a brick-and-mortar establishment for roundtrip use.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. E-bike share services are a form of on-demand public rental of electric bicycles (e-bikes), as defined in Traffic and Parking Bylaw No. 4370, 2004, involving the distributing of e-bikes throughout a service area. E-bikes can be picked up and dropped off primarily in the public right-of-way as an additional travel option for short, point-to-point trips.

4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. The District's vision for e-bike share is a widely-deployed service that provides a sustainable transportation mode which complements transit and provides a safe and comfortable alternative to private vehicles for local trips.
- 4.2. E-bike share will support the following goals, which form the basis of monitoring and program evaluation:
 - 4.2.1. *Increasing Freedom of Mobility:* E-Bike Share is intended to grow the number of travel options available in the District, which can promote equity in our transportation system by making active transportation an attractive and affordable option, helping to shift more local trips to active modes;

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- 4.2.2. *Supporting and Supplementing Transit Usage:* E-Bike Share can play a vital role in connecting the first- and last-mile gap between transit and local destinations. The District will ensure E-Bikes are distributed across the community to complement the transit network and help increase transit ridership;
 - 4.2.3. *Promoting Sustainable Transportation:* E-Bike Share can reduce community greenhouse gas emissions linked to transportation and improve health outcomes through cleaner air and increased physical activity;
 - 4.2.4. *Providing a Safe Mode of Travel:* E-Bike Share should be a safe mode of travel for riders and other road users. The District will work with partners to monitor incident reports and respond to risks if they appear;
 - 4.2.5. *Maintaining a High Quality Public Realm:* E-Bikes must be safely stored to maintain accessibility and should complement the public spaces they share with other road users;
 - 4.2.6. *Making Efficient Use of Resources:* E-Bike Share operations should rely on existing infrastructure and planned investments and impacts to municipal resources must be monitored closely; and,
 - 4.2.7. *Ensuring a Great Mobility Experience:* E-Bike Share is a key part of growing the District's active transportation network and reducing barriers to moving around. Understanding the community's experience will help the District improve E-Bike Share services as they evolve.
- 4.3.** Service providers will be required to obtain a street use permit to operate e-bike share services in the District.
- 4.3.1. The Engineer is responsible for issuing the Street Use Permit (per Traffic and Parking Bylaw No. 4370, 2004).
- 4.4.** E-bike share permit holders must also obtain a business license or inter-municipal business licence, enabling them to operate in accordance with all District regulations and bylaws.
- 4.4.1. The Licensing Inspector of the District is responsible for granting business license (per Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5025, 2019).

5. Authority

- 5.1. *Community Charter*, SBC, 2003
- 5.2. *Local Government Act*, RSBC, 1996
- 5.3. *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC, 1996
- 5.4. Traffic and Parking Bylaw No. 4370, 2004
- 5.5. Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5025, 2019

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6. Approval

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