

FIRE SAFETY: STORAGE & CHARGING GUIDELINES for ELECTRIC MOBILITY DEVICES (Includes E-Bikes, Scooters, E-Skateboards, etc.)

■ General Rules

- Only use the manufacturer-supplied UL charger or one recommended by the E-device manufacturer.
- **Do not charge unattended or overnight. MUST USE cord that is CERTIFIED TO UL 2489.**
- Residents must be present while batteries are charging.
- Unplug as soon as it is finished charging.
- Inspect battery often. Do not charge or store damaged, swollen, leaking or wet batteries.
- Keep a clear space of at least 3 feet around a charging battery (if inside or on deck).
- **When not in use, MUST store battery in a fire-proof, flame-proof bag.** (Check basement for possible LOANER bag to borrow. Please return to basement and do NOT remove from premises.)

■ Approved Storage

- E-devices may be stored inside your condo OR in your own storage locker, **but battery MUST BE removed from the bike, scooter, skateboard, etc..**
- Battery MUST BE properly stored in a fire-proof, flame-proof bag inside of your condo – NEVER in the BASEMENT.

■ Charging Locations

- **Preferred: The Driveway Bike Rack Area:** Once exterior GFCI-protected outlets are installed, this will become the primary charging location. This will be for DAY USE ONLY.
 - *To reduce fire spread risk, keep battery at least 5 feet away from building walls / doors / windows.*
- **Acceptable: Private Decks:** Residents using decks for storage/charging must ensure the battery is protected from direct rain/snow/wet weather and not covered with airtight tarps (which trap heat).
 - *While charging, place on a non-flammable surface (e.g. tile, concrete, metal tray – not carpet or wood). This is for batteries / chargers only, as bicycles are not allowed on decks.*

CHARGING IS NEVER PERMITTED INSIDE CONDOS OR IN BASEMENT
(no fire suppression, inadequate ventilation, etc...)

■ Extension Cord Rules (if absolutely necessary)

- **MUST use a heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cord (minimum 14-gauge wire) and never a basic extension cord or cheap adapter.**
- Must be CERTIFIED TO UL 2849 (look for the safety certification label).
- Use the shortest length possible; do not coil while in use.
- Cord must have a grounded, three-prong plug.
- Never run under rugs, through doorways, or across walkways.
- Plug directly into a wall outlet (no daisy-chaining power strips).

■ Building-Specific Safety Notes

- **Fire Preparedness:** Residents SHOULD keep a lithium-ion-rated fire extinguisher in their unit.

■ Enforcement

- Failure to follow these rules may result in loss of permission to store/charge e-devices on the property. **And, repeat violations may be considered a lease violation, given the safety risk to all residents.**

■ Quick Checklist for Residents

- ✓ Charge only in approved locations – IDEALLY OUTSIDE which is the SAFEST CHOICE.
 - ✓ Stay present while charging.
 - ✓ Use only safe, certified to UL 2849 chargers and cords.
- ✓ Store bikes, scooters, skateboards safely and never block exits.