

## Watercrest Rules Regarding Prohibited Vehicles

Sunstate Property Management and the Watercrest Board of Directors have received a significant number of reports of electric motorized scooters (including electric dirt bikes and go-kart/hoverboards) being recklessly operated on the streets, sidewalks and parking lots of Watercrest (see pictures below). This type of behavior includes speeding, rearing up on the back wheel then racing down the street, and driving across landscaping. This dangerous behavior puts the safety of the riders at risk as well as the safety of innocent bystanders on the sidewalks and streets and automobiles driving or parked nearby. As an example of this danger, a youth in Tampa was killed last September when they were on an electric dirt bike and ran into a stopped vehicle.

[https://www.suncoastnews.com/crime\\_crashes\\_fires/tampa-youth-dies-of-injuries-after-collision-with-suv/article\\_c46cc973-f8fa-4082-95c6-20aed6dcee2c.html](https://www.suncoastnews.com/crime_crashes_fires/tampa-youth-dies-of-injuries-after-collision-with-suv/article_c46cc973-f8fa-4082-95c6-20aed6dcee2c.html)

Per the Watercrest governing documents (Declaration of Restrictions and Community Wide Standards), **motorcycles, motorized scooters, mini motorcycles, off-road vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, remotely-operated vehicles, motorized go-karts, off-highway motorcycles, motorized trail bikes, motocross bikes, etc. are all prohibited from use anywhere in the community.**

These restrictions do not apply to bicycles, motorized wheelchairs, 3 and 4-wheel mobility scooters or toy jeeps (toy jeeps operated on sidewalks only).

All of the prohibited vehicles referenced above must be stored in a garage at all times. When moving the vehicle in and out of the community, it must be driven directly in or out of the Watercrest gates and then stored back in a garage upon return. Furthermore, when moving such vehicles in and out of the community, or operating any other vehicle on Watercrest roads, **all traffic signs, crosswalks, and speed limits (15 mph) must be obeyed, and the utmost precaution must be given to pedestrians.**

**Operation of restricted/prohibited vehicles beyond moving them in and out of the community will be subject to fines and/or towing.**

We appreciate owners and operators of these vehicles adhering to the rules of Watercrest to provide a safe environment for all residents.

