In December 2019 the SIPOA Board of Directors approved a change to the Rules & Regulations to permit the use of Class 1 pedal-assist e-bikes. These bikes may benefit residents with limited mobility by expanding their opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and increase their physical activity.

There are three classes of e-bikes, and Class 1 e-bikes are the only e-bikes approved for use within the Seabrook Island Development.

A Class 1 e-bike is defined as a bicycle/tricycle with operable pedals equipped with a motor that provides assistance ONLY when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance if/when the bicycle/tricycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. The electric motor is less than 750 watts (1 h.p.) and has no throttle.

Class 1 e-bikes are required to be registered with SIPOA Administration. Registered e-bikes will receive a SIPOA bicycle decal designating SIPOA’s verification that the e-bike is a Class 1 bike approved for use in the community. The registration form is available here.