



# CITY OF GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** Robert Vincent, Police Chief

**DATE:** January 17, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 8.b

**RESOLUTION NO:**

**SUBJECT:** Regulation of motorized scooters.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This is a discussion item only.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Florida statute 316.2128 exempts motorized scooters and micromobility devices from licensing, registration and insurance requirements; however, the statute authorizes local governments to enact legislation regulating the operation of motorized scooters and micromobility devices on streets, highways, sidewalks, and sidewalk areas under the local government's jurisdiction. Gulfport does not currently have any relevant ordinances.

## **ANALYSIS:**

If the city were to create legislation regulating motorized scooters and micromobility devices, the following factors would have to be addressed:

A local ordinance may not regulate:

1. Whether or not operators must be licensed
2. Whether or not vehicles must be registered by the state
3. Whether or not vehicle owners must carry insurance

A local ordinance may regulate:

1. Where scooters may be operated (roads, sidewalks, parks, etc)
2. Minimum age of operators
3. Whether nighttime operation is allowed
4. Whether passengers are allowed
5. What safety equipment is required on the scooters
6. Whether helmets must be worn by operators/passengers
7. Where scooters may be parked on public property
8. Whether scooters must be registered via the city

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

A local registration requirement would require further analysis to determine cost of supplies and staffing.

Restrictions on certain roadways, sidewalks, etc. would require further analysis to determine cost of appropriate signage.

**MOTION:**

Not applicable

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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