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Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: July 23, 2025 9:40 a.m. First Reading Public Hearing

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The proposed Ordinance, sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner, has been submitted for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission.

Miami Beach Promenade, which was formerly known as the "Miami Beach Drive," is a shared-use pathway parallel to, and west of, the Beachwalk that extends from approximately 24th Street to 29th Street. Presently, Miami Beach Promenade is utilized by pedestrians, along with bicyclists, and various motorized and non-motorized means of transportation (except for cars/trucks, motorcycles, and mopeds). Many pedestrians, including families with young children, seniors, and individuals with mobility challenges, utilize Miami Beach Promenade.

The City Administration has determined that the use of motorized means of transportation on Miami Beach Promenade (which motorized means of transportation are prohibited on the neighboring Beachwalk) creates potential safety hazards for pedestrians due to their speed, size, and maneuvering requirements. Moreover, the shared use of Miami Beach Promenade by pedestrians and users of such motorized means of transportation increases the risk of collisions, injuries, and obstructions, thereby compromising the safety and accessibility of the pathway.

The proposed Ordinance, if adopted, would prohibit motorized means of transportation on Miami Beach Promenade in order to ensure the safety and accessibility for pedestrians (and bicyclists), while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of City residents and visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

None.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? Yes
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Middle Beach

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

9:40 a.m. 1st Rdg PH, Prohibit Motorized Means of Transportation on MB Promenade. (Meiner)
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Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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WHEREAS, Miami Beach Promenade, which was formerly known as the "Miami Beach Drive," is a shared-use pathway parallel to, and west of, the Beachwalk that extends from approximately 24th Street to 29th Street; and

WHEREAS, presently, Miami Beach Promenade is utilized by pedestrians, along with bicyclists, and various motorized and non-motorized means of transportation (except for cars/trucks, motorcycles, and mopeds); and

WHEREAS, many pedestrians, including families with young children, seniors, and individuals with mobility challenges, utilize Miami Beach Promenade; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring the safety and enjoyment of public spaces for all users, particularly in areas of high pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has determined that the use of motorized means of transportation on Miami Beach Promenade (and are prohibited on the neighboring Beachwalk) creates potential safety hazards for pedestrians due to their speed, size, and maneuvering requirements; and

WHEREAS, the shared use of Miami Beach Promenade by pedestrians and users of such motorized means of transportation increases the risk of collisions, injuries, and obstructions, thereby compromising the safety and accessibility of the pathway; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it in the public interest to adopt reasonable regulations to ensure the safety and accessibility of Miami Beach Promenade for pedestrians (and bicyclists), while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 70-66 of Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 70 of the Miami Beach City Code is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 70

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

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ARTICLE II. PUBLIC PLACES

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DIVISION 2. BICYCLING, SKATEBOARDING, ROLLER SKATING, IN-LINE SKATING, MOTORIZED MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

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Sec. 70-66. - Definitions.

The following definitions are applicable to this division:

Autocycle means a three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Baywalk means the public pathway on the west side of the City that is adjacent and roughly parallel to Biscayne Bay, and that runs between the south side of the Collins Canal and the north end of the MacArthur Causeway, including both the segments that have already been constructed and any additional segments that may be constructed in the future.

Beachwalk means the continuous public pathway on the east side of the City that is adjacent and roughly parallel to the Atlantic Ocean, and that runs continuously between the City's northern limit (at approximately 87th Terrace) and 15th Street, and south of 5th Street to the South Pointe Park Pier.

Bicycle means every vehicle propelled solely by human power, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include such a vehicle with a seat height of no more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its highest position or a scooter or similar device. The term does not include non-motorized vehicles for hire as defined in section 106-463 of the City Code.

Bicycle path means any road, path or way that is open to bicycle travel which road, path, or way is physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or by a barrier and is located either within the highway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way, and as defined and authorized by state law and the city Code, and includes the city's coastal pathways, beachwalk, baywalk, and cutwalk that are within the Atlantic Greenway Network as set forth in appendix A.

Code compliance officer means a code inspector as defined in section 30-3 of the City Code and, for purposes of this division shall include without limitation police officers and park rangers.

Electric bicycle means a bicycle propelled by an electric motor, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as an electric bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels.

Electric personal assistive mobility device means any self-balancing, two non-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system, and includes the definition set forth in F.S. § 316.003(83), as may be amended.

Golf cart means a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes.

Grinding means the process by which a skater or skateboarder attaches to a curb or rail and slides along the edge of the curb or rail.

High impact periods mean those periods of time as annually designated by the city manager during which one or more of the following occur:

- (1) There is a designated major event period;
- (2) A maintenance of traffic plan is required (e.g., including, but not limited to, street closures, lane closures, shuttle service);
- (3) Hotel occupancy levels are anticipated to be greater than 75 percent;
- (4) Mutual aid or other assistance from outside agencies is required to provide for the safety and well-being of residents and visitors to the destinations; or
- (5) An event on public property is anticipated to result in more than 25,000 visitors to the destination.

Launching means using any angled or elevated surface which the skater, skateboarder, or cyclist can jump from in order to get airborne.

Low-speed vehicle means any four-wheeled vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour including, but not limited to, neighborhood electric vehicles.

Marina Baywalk means the public walkway on the west side of the City that is adjacent and parallel to Biscayne Bay, and that runs between the south end of the MacArthur Causeway and the south end of the Miami Beach Marina.

Moped means any vehicle with pedals to permit propulsion by human power, having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels, with a motor rated not in excess of two brake horsepower and not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground and with a power-drive system that functions directly or automatically without clutching or shifting gears by the operator after the drive system is engaged. If an internal combustion engine is used, the displacement may not exceed 50 cubic centimeters. The term does not include an electric bicycle.

Motorcycle means any motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. The term includes an autocycle, but does not include a tractor, a moped, an electric bicycle, or any vehicle in which the operator is enclosed by a cabin unless it meets the requirements set forth by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a motorcycle.

Motorized means of transportation means any devices or means of transportation which are propelled other than solely by human power and includes, but is not limited to, electric personal assistive mobility devices, motorized skateboards, motorized skates, and any other motorized device whether or not defined as a vehicle in F.S. § 316.003, as may be amended; but shall not include motorized devices and wheelchairs when used by disabled persons.

Motorized bicycle means a bicycle propelled by a combination of human power and an electric helper motor capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on

level ground, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a motorized bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include such a vehicle with a seat height of no more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its highest position or a scooter or similar device.

Motorized scooter means any vehicle or micromobility device that is powered by a motor with or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more than three wheels, and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. The term does not include an electric bicycle or motorized bicycle.

Rail sliding means an activity similar to curb or edge grinding. Handrails are often used for rail sliding, in which the skater jumps to the top of the rail and slides down the decline.

South Pointe Park Cutwalk means the public walkway on the southern end of the City that runs adjacent and parallel to Government Cut, and that runs between the south end of the Miami Beach Marina and the South Pointe Park Pier.

Stalling means the process by which a skater or skateboarder attaches to a curb or edge in the space between the second and third wheel of the in-line skate or any part of the skateboard.

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SECTION 2. That Section 70-67 of Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 70 of the Miami Beach City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 70-67. Prohibited activities.

- (a) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in skateboarding, roller skating, and in-line skating at any time, to operate any motorized means of transportation at any time, or to engage in bicycling between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., in, on, or upon any portion of Lincoln Road Mall lying west of the westerly line of Washington Avenue to the easterly line of Alton Road.
- (b) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in bicycling, roller skating, in-line skating, or skateboarding, in, on, or upon any portion of the sidewalk on the east and west sides of Ocean Drive between South Pointe Drive and 15th Street at any time.
- (c) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in bicycling, skateboarding, roller skating, or in-line skating in, on, or upon any portion of the Baywalk.
- (d) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful to operate, at any time, any motorized means of transportation, in, on, or upon any portion of:
 - (1) The Beachwalk;
 - (2) The Lummus Park Promenade (also known as the Lummus Park Serpentine Walkway) between 5th and 15th Streets;
 - (3) The sidewalks on the east and west sides of Ocean Drive between South Pointe Drive and 15th Street;
 - (4) The South Pointe Park Cutwalk;

- (5) The Baywalk;
 - (6) The Marina Baywalk;
 - (7) The interior pathways within South Pointe Park and Collins Park; and
 - (8) The South Pointe Park Pier; and
 - (9) Miami Beach Promenade (which is the shared-use pathway parallel to, and west of, the Beachwalk formerly known as Miami Beach Drive) between 24th and 29th Streets.
- (e) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful to operate any motorized means of transportation, in, on, or upon any sidewalk or sidewalk areas in the city, except for (a) wheelchairs or other motorized means of transportation when used by disabled persons and (b) electric personal assistive mobility devices, where otherwise not prohibited, which shall be restricted to a maximum speed of eight miles per hour.
 - (f) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful to operate an electric personal assistive mobility device on any bicycle path in the city, where otherwise not prohibited, at a speed greater than eight miles per hour.
 - (g) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful to grind, rail slide, launch, stall or to engage in any other such type of activity on a skateboard, in-line skates, or roller skates which results in the damage of public or private property.
 - (h) Unless exempted by section 70-68, it shall be unlawful to operate any motorized device defined as a vehicle in F.S. § 316.003, and any motorized means of transportation, on any street or road that is closed to motor vehicle traffic by the police department for events during high impact periods.
 - (i) All of the prohibitions in this section shall apply to the areas identified notwithstanding any change in the name of the street, right-of-way, or facility.

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SECTION 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. CODIFICATION.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or

re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Underline denotes additions.

~~Strike through~~ denotes deletions.

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

7/16/2025

Date

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