

ORDINANCE No. 2026-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 44, ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED “MICRO-MOBILITY DEVICES” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 44-401, “DEFINITIONS”; AMENDING SECTION 44-402, “USE ON CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY”; AMENDING SECTION 44-404, “MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS”; AND AMENDING SECTION 44-405, “ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES,” TO REVISE DEFINITIONS, RESTRICT SIDEWALK OPERATION IN DESIGNATED AREAS, REVISE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE, AND ESTABLISH A PROGRESSIVE CIVIL PENALTY SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the use of motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and other micro-mobility devices within the City of Doral (the “City”) has increased substantially in recent years, both as personal transportation and through shared mobility programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Article VII of Chapter 44 of the City Code, “Micro-Mobility Devices,” to regulate the operation, safety equipment, minimum age, registration, and enforcement provisions applicable to such devices within the City; and

WHEREAS, experience administering Article VII has demonstrated the need to clarify certain definitions, including a distinct definition for motorized or electric bicycles, to ensure consistency with Florida Statutes and the Miami-Dade County Code; and

WHEREAS, the unrestricted operation of micro-mobility devices on sidewalks within the downtown core, commercial districts, and other high pedestrian activity areas presents an unreasonable risk to pedestrian safety, and the City Council finds it necessary to restrict sidewalk operation within such designated areas; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that requiring operators between the ages of 15 and 16 to carry government-issued identification, rather than a restricted driver's license, will facilitate enforcement while remaining consistent with State law governing the licensure of minors; and

WHEREAS, the registration and decal program established under Section 44-405 requires dedicated administrative resources, including database administration, decal production, customer service, and software licensing, and the City Council finds it appropriate to establish registration fees to recover those costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that a flat civil penalty does not adequately account for the nature or severity of a violation or an operator's history of noncompliance, and that a progressive penalty schedule will provide fair notice, encourage voluntary compliance, and better protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Ordinance is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of and visitors to the City of Doral.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by this reference as findings of the City Council of the City of Doral, Florida.

Section 2. Amendment to the Code of Ordinances. Chapter 44, Article VII, "Micro-Mobility Devices," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral, Florida, is hereby amended as follows (additions to the text are indicated by underline, and deletions from

the text are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~; text that is not amended remains unchanged and in full force and effect):

Sec. 44-401. Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

Micro-mobility device shall mean any motorized scooter, bicycle equipped with an electric motor, or other personal transportation device powered by an electric motor, as defined in F.S. § 316.003(38) and (45), and Miami-Dade County Code § 2-98.3. Micro-mobility devices include, but are not limited to, electric scooters, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, one-wheel devices, hoverboards, and electric personal transporters (including Segway-type devices). The term micro-mobility device does not include motor vehicles, golf carts, or wheelchairs and other mobility devices protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Motorized scooter means any vehicle powered by a motor having not more than two wheels, no seat or saddle for the rider, and designed to be stood upon when operated, and may only be operated by one person.

Motorized or Electric Bicycle means a bicycle with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of one Operator, and an electric motor less than 750 watts.

Operator means any person who uses or rides a micro-mobility device on a public street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way.

~~Shared mobility device means a micro-mobility device made available for short term rentals to the general public, including through electronic kiosks or mobile applications.~~

Sec. 44-402. Use on city rights-of-way.

(a) Micro-mobility devices may be operated on city streets, sidewalks, and bicycle paths subject to the limitations set forth in Florida Statutes, the Miami-Dade County Code, and this article.

(b) Micro-mobility devices and motorized scooters used on city sidewalks shall not exceed 16 miles per hour (mph).

(c) Operation shall be permitted only where bicycles are lawfully permitted, unless otherwise prohibited by posted signage or specific city regulations.

(d) Operators shall yield to pedestrians at all times and exercise due care.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (a), operation of a micro-mobility device or motorized scooter on a sidewalk is prohibited within: (1) the downtown core; (2) commercial districts; (3) high pedestrian activity areas; and (4) shared-use plazas, as such areas are designated by resolution of the city council or identified by posted signage. In areas not listed above, sidewalk operation is permitted only where roadway conditions create a documented safety concern.

(f) Parks. Operation of micro-mobility devices within city parks shall be subject to such rules and restrictions as may be established by City Manager or City Manager Designee and identified by posted signage.

Sec. 44-403. Safety equipment.

(a) Every operator of a micro-mobility device or motorized scooter shall use the following safety equipment:

(1) A lamp exhibiting a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front, and a lamp and reflector exhibiting a red light visible from at least 600 feet to the rear, when operating from sunset to sunrise.

(2) Functioning brakes capable of stopping the device safely.

(b) Every operator of a micro-mobility device or motorized scooter shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet meeting federal safety standards, consistent with F.S. § 316.2065.

(c) Any person operating a micro-mobility device or motorized scooter after dusk shall wear a reflective vest.

Sec. 44-404. Minimum age requirements.

(a) All persons under the age of 15 years shall be prohibited from operating a motorized scooter or micro-mobility device upon a public right-of-way within the city.

(b) Persons who have attained the age of 15 years may operate a motorized scooter or micro-mobility device upon a public right-of-way within the city's limits, provided that they have on their person a valid ~~Florida restricted driver's license.~~ government-issued or school provided identification that identifies the operators age.

~~(c) All persons 16 years and older, operating a motorized scooter or micro-mobility device upon a public right-of-way within the city's limits, shall carry on their person a valid government-issued identification that identifies the person by name, age, and provides a photograph, or, alternatively, a valid State of Florida school identification.~~

Sec. 44-405. Enforcement and penalties.

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(a) All micro-mobility devices shall be registered with the City ~~police department~~, and shall obtain and display a city-issued micro-mobility decal. Registration shall be completed through an owner attestation process, whereby the applicant certifies ownership of the device, the device's classification, and compliance with this article, and provides the device's serial number or proof of purchase, if available. The city may conduct random audits to verify the accuracy of attestations submitted under this subsection.

(b) Following an initial sixty (60) grace period from the adoption of this Ordinance, registration fees shall be established to recover the city's administrative costs associated with the registration program, including database administration, decals, customer service, and software licensing, and shall not exceed the following: initial registration, \$15.00, which includes the registration decal; annual renewal, \$15.00; and replacement decal, \$15.00.

~~(b) (c) Violations of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.00 per violation, enforceable by the City's Code Compliance Department or the Doral Police Department.~~ Violations of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty, enforceable by the City's Code Compliance Department or the Doral Police Department, in accordance with the following progressive penalty schedule:

Violation	1st Offense*	2nd Offense	3rd+ Offense
<u>Operating in a prohibited area</u>	<u>Written warning</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Riding on a sidewalk where prohibited</u>	<u>Written warning</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Exceeding posted speed limit</u>	<u>Written warning</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Failure to yield to pedestrians</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<u>Reckless or unsafe operation</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Operating an unregistered device</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>Impoundment eligible</u>
<u>Operating after registration suspension</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>Impoundment eligible</u>
<u>Removing or altering a registration decal</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00 and decal revocation</u>

* Officers may in their discretion provide a verbal warning or written citation.

~~(e) (d)~~ Devices operated in violation of this article may be impounded by the city until compliance is achieved. Impoundment under this subsection shall be reserved for: (1) unregistered devices, following notice to the operator or owner; (2) abandoned devices; (3) repeat violations; (4) devices creating an immediate safety hazard; and (5) devices involved in criminal activity. Impoundment of the micro-mobility device shall be at the police officer's sole discretion in a manner consistent with Miami-Dade County Chapter 30.

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(e) Law Enforcement citations shall be done in pursuant to Chapter 316 of Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Incorporation Into the Code. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Doral, and it is hereby ordained, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," "division," or other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption on second reading.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	_____
Vice Mayor Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 9 day of September, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

LORENZO COBIELLA
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CITY ATTORNEY

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