

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Commission

FROM: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager

DATE: July 23, 2025

RE: Electric (E-bikes)

Background

Commission to review/discuss City's micromobility ordinance, processes, etc., relative to electronic (e-bikes), motorized bicycles.

Discussion

Adopted in 2021:

Sec. 66-130. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

<u>Micromobility device</u> means any motorized transportation device made available for private use by reservation in store or through an online application, website, or software for point-to-point trips and which is not capable of traveling at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. This term includes motorized scooters and motorized bicycles as defined by Florida Statute § 316.03. Devices required by <u>handicapped</u> are exempt.

Micromobility parking is approved parking for micromobility devices.

Micromobility provider means any person or entity which has micromobility devices that are available to the public for rental. This does not include personal motorized scooters or motorized bicycles used for private transportation by its owner.

Motorized bicycles are electric bicycles or tricycles equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts.

Motorized scooters is 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 as defined in Florida Statute § 316.003.

(Ord. No. 2021-07, § 1, 5-12-21)

Sec. 66-131. General provisions.

- (a) All motorized scooters, motorized bicycles, and micromobility devices are subject to all the rules and regulations below:
 - (1) The riding of motorized scooters, motorized bicycles, and micromobility devices shall be prohibited upon any sidewalk, shared use path, or on the beach within the city or any <u>area as</u> designated by the city where notice is posted.
 - (2) Operation of a micromobility device or privately owned motorized scooter or motorized bicycle upon a public sidewalk or walkway is prohibited except for the purposes of parking the device in an acceptable location. Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and motorized <u>bicycle</u> shall only operate within bike lanes, if available, or upon streets with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less.
 - (3) Micromobility devices and motorized scooters are prohibited from the following locations: John's Pass Boardwalk, public beaches within the City of Madeira Beach, Bicentennial Park, Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8 School, Madeira Beach Elementary School, Madeira Beach Causeway Park, and Madeira Beach R.O.C. Park, and Pinellas County Madeira Beach Access.
 - (4) The city manager has the authority to further restrict the use of motorized scooters, motorized bicycles, and micromobility devices in cases where a roadway may be closed due to an event.