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Implementation Timeline:					
Estimated Start Date: 5/21/2026			Estimated End Date: N/A		

SHORT TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28, TRAFFIC, MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS, BY CREATING ARTICLE VII, REGULATING ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND MICROMOBILITY DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

The proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances seeks approval to amend Chapter 28, Traffic, Motor Vehicles and Boats, by creating Article VII, *Regulating Electric Scooters and Micromobility Devices*, as outlined in the attached ordinance (Exhibit 1).

The proposed ordinance establishes regulations for the operation of electric scooters and other micromobility devices within the City of Hallandale Beach by identifying where such devices may operate, including designated streets, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and shared-use paths, and by establishing specific safety and operating requirements.

The ordinance also prohibits operation in certain areas, including City parks and designated no-ride zones, establishes lighting requirements, requires helmet use for riders under 16 years of age, and provides enforcement measures and civil penalties for violations.

Background:

In recent years, electric scooters and other micromobility devices have become increasingly prevalent throughout South Florida and other urban areas as a convenient option for short-distance travel. As their use has grown, local governments have evaluated regulatory approaches that promote safety, protect pedestrians, and remain consistent with State law.

In response to ongoing concerns regarding the operation of these devices on sidewalks, shared-use paths, local roads, and other public spaces, City staff reviewed the existing regulatory framework and assessed the need for local standards governing micromobility use.

Currently, the City of Hallandale Beach does not have specific local regulations addressing the operation, parking, or use of electric scooters. Under Section 316.2128, Florida Statutes, electric scooters are generally treated similarly to bicycles; however, municipalities are authorized to regulate their use on streets, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way.

Consistent with Chapter 316, Florida Statutes (Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law), the City is authorized to adopt local ordinances governing micromobility devices to address safety, operational, and enforcement considerations.

Many Florida municipalities have already adopted local regulations to enhance safety and manage micromobility devices, including provisions related to speed, permitted operating locations, and shared scooter programs.

Current Situation:

The City Code of Ordinances does not currently include provisions within Chapter 28 specifically addressing electric scooters and other micromobility devices. This lack of codified standards may create uncertainty for residents, visitors, and enforcement personnel regarding where these devices may operate and the applicable restrictions.

To address these concerns, the City proposes establishing a clear regulatory framework within Chapter 28 that defines where micromobility devices may operate, where they are restricted, and the safety requirements governing their use. The proposed ordinance is intended to improve pedestrian safety, preserve the orderly use of public spaces, provide clear guidance to users, and support consistent enforcement.

The ordinance consists of the following sections:

- Sec. 28-240. Intent
- Sec. 28-241. Definitions
- Sec. 28-242. Operation on Streets, Sidewalks, Multi-Use Paths, and City Parks
- Sec. 28-243. Traffic and Safety Requirements
- Sec. 28-244. Applicability
- Sec. 28-245. Administration and Rulemaking Authority
- Sec. 28-246. Enforcement and Penalties

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Division I, Section 5.01 of the City Charter, a City ordinance is required to amend the Code of Ordinances and establish enforceable regulations.

The proposed ordinance supports these objectives by:

- Enhancing safety for pedestrians, riders, and motorists.
- Establishing clear rules for where electric scooters and other micromobility devices may operate and where they are restricted.
- Promoting sustainable mobility options and consistent public understanding.
- Improving management of public spaces and preserving accessibility.
- Providing a legal framework for administrative rules, signage, no-ride zones, and enforcement.

Implementation of signage, administrative regulations, public education, and enforcement will be coordinated by the appropriate City departments.

Business Impact Estimate:

Pursuant to Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the requirement to prepare a business impact estimate does not apply to this ordinance, as it is adopted for the purpose of compliance with state law and regulation. Specifically, the ordinance aligns with the

authority granted under Florida Statute 316.2128, which permits municipalities to regulate the operation of electric scooters and micromobility devices on streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths and other public rights-of-way within their jurisdiction. Additionally, Section 316.008, Florida Statutes, grants municipalities broad authority to regulate traffic and the use of public roadways, provided such regulations are not in conflict with state law. As such, this ordinance is exempt from the business impact estimate requirement in accordance with statutory provisions.

Cost Benefit:

There is no significant fiscal impact associated with adopting this ordinance. Establishing local regulations for electric scooters and micromobility devices within the City of Hallandale Beach provides a meaningful public safety benefit at a relatively low implementation cost.

Clear operating standards will help reduce conflicts between riders and pedestrians in areas throughout the City where pedestrian activity is concentrated, including sidewalks, shared-use paths, commercial areas, and other public spaces.

Implementation costs are expected to be limited primarily to staff time, public outreach, signage, and coordination related to enforcement and administration. These costs are minimal when compared to the long-term benefits of reducing conflicts on sidewalks and in other shared public areas, improving compliance, preventing obstructions, and providing the City with a clear and enforceable framework for managing electric scooters and micromobility devices.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff recommend that the City Commission approve the First Reading of the attached ordinance and schedule the Second Reading accordingly.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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