

RESOLUTION No. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND FLORIDA STATUTES § 316.2128 AND § 316.2065 IN ORDER TO AMEND SAFETY GEAR REQUIREMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT AS THEY RELATE TO THE OPERATION OF MICROMOBILITY DEVICES; PROVIDING THE CITY'S LOBBYIST WITH INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral has seen significant growth in its urban core, connecting a network of residential and commercial communities, with an increasing number of residents using micromobility devices such as automated scooters and bicycles as alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, micromobility devices can reach speeds exceeding twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and their use has become more common among individuals of all ages, contributing to traffic flow and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, current Florida law allows persons under the age of sixteen (16) to operate micromobility devices and does not require the use of protective helmets; and

WHEREAS, under Florida Statute § 316.2065, persons' over the age of sixteen (16) years of age are not required to wear a protective helmet when operating a micro-mobility device; and

WHEREAS, Florida law pre-empts the City of Doral from enacting certain laws, including those that would mandate a driver's license or require protective gear, such as helmets, for micromobility device operators; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes §§ 316.2128 and 316.2065, restrict the City's power and responsibility to protect its residents and regulate the use of micro-mobility devices on its rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote public safety and reduce risks associated with the use of micromobility devices, the City of Doral seeks to increase the safety of riders and improve the visibility of these devices on our roads, particularly during low-light conditions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Doral recommends that the Florida Legislature amend Florida Statutes §§ 316.2128 and 316.2065 to include additional safety measures, including the following:

1. Requiring a valid Florida Driver's License to operate a micromobility device;
2. Mandating the use of protective helmets for individuals eighteen (18) years of age and younger who operate a micromobility device;
3. Requiring all micromobility device riders to wear reflective gear in order to increase visibility and safety, particularly during nighttime or low-light conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Urging Florida State Legislature to Amend Florida State Statutes §§ 316.2128 and 316.2065. The Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Doral approve this resolution and urge our Florida State Legislature to amend Florida Statute Statutes § 316.2128, in order to require a drivers license in order to operate a micro-mobility device,

and to amend Statutes § 316.2065, in order to require the use of a helmet for all persons eighteen (18) years and younger that operate a micro-mobility device.

Section 3. Providing Instructions to the City's Lobbyist. The City Clerk is instructed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City of Doral's Lobbyist, and instruct our City Lobbyist to request and encourage our State Legislature to amend Florida Statutes §§ 316.2128 and 316.2065 as provided in this Resolution

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilman Rafael Pineyro.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of March, 2025.

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:

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