



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCES TO CREATE MICROMOBILITY ORDINANCES IN CONFORMANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES § 316.2128 AND § 316.2065 IN ORDER TO REQUIRE AGE RESTRICTION, AMEND SAFETY GEAR REQUIREMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT AS THEY RELATE TO THE OPERATION OF MICROMOBILITY DEVICES; PROVIDING CITY ATTORNEY WITH INSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BRIEF HISTORY:

The increasing adoption of micromobility options such as electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other small, motorized personal transportation devices has created both opportunities and challenges for urban municipalities. These devices offer a convenient and sustainable alternative for short-distance travel but have also raised concerns around pedestrian safety, proper rider behavior, and regulatory enforcement.

The City of Doral has previously taken proactive steps by passing Resolutions aimed at promoting the safe and responsible use of micromobility devices. These measures have addressed issues such as rider decorum, safety equipment requirements, and operational guidelines. However, the City's ability to enforce these Resolutions has historically been limited by preemption at the state level.

II. Overview of Senate Bill 462

On July 1, 2025, Senate Bill 462 was signed into law in Florida as an omnibus transportation bill that includes key provisions related to micromobility. The legislation empowers local governments in the following critical areas:

Regulatory Authority:

Local jurisdictions are now authorized to adopt ordinances establishing age and identification requirements for the operation of micromobility devices.

Safety Education:

The bill allows municipalities to offer training programs on the safe use of electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility equipment.

These legislative changes grant cities like Doral expanded authority to tailor micromobility rules and enforcement mechanisms to suit local needs and safety objectives.

III. Current Legislative Implications for the City of Doral

The passage of SB 462 provides a clear legal pathway for the enforcement of previously ratified Resolution No. 25-82 passed on its last iteration on March 12, 2025, regarding micromobility safety and rider behavior in Doral. However, as the City of Doral holds jurisdiction within its municipal roads this new piece of legislation might expand our local law enforcement officers' jurisdiction of supervision of the proposed fines.

This includes the establishment of enforceable fines, citations, and penalties that address violations such as:

Missing lights or reflectors (especially for nighttime use):

Proposed fine: \$35–\$100. Could include mandatory equipment inspections or a compliance notice.

Reckless riding:

Includes speeding, disobeying traffic signals, or endangering pedestrians.

Proposed fine: \$100–\$300, potentially requiring a court appearance.

Helmet violations:

Proposed fine: Up to \$200. Potential waiver of fines with proof of helmet purchase and completion of a safety course.

Underage operation of micromobility devices:

Age limits to be established via ordinance (typically 16–18 years old).

Penalties could include fines, community service, or educational courses.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
01/01/2025	Resolution No. 25-01	Approved

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures in the amount of:

☒ \$50,000.00 or less

☐ \$50,000.00 or more

RECOMMENDATION:

In light of SB 462 and the City's commitment to public safety, the following steps are recommended:

Enforcement Protocol:

Collaborate with the Doral Police Department to create enforcement guidelines.
Implement a citation/fine system for violations, with options for education-based alternatives.

Public Safety Education:

Develop micromobility safety workshops and outreach campaigns.
Provide resources online and through local schools or youth programs.

Community Engagement:

Hold public forums or surveys to gauge resident input on micromobility safety.
Partner with micromobility companies to ensure operator accountability and safety compliance.

Legal Review and Compliance:

Engage the City Attorney to ensure the proposed ordinance is consistent with SB 462 and other applicable laws. Address any remaining preemption concerns or conflicts with state legislation.

I respectfully requests the collaboration and guidance of the Chief of Police, City Attorney, and City Manager to:

- Begin drafting the appropriate ordinance text.
- Develop an enforcement and educational strategy.
- Present a coordinated action plan at the next City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Draft Resolution.