Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Mayor Christi Fraga
               Councilwoman Digna Cabral
               Councilman Rafael Pineyro
               Councilwoman Maureen Porras

From: Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corvé

Subject: **Motorized Scooters in the City of Doral**

Introduction

The operation of motorized scooters on streets and sidewalks within the City of Doral has significantly increased over the last couple of years. This has resulted in numerous accidents involving serious injuries, including yesterday's accident where two local high school students were airlifted to Kendall Regional Hospital.

At the December 6, 2023 Council Meeting, I put forth an item regarding scooter safety. By consent of the entire council, we moved forward in agreement to create a scooter safety educational campaign. Staff moved forward with fact-based messaging encouraging safety and raising awareness. Despite the City's significant efforts to engage in this public education campaign and to promote safety, tragic accidents involving motorized scooters continue to happen.

The Village of Key Biscayne recently enacted a 60-day prohibition of electric bicycles and motorized scooters giving Miami-Dade County time to create an ordinance which enforces motorized scooter regulations, Across the United States, many states are enacting laws. As we wait for the county ordinance, my recommendation is that we use this time to enhance our research and communicate:

- Rules for enhancing rider safety focusing on aspects like helmets, reflectors, minimum rider age, where they can be ridden, and where they cannot
- Strategies to create greater vehicle driver awareness – raising awareness of the scooters on the roads, especially for heavier trafficked areas like school zones, shopping centers, and major intersections

For the benefit of the Council, I have attached two articles to this memo on this subject from other states.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation

I ask my colleagues to support this item. Thank you in advance.