

SUNRISE, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 “TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES,” ARTICLE I “IN GENERAL,” BY CREATING SECTION 14-3, ENTITLED “ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICES IN PUBLIC PARKS,” TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICES IN PUBLIC PARKS EXCEPT ON PARK ROADS AND IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Sunrise, Florida, currently does not regulate the use of electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and motorized mobility devices in public parks; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated use of electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and motorized mobility devices in public parks creates significant public health and safety risks due to the use of public parks by families, children, and sports organizations; the higher speeds associated with motorized devices compared to traditional bicycles and scooters; and the large number of children operating such devices; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies, including those from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Rady Children’s Hospital, National Institutes of Health, and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, have found that over recent years there has been an exponential increase in accidents, injuries, and fatalities relating to the use of electric bicycles and motorized scooters; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the Code of the City of Sunrise, Florida to establish Section 14-3, entitled “Electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and motorized mobility devices in public parks”; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to amend the City Code to define and regulate the use of electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and motorized mobility devices in public parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing at which all members of the public so desiring had an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing Whereas clauses are hereby ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That the Code of the City of Sunrise, Florida, is hereby amended by creating Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-3, entitled "Electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and motorized mobility devices in public parks," to read as follows:

CHAPTER 14 - TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

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Sec. 14-3. ~~Reserved.~~ - Electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and motorized mobility devices in public parks.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following words and terms shall have the meanings provided.

Electric Bicycle: a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets the requirements of one of the following three classifications:

"Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

"Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

“Class 3 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Motorized Mobility Device: Any personal 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 one or more wheels including, but not limited to, boards, skateboards, skates, hoverboards, or other similar personal mobility devices. This definition shall not include a motorized wheelchair or similar mobility device used for mobility purposes by persons with disabilities.

Motorized Scooter: 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. The term does not include an electric bicycle.

Public Park: Any park, recreational, athletic, or playground area or facility administered by the City's Leisure Services Department and maintained as a public park or recreational facility, whether or not such areas have been formally dedicated to such purpose.

Recreational Facility: Any area or facility administered by the City's Leisure Services Department and maintained for active or passive recreational activities by the general public, including but not limited to golf courses, multipurpose centers, and public plazas designed primarily for pedestrian traffic.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, no person shall drive or operate any electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or motorized mobility device on any area within a public park or recreational facility, except for park roads and designated parking areas for parking purposes only. When operating such devices on park roads, no person shall drive or operate such devices at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour. The operator of such devices shall obey all safety rules and regulations set forth by state law, and the operator shall respect the safety and security of other park users.

(c) The prohibitions contained in this Section shall not apply to motorized mobility devices used by disabled persons or park personnel, or as otherwise authorized by the City Manager.

(d) Violations. Violations of this Section may be enforced by park personnel, issuance of a warning or citation by the City's police department, or by any other means permitted by law.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, all City Code sections or parts of City Code sections, and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

Section 5. Inclusion in the Code. It is the intention of the City Commission, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Sunrise, Florida.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon this first reading this 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon this second reading this _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Mayor Michael J. Ryan

Felicia M. Bravo
City Clerk

FIRST READING

MOTION: SCUOTTO
SECOND: CLARKE

CLARKE: YEA
GUZMAN: YEA
KERCH: YEA
SCUOTTO: YEA
RYAN: YEA

Approved by the City Attorney
as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

SECOND READING

MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____

CLARKE: _____
GUZMAN: _____
KERCH: _____
SCUOTTO: _____
RYAN: _____

Thomas P. Moss