

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 74 -TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE IN ORDER TO AMEND ORDINANCES ALLOWING USE OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS ON CERTAIN CITY SIDEWALKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Earlier this year, pursuant to Ordinance 2018-36, the City Commission allowed the use of motorized scooters on sidewalks throughout the City, with the exception of those sidewalks located along Miracle Mile, Ponce de Leon Boulevard three blocks north and south of Miracle Mile, and on all of Giralda Plaza or where otherwise posted. After review of the ongoing pilot program for motorized scooters, the City Commission wishes to remove the codified prohibition regarding the riding of scooters along Ponce de Leon Boulevard three blocks north and south of Miracle Mile.

In the alternative, the City Commission may wish to consider removing the codification of restrictions on any particular sidewalk, and instead enact an ordinance that simply states that the riding of motorized scooters is permissible upon all sidewalks in the City, except where such prohibition is posted. An ordinance that limits restrictions on sidewalk riding of motorized scooters to only where posted, may provide the City Commission with more flexibility in determining where motorized scooters may be ridden, as the City Commission could direct staff to post via resolution, rather than ordinance

1. Proposed Ordinance