

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11, "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", ARTICLE VII, "PARK REGULATIONS", SECTION 11-69 "DEFINITIONS" TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF "ELECTRIC BICYCLE", "MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICE" AND "MOTORIZED SCOOTER", AND AMENDING SECTION 11-70 "TRAFFIC IN PARKS" TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS IN CITY OWNED PARKS, EXCEPT ON PARK ROADS AND IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS FOR PARKING PURPOSES ONLY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-70 of the City Code of Ordinances (the "City Code") entitled "Traffic in parks" includes regulations and restrictions that apply in all City owned parks, and Section 11-69 of the City Code includes definitions applicable to the regulations in City Code Section 11-70; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-70(d) of the City Code provides that "No person shall drive any motorized vehicle on any area except park roads or parking areas or such other areas as are designated as temporary parking areas", and "vehicle" is broadly defined but does not expressly include electric bicycles, motorized mobility devices, and motorized scooters; and

**WHEREAS**, the unregulated use of electric bicycles, motorized mobility devices, and motorized scooters in City owned parks can create significant public health and safety risks due to the significant use of the City parks by families, children, and sports organizations, and the higher speeds associated with electric bicycles, motorized mobility devices and motorized scooters; and

**WHEREAS**, these safety concerns are also particularly heightened with respect to the vast number of children operating these devices; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of studies including from the University of California at San Francisco, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Medical Journal JAMA Surgery, League of American Bicyclists, Journal of Clinical Medicine, and the University of California Los Angeles have found that over the last couple of years there has been an exponential increase in the amount of injuries, accidents, and fatalities relating to the use of electric bicycles and motorized scooters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has the authority to adopt this Ordinance pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to amend Sections 11-69 and 11-70 of the City Code to define electric bicycle, motorized mobility device, and motorized scooter, and to prohibit the use of electric bicycles, motorized mobility devices, and motorized scooters in all City owned parks, except on park roads and in designated parking areas for parking purposes only.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above referenced “Whereas” clauses are true and correct and made a part hereof.

**Section 2.** Chapter 11, “Offenses and Miscellaneous provisions”, Article VII, “Park Regulations”, Section 11-69 “Definitions” of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows<sup>1</sup>:

**Sec. 11-69. - Definitions.**

For the purposes of this article, the following words have the meanings indicated:

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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:

(a) “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.

(b) “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.

(c) “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.

This term does not include motorized scooters.

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<sup>1</sup> Additions to City Code text are shown in underline. Deletions to Code text are shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

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 golfcarts or a motorized wheelchair or similar mobility device used for mobility purposes by persons with disabilities.

Motorized Scooter: Any vehicle not having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, designed to travel on not more than three wheels, and not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground. This term does not include electric bicycles.

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Vehicle: Any wheeled conveyance (except a baby carriage or invalid wheelchair) for the transportation of persons or materials whether:

- (1) Powered or drawn by motor as an automobile, truck, motorcycle or scooter; or
- (2) Animal-drawn as a carriage, wagon or cart; or
- (3) Any self-propelled bicycle or tricycle; or
- (4) Any trailer in tow of any size, kind or description.

**Section 3.** Chapter 11, "Offenses and Miscellaneous provisions", Article VII, "Park Regulations", Section 11-70 "Traffic in parks" of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 11-70. - Traffic in parks.**

The restrictions and regulations contained herein shall apply to all city parks as follows:

- (a) State law. All applicable provisions of laws and rules regulating the equipment and operation of motor vehicles on Florida highways will be strictly enforced in the parks, together with such rules provided in this article.
- (b) Directions of traffic. All traffic officers and designated park employees are authorized and instructed to direct traffic whenever and whenever needed in the parks and on the highways, streets or roads immediately adjacent thereto in accordance with the provisions of this article and such supplementary rules as may be issued by the division or other state agency. No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of such officer or employee. All persons shall observe carefully all traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping or parking and all others posted for proper control and to safeguard life and property.
- (c) Speed of vehicles in parks. No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour.

(d) Restriction to roads. No person shall drive any motorized vehicle on any area except park roads or parking areas or such other areas as are designated as temporary parking areas.

(e) Parking.

(1) All motor cars shall be parked only in established and indicated parking areas or in such other areas and at such times as may be designated.

(2) Full parking on roads or driveways is forbidden at all times except in an emergency.

(3) No person shall park or station any vehicle in any zone designated and marked no parking or otherwise marked for restricted use except briefly for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or freight.

(4) No person shall make nonemergency repairs, perform routine maintenance or wash any vehicle in any city park or recreation area.

(5) No vehicles are permitted to remain in a parking area after closing hours. Any vehicle parked continuously in the park for in excess of twenty-four (24) hours will be towed at the owner's expense.

(f) Bicycles. Except as otherwise provided herein, Bicycles may be ridden on any designated roads or trails. When riding vehicular roads, they must observe all safety rules and regulations as constituted by state law. Bicyclists shall, when riding or parking their bikes, respect the safety and security of other park users.

(g) Electric bicycles, motorized mobility devices and motorized scooters. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, electric bicycles, motorized mobility devices, and motorized scooters are prohibited from operating on any sidewalks, bike paths or trails within City parks. No person shall drive or operate any electric bicycle, motorized mobility device, or motorized scooter on any area within City parks, 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 ten (10) miles per hour. The operator of such devices shall obey all safety rules and regulations as constituted by state law, and the operator shall respect the safety and security of other park users.

(gh) [Prohibited areas.] All wheeled vehicles are prohibited from all tennis and basketball courts, but may be ridden on any designated road or trail.

(hi) [Penalty.] The penalty for violation of this section shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each incident, except that the penalty for violation of subsection (g) above shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(ij) [Enforcement.] Violations of this section may be enforced by issuance of a citation as provided in chapter 20 of this Code or by any other means permitted by law.

**Section 4.** It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Parkland that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Parkland, Florida, that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered, and the word "Ordinance" maybe be changed to "Section", Article" or such other word or phrase to accomplish such intention.

**Section 5.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, and Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6.** If any phrase, clause, section or other part or application of the Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

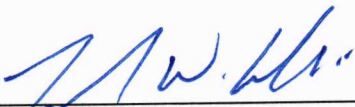
**Section 7.** The appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Ordinance.

**Section 8.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Parkland.

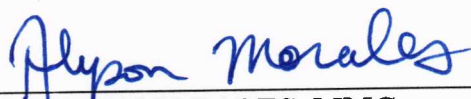
PASSED 1<sup>ST</sup> READING THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

ADOPTED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

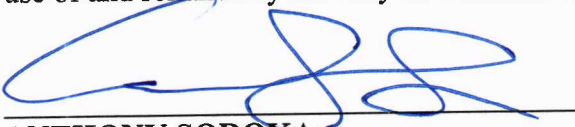
**CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA**

  
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**RICHARD W. WALKER**  
**MAYOR**

ATTEST:

  
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**ALYSON MORALES, MMC**  
**CITY CLERK**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency for the use of and reliance by the City of Parkland only:

  
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**ANTHONY SOROKA**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**



Record of the vote

Mayor Walker

yes

Vice Mayor Isrow

yes

Commissioner Brier

yes

Commissioner Kanterman

yes

Commissioner Murphy Salomone

yes