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2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

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5 A BILL

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7 **For an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Revised Municipal Code creating**
8 **additional requirements for persons who offer electrical assisted bicycles or**
9 **electric scooters for rental in Denver.**
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11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

12 **Section 1.** That chapter 54, article I of the Code is amended by adding the language
13 underlined, to read as follows:

14 **Sec. 54-1. - Definitions.**

15 Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the following meaning respectively ascribed to
16 them:

17 (32) *Mandatory Parking Zone* shall mean a zone within the City and County of Denver where
18 rented electric scooter or rented electric assisted bicycle users must park in a designated area or
19 corral to end their trip. The manager of the department of transportation and infrastructure shall
20 designate mandatory parking zones, which shall at minimum, consist of the statistical neighborhoods
21 of Union Station, Five Points and the Central Business District, and the method of parking to be used
22 in such zones.

23 (3233) *Markings* shall mean all lines, patterns, words, colors or other devices, except signs, set
24 into the surface of, applied upon or attached to the pavement or curbing or to objects within or
25 adjacent to the roadway and placed for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

26 (3334) *Median* shall mean an area marked or constructed upon a roadway, or between two (2)
27 adjacent roadways, for the purpose of separating opposing traffic, other than a standard centerline.

28 (35) *Micromobility Device Company* shall mean a person that offers at least one hundred
29 (100) electrical assisted bicycles, electric scooters, or a combination of electrical assisted bicycles and
30 electric scooters for rental at any given time.

31 (3436) *Motorcycle* shall mean every motor vehicle that uses handlebars to steer and is designed
32 to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground except that the term does not
33 include a "farm tractor" or low-power scooter as defined in subsection (31.5) of this section.

34 (35—37) Reserved.

35 (64.2) *Sidewalk Riding Detection Technology* shall mean any hardware or software mechanism

1 that detects when a device, to a high degree of certainty, is mounting or riding on a sidewalk, including
2 but not limited to:

- 3 a. GPS location-based technology that detects mounting or riding on the sidewalk;
- 4 b. Camera-based detection technology that detects mounting or riding on the sidewalk;
- 5 c. Gyroscopes, accelerometers, or other similar methods of detecting patterns of vibration
6 typical of mounting or riding on the sidewalk.

7 (64.5) *Sidewalk Riding Safety Features* shall mean safety features which rely on sidewalk riding
8 detection technology to deter sidewalk riding, such as:

- 9 a. Increased trip billing for the time and distance a rider uses the sidewalk;
- 10 b. Gradually decelerating a scooter that is on a sidewalk;
- 11 c. Emitting a continuous and audible message to riders, such as “no sidewalk riding”;
- 12 d. Provision of an end-of-trip performance report informing the rider of any possible
13 sidewalk riding violations.

14 (75) ~~Reserved.~~

15 ~~(76)~~ Truck shall mean any motor vehicle which is used for the transportation or delivery of
16 goods with a body built and designed for that purpose.

17 ~~(77)~~ Truck loading zone shall mean an area adjacent to the curb reserved for the exclusive
18 use of trucks during the actual loading or unloading of goods. For the purpose of use of truck loading
19 zones, trucks are defined as all vehicles bearing truck registration plates or a permit issued by the
20 manager of safety.

21 ~~(78)~~ Truck tractor shall mean every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing
22 other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle
23 and load so drawn.

24 (78) User compliance test shall mean a test, approved by the manager of transportation of
25 infrastructure, which is designed to assess user familiarity with laws and regulations regarding riding
26 an electric scooter or electrical assisted bicycle. The test shall address, at a minimum, proper device
27 parking, proper and safe riding, sidewalk riding, helmet use, areas where use is not allowed.

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29 **Section 2.** That a new division 2 shall be added to Chapter 54, Article IX, to read as follows:
30 **DIVISION 2. ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS OFFERED FOR**
31 **RENTAL**

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33 **Sec. 54-583. – Parking.**

1 (a) An electrical assisted bicycle or electric scooter offered for rental must be parked in a
2 designated area or corral if the trip ends in the mandatory parking zone.

3 (b) In all locations outside of the mandatory parking zone, an electrical assisted bicycle shall
4 be parked in a manner consistent with division 1 and an electric scooter offered for rental shall be
5 parked in a manner consistent division 4 of this article.

6 (c) A micromobility device company shall communicate these requirements to users at the
7 time of rental.

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9 **Sec. 54-584. – Safety and accessibility standards.**

10 (a) Any user of a rented electrical assisted bicycle or electric scooter must comply with
11 division 1 and 4 of this article.

12 (b) A micromobility device company shall equip electric scooters with sidewalk riding
13 detection technology and utilize one or more sidewalk riding safety features.

14 (c) A micromobility device company shall develop and implement an adaptive device
15 program and a communications plan that includes at least five (5) percent of each licensee's total
16 operational devices. The plan shall be annually approved by City Council no later than July 1 of each
17 year.

18 (d) A micromobility device company shall provide a program to offer discounted rates to
19 individuals that participate in a local, state or federal public benefits program.

20 (e) A micromobility device company shall require users to pass a user compliance test prior
21 to their first use of an electric scooter, and intermittently thereafter, at an interval determined by the
22 manager of transportation and infrastructure.

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24 **Sec. 54-585. – Reporting and outreach requirements.**

25 (a) A micromobility device company shall:

26 (1) Conduct in-person outreach events quarterly, at least half of which shall be in areas of
27 concern as defined by the manager of transportation and infrastructure using sidewalk riding detection
28 data; and

29 (2) Distribute information on safe riding, parking, and local regulations.

30 (b) A micromobility device company shall submit quarterly reports to the manager of
31 transportation and infrastructure and city council that contain both year-to-date and previous month
32 data on the following:

33 (1) Outreach and education events, including the number of events, organizations involved,
34 and publication of user compliance tests;

(2) The number of riders who rented from the person and rode for more than one city block on a sidewalk in violation of this chapter, the location of the sidewalk violations, the number of riders who rented from the person and were warned or penalized for riding on the sidewalk during the, the total amount of penalties assessed against riders who rented from the person, and safety features employed by the person offering electrical assisted bicycles or electric scooters for rental;

(3) Crash and incident data that includes the location of the event, the age of the rider(s) who rented from the person and were involved in the event, whether a helmet was used by the rider during the event, and injury or injuries sustained by the riders who rented from the person;

(4) Environmental impact of electrical assisted bicycles or electric scooters offered for rental, including carbon emissions, battery recycling status, and metrics on the average life cycle of an electrical assisted bicycle or electric scooter offered for rental;

(5) The number of free helmets provided to individuals, the number of discounted helmets provided, and the nature of the discount; and

(6) The number of electrical assisted bicycles or electric scooters offered to people with disabilities, the type of electrical assisted bicycle or electric scooter, and the name of any organization met with to determine if the needs of people with disabilities are being effectively met.

Sec. 54-587. - Liability; enforcement and penalties.

A violation of this division shall be a noncriminal violation upon which the manager is authorized to issue administrative citations pursuant to article XII, chapter 2. A micromobility company shall be liable for any violation of division 1 or division 4 committed by a user of an electric scooter or electrical assisted bicycle rented from the company.

Sec. 54-587. - Rules.

The manager of transportation and infrastructure shall promulgate rules and regulations to further govern the use of electrical assisted bicycles or electric scooters offered for rental in the City and County of Denver including, but not limited to, any rules necessary to set mandatory parking zones, provide for signage or other identification for mandatory parking zones, define and update accessibility standards, define the shape, form and style of information on safe riding, parking, and other regulatory requirements.

Secs. ~~54-583~~588—54-599. - Reserved.

DIVISION ~~23~~. - ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES

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DIVISION 34. - ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Sec. 54-624. - Rules.

~~The department of public works manager of transportation and infrastructure may promulgate rules and regulations to further govern the use of electric scooter in the City and County of Denver including, but not limited to, any rules necessary to address notices of violation by electric scooter companies, administrative citations to electric scooter companies, and other remedies for failure of an electric scooter company for violating a permit or failing to obtain a permit.~~

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2026.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2025.
MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2025.
PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2025
_____- PRESIDENT
APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2025
ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2025; _____ 2025

PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: February 20, 2025

Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

Kerry Tipper, City Attorney

BY: _____, _____ City Attorney DATE: _____