

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. 25-0599

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

4 Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure

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6 A BILL

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

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

15 **Sec. 54-1. - Definitions.**

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

18 (32) Mandatory Parking Zone shall mean a zone within the city where rented electric
19 scooter or rented electric assisted bicycle users must park in a designated area or corral to end their
20 trip. The manager of the department of transportation and infrastructure shall designate mandatory
21 parking zones by rules and regulations, which shall at minimum, consist of the entire statistical
22 neighborhood of union station, the entire statistical neighborhood of the central business district, and
23 areas within the five points statistical neighborhood, along with the method of parking to be used in
24 such zones. The statistical neighborhood of union station shall be a mandatory parking zone by Dec
25 31, 2026, and the statistical neighborhood of central business district shall be a mandatory parking
26 zone by July 1, 2027.

27 (3233) Markings shall mean all lines, patterns, words, colors or other devices, except signs,
28 set into the surface of, applied upon or attached to the pavement or curbing or to objects within or
29 adjacent to the roadway and placed for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

30 (3334) Median shall mean an area marked or constructed upon a roadway, or between two
31 (2) adjacent roadways, for the purpose of separating opposing traffic, other than a standard
32 centerline.

33 (35) Micromobility Device Company shall mean a person that enters into a license
34 agreement with the city to operate and make available for rent micromobility devices such as electric
35 assisted bicycles, electric scooters, or a combination thereof, via the public right-of-way.

1 (~~34~~36) *Motorcycle* shall mean every motor vehicle that uses handlebars to steer and is
2 designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground except that the term
3 does not include a "farm tractor" or low-power scooter as defined in subsection (31.5) of this section.

4 (~~35—37~~) Reserved.

5 (64.2) *Sidewalk Riding Detection Technology* shall mean any hardware or software
6 mechanism that detects when a device is mounting or riding on a sidewalk, including but not limited
7 to:

- 8 a. GPS location-based technology that detects mounting or riding on the sidewalk;
9 b. Camera-based detection technology that detects mounting or riding on the sidewalk;
10 c. Gyroscopes, accelerometers, or other similar methods of detecting patterns of
11 vibration typical of mounting or riding on the sidewalk.

12 (64.5) *Sidewalk Riding Safety Features* shall mean safety features which rely on sidewalk
13 riding detection technology to deter sidewalk riding, such as:

- 14 a. Increased trip billing for the time and distance a rider uses the sidewalk;
15 b. Emitting a continuous and audible message to riders, such as "no sidewalk riding";
16 c. Provision of an end-of-trip performance report informing the rider of any possible
17 sidewalk riding violations.

18 (~~75~~) Reserved.

19 (~~76~~) *Truck* shall mean any motor vehicle which is used for the transportation or delivery of
20 goods with a body built and designed for that purpose.

21 (~~77~~6) *Truck loading zone* shall mean an area adjacent to the curb reserved for the exclusive
22 use of trucks during the actual loading or unloading of goods. For the purpose of use of truck loading
23 zones, trucks are defined as all vehicles bearing truck registration plates or a permit issued by the
24 manager of safety.

25 (~~78~~7) *Truck tractor* shall mean every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing
26 other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle
27 and load so drawn.

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

1 **Section 2.** That a new division 2 shall be added to Chapter 54, Article IX, to read as follows:

2 **DIVISION 2. ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS OFFERED FOR**
3 **RENTAL**

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5 **Sec. 54-583. – Parking.**

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

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

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

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

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

17 (b) A micromobility device company shall equip electric scooters with sidewalk riding
18 detection technology.

19 (c) The micromobility device company shall use or activate sidewalk riding safety features
20 upon the determination of the manager of the department of transportation and infrastructure that
21 the safety features utilized by the company is operating with a high degree of certainty.

22 (d) A micromobility device company shall develop and implement an adaptive device
23 program and a communications plan that includes at least five (5) percent of each licensee's total
24 operational devices. The plan shall be annually approved by city council no later than July 1 of each
25 year.

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

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

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

33 (a) A micromobility device company shall:

34 (1) Conduct in-person outreach events quarterly, at least half of which shall be in areas of

concern as defined by the manager of transportation and infrastructure using sidewalk riding detection data; and

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

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

(1) List of outreach and education events with attendee numbers and results of any user compliance tests taken at each;

(2) Sidewalk riding violations, including number and location;

(3) Warnings, fines or penalties issued to riders, including location and reason;

(4) List of crashes or other incidents that caused injury or damage, including location, cause, age and violation history of rider, and, if known, whether the rider was wearing a helmet and the nature of any injury sustained.

(5) Information supporting assessment of the environmental impact of the rental program, including carbon emissions impacts and lifecycle metrics of devices offered for rental.

(6) The number, type, and rental frequency of micromobility devices offered for rental with features designed to accommodate riders with disabilities.

Sec. 54-586. - 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 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.

1 **DIVISION 23. - ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES**

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3 **DIVISION 34. - ELECTRIC SCOOTERS**

4 **Sec. 54-624. - Rules.**

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

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

12 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: April 29, 2025

13 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

14 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL 05/19/2025

15 *Anuradha P. Sandorai* - PRESIDENT

16 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

17 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
18 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
19 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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21 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ ; _____

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23 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 8, 2025

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25 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
26 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
27 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
28 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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30 Katie J. McLoughlin, Interim City Attorney

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32 BY: *Anshul Bagga*, Assistant City Attorney DATE: 05/08/2025