

ORDINANCE NO. 2020- \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES," BY AMENDING SECTION 70-70.1 THEREOF, ENTITLED "RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERSONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES PROVIDING RENTALS OR LEASES OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES," BY LIMITING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES WHICH PERSONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES MAY RENT OR LEASE; BY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROHIBIT THE RENTAL OR LEASE OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES UPON DECLARATION OF A HIGH IMPACT PERIOD; BY PROHIBITING THE OVERNIGHT RENTAL OR LEASE OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 70-71 THEREOF, ENTITLED "ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES," BY SETTING FORTH ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 70-70.1, AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach (the "City") is an internationally renowned tourist destination; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the City's domestic and international popularity as a resort destination, many events, both authorized by City permits and otherwise, occur on a regular and frequent basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the City has seen an increasingly large number of visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the large influx of visitors places additional stress on the City's infrastructure, including the City's beaches, parks, roadways and sidewalks, and places increased demands on the City's police, fire, code compliance and sanitation resources; and

**WHEREAS**, these additional stressors include the large number of visitors who rent mopeds, motorcycles powered by motors with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycles do so in order to "joyride" around the City; and

**WHEREAS**, due to their small size, mopeds, motorcycles powered by motors with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycles may be used to weave in and out of traffic, and on and off sidewalks and bicycle paths, thereby endangering pedestrians, cyclists and operators of other motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2018-4196, amending Chapter 70 of the City Code, entitled "Miscellaneous Offenses," to establish regulations for the rental or lease of electric bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and motorized scooters; and prohibit the rental or lease of a moped, motorcycle that is powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycle, during specified dates each year; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2019-4232 amending section 70-70.1 of the City Code, entitled "Responsibilities of persons and business entities providing rentals or leases of mopeds, motorcycles, and motorized bicycles" to remove the prohibition regarding the rental or lease of a moped, motorcycle or motorized bicycle during specified dates each year, and instead set forth certain requirements with which those persons and business entities that provide rentals or leases of mopeds, motorcycles powered by motors with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycles must comply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission, and City Administration, continue to receive numerous complaints regarding the careless and often illegal operations of these rented and leased mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycles within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, City Police Department records demonstrate that the increased presence of these business entities that rent and lease mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycles continue to result in a large number of violations of state and local laws, and generate a great deal of complaints of dangerous and reckless conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the dangers posed by increased numbers of rented and leased mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycles in the City, the Mayor and City Commission desire to adopt the amendments set forth herein, as necessary to promote the public safety of the City' s residents, visitors, and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Division 2 of Article 11 of Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 70**

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**MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES**

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## ARTICLE II. Public Places

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### **DIVISION 2. Bicycling, Skateboarding, Roller Skating, In-Line Skating, Motorized Means of Transportation, Electric Bicycling, Mopeds, Motorcycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters**

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#### **Sec. 70 -70. 1. Responsibilities of persons and business entities providing rentals or leases of mopeds, motorcycles, and motorized bicycles.**

- (a) Any person or business entity that engages in the rental or lease of mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycles, must:
- (1) Provide a copy of the provisions of this section to each consumer prior to the consumer renting or leasing a moped, motorcycle that is powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycle;
  - (2) Obtain an assigned alphabetical character from the city, which must be utilized exclusively by the person or business entity as the first character in each unique device ID number required pursuant to this section;
  - (3) Create a unique device ID number for each moped, motorcycle that is powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle that is leased or rented, and such unique device ID number must be comprised of a total of three alphanumeric characters, beginning with the alphabetical character assigned by the city, and followed by two numerical characters;
  - (4) Securely affix the unique device ID number, in a location not likely to be obscured by the body of the rider or passenger, to the front, left rear side and right rear side of each moped, motorcycle that is powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle that is leased or rented, in lettering and numbering at least four inches in height and in a contrasting color to the background upon which it is affixed;
  - (5) Securely affix the name and telephone number of the person or business entity that rents or leases such mopeds, motorcycles, or motorized bicycles, in a location not likely to be obscured by the body of the rider or passenger, to the left and right sides of each moped, motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle that is leased or rented in lettering at least two inches in height and in a contrasting color to the background upon which it is affixed;

- (6) Install and maintain a fully operable global positioning system (GPS) tracking device onto each moped, motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle that is leased or rented;
- (7) On an annual basis, provide the city manager with a written notice certifying that a fully operable GPS tracking device has been installed onto each moped, motorcycle powered by a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle; and
- (8) On the first day of each month, unless the first day of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, in which case the next business day, submit a certificate to the chief of police, or his/her designee, identifying each moped, motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle that is leased or rented. The certification must include:
  - a. The unique device ID number, along with the corresponding license plate number, for each moped, motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, and motorized bicycle that is leased or rented; and
  - b. The date, time and location of each moped, motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less or motorized bicycle, that was disabled pursuant to a notification of improper operation for the preceding month.
- (9) Provide the city's police department and code compliance department with a phone number at which the person or business entity may be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, regarding potential violations of this section.

(b) Any person or business entity that engages in the rental or lease of mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycles, shall only maintain a maximum of twenty-five (25) total such vehicles within its fleet.

(c) The city manager may, upon declaration of a high impact period, as provided in section 82-443 of the City Code, order the immediate suspension and closure of any business entities providing rentals or leases of mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycles.

(d) Prohibition – No overnight rentals or leases

(1) No person or business entity shall rent or lease; or make available for rent or lease; or permit another to rent or lease any moped, motorcycle that is powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycle between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. each day.

(2) Persons or business entities providing rentals or leases of mopeds, motorcycles that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycles shall be responsible for ensuring that all such rented or leased vehicles are returned to the business premises prior to 7 p.m. each day.

a. The City shall be authorized to impound and confiscate any rented or leased moped(s), motorcycle(s) that are powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less, or motorized bicycle(s) found to be on public property between the prohibited hours of 7 p.m. through 7 a.m.

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**Sec. 70-71. - Enforcement, penalties.**

(a) A violation of the provisions in subsections 70-67 and 70-69(a) and (c) by persons operating electric personal assistive mobility devices or engaged in bicycling, skateboarding, in-line skating, roller skating, or operating any motorized means of transportation, shall be enforced by a police officer and shall be deemed a noncriminal infraction as defined in F.S. § 318.13(3) and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in F.S. § 316.655, as may be amended.

(b) A violation of the provisions in sections 70-69(b), (d), or (e); 70-70; 70-70.1; or 70-70.2 shall be enforced by a code compliance officer (which, as defined in section 70-66, includes a police officer) in accordance with the following procedures and penalties:

(1) If a code compliance officer finds a violation, the compliance officer shall issue a notice of violation to the violator as provided in chapter 30. The notice shall inform the violator of the nature of the violation, amount of fine for which the violator may be liable, instructions and due date for paying the fine, notice that the violation may be appealed by requesting an administrative hearing within ten days after service of the notice of violation, and that failure to do so shall constitute an admission of the violation and waiver of the right to a hearing.

(2) A violator who has been served with a notice of violation shall elect either to:

a. Pay the civil-fine as follows for violations of sections 70-69(b), (d), and (e):

(i) First offense .....\$100.00;

(ii) Second offense .....\$250.00;

(iii) Third offense .....\$500.00;

(iv) Fourth and subsequent offenses .....\$1,000.00;

b. Pay the civil fine as follows for violations of sections 70-70(a) and (c)—(n); ~~70-70.1~~; and 70-70.2:

- (i) First offense .....\$250.00;
- (ii) Second offense .....\$500.00;
- (iii) Third offense .....\$1,000.00;
- (iv) Fourth and subsequent offenses .....\$2,000.00;

c. Pay the civil fine as follow for violations of subsection 70-70(b):

- (i) First offense .....\$1,000.00;
- (ii) Second offense .....\$2,500.00;
- (iii) Third and subsequent offenses .....\$5,000.00; or

d. Pay the civil fine and subject violator to such enhanced penalties as follows for violations of section 70-70.1:

- (i) First offense: \$500.00;
- (ii) Second offense within the preceding 12 months: \$750.00;
- (iii) Third offense within the preceding 12 months: \$1,500.00 and suspension of the business tax receipt for 1 week (7 days);
- (iv) Fourth offense within the preceding 12 months: \$3,000.00 and revocation of the business tax receipt and certificate of use;

~~de~~. Request an administrative hearing within ten days before a special master appointed as provided in article II of chapter 30 to appeal the decision of the code compliance officer which resulted in the issuance of the notice of violation. If the offense is a violation of subsection 70-70(b), the operation of the business must cease until the required insurance is obtained.

- (3) If the offense is a fourth or subsequent offense of subsection 70-69(b), (d), or (e); subsections 70-70(a) or (c)—(n); ~~section 70-70.1~~; or section 70-70.2, it shall also be considered an habitual offender offense and, in addition to the penalty set forth in subsections 70-71(b)(2)a(iv) and 70-71(b)(2)b(iv), the city manager may issue an administrative complaint for the suspension or revocation of a business tax receipt and certificate of use as provided in sections 102-383 through 102-385.
- (4) If the named violator, after notice, fails to pay the civil fine or fails to timely request an administrative hearing before a special master, the special master shall be informed of such failure by report from the code compliance officer.

Failure of the named violator to appeal the decisions of the code compliance officer within the prescribed time period shall constitute a waiver of the violator's right to administrative hearing before the special master. A waiver of the right or an administrative hearing shall be treated as an admission of the violation and penalties may be assessed accordingly. The special master shall be prohibited from hearing the merits of the notice of violation or consideration of the timeliness of the request for an administrative hearing if the violator has failed to request an administrative hearing within ten days of the issuance of the notice of violation.

- (5) Any party aggrieved by the decision of the special master may appeal the decision in accordance with law.
- (6) The city may institute proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel payment of civil fines.
- (7) A certified copy of an order imposing a civil fine may be recorded in the public records and thereafter shall constitute a lien upon any other real or personal property owned by the violator and it may be enforced in the same manner as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including levy against the personal property, but shall not be deemed to be a court judgment except for enforcement purposes. After two months from the filing of any such lien which remains unpaid, the city may foreclose or otherwise execute upon the lien.
- (8) The procedures for appeal of the notice of violation by administrative hearing shall be as set forth in sections 30-72 and 30-73.

## **SECTION 2. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

## **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

## **SECTION 4. CODIFICATION.**

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, 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 Miami Beach, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word " ordinance " may be changed to " section , " article , " or other appropriate word.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

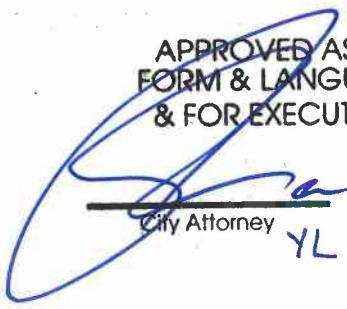
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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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(Sponsored by: Commissioner Mark Samuelian)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney YL

7/21/2020  
Date