

1 [Urging SFMTA and SFPD to Enforce the Prohibition of Riding Electric and Gas-Powered
2 Scooters on Sidewalks]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and**
4 **the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to enforce the prohibition of riding**
5 **electric and gas-powered scooters on sidewalks in order to protect pedestrians and**
6 **advance vision zero goals.**

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8 WHEREAS, Sidewalks in the City and County of San Francisco are designed for
9 people to walk, they are shared daily by seniors, children, people with disabilities, families with
10 strollers, workers, and residents traveling on foot, all of whom depend on safe and
11 unobstructed pedestrian pathways; and

12 WHEREAS, Pedestrians walking are among the most vulnerable users of the
13 transportation system, and one of the core commitments of San Francisco's Vision Zero policy
14 is to design and operate streets so that no one is killed or seriously injured while moving
15 around the city; and

16 WHEREAS, The operation of electric or gas-powered scooters on sidewalks
17 constitutes a moving violation under California Vehicle Code, Section 21235(g), which
18 prohibits motorized scooter operation on sidewalks except as necessary to enter or leave
19 adjacent property; and

20 WHEREAS, Riding scooters on sidewalks puts pedestrians, particularly seniors and
21 people with disabilities, at risk of injury or falls due to startlement or collision; as one
22 constituent shared, an elderly family member could easily trip or fall simply from being startled
23 by a scooter passing too close; and

24 WHEREAS, While shared-scooter programs operated by private companies are
25 regulated, privately owned scooters are increasingly prevalent on sidewalks, and enforcement

1 of these violations depends solely on SFPD officers responding to moving violations and on
2 systematic 311 reporting; and

3 WHEREAS, Consistent enforcement of the prohibition on riding scooters on sidewalks,
4 along with public education, "Pedestrians Only - No Riding" signage, and outreach in high-
5 pedestrian areas such as neighborhood corridors, school zones, and senior centers, will
6 advance the City's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Municipal
9 Transportation Agency and the San Francisco Police Department to increase enforcement of
10 existing state and local laws prohibiting the riding of electric and gas-powered scooters on
11 sidewalks, and to treat such violations as moving violations subject to citation; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA and SFPD to
13 implement a coordinated education and enforcement campaign focused on pedestrian
14 protection, with emphasis on areas that serve seniors, families, and persons with disabilities;
15 and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA to install clear and
17 visible signage at key sidewalks and intersections indicating that scooters must be walked on
18 sidewalks and may not be ridden; and, be it

19 FUTHER RESOLVED, That residents are encouraged to report sidewalk scooter riding
20 through 311, including details such as the scooter's color, brand, ownership type, direction of
21 travel, location, and time of day, to improve enforcement data and resource allocation; and, be
22 it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City remains committed to its Vision Zero goals by
24 prioritizing safe, walkable sidewalks and ensuring that every person, regardless of age or
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1 ability, can move through San Francisco without fear of being struck or startled by scooters on
2 the sidewalk.

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