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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2025

To: Paul Yep, Interim Police Chief, Police Department
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation, Municipal Transportation Agency

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging SFMTA and SFPD to Enforce the Prohibition of Riding Electric and Gas-Powered Scooters on Sidewalks (File No. 251066)

On October 28, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 540-25, sponsored by Supervisor Shamann Walton (File No. 251066, Urging SFMTA and SFPD to Enforce the Prohibition of Riding Electric and Gas-Powered Scooters on Sidewalks), which was enacted on November 7, 2025.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and awareness.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Shamann Walton, Matt Dorsey,
Danny Sauter, Myrna Melgar, Chyanne Chen, Bilal Mahmood, Rafael Mandelman,
Jackie Fielder, Stephen Sherrill, Connie Chan
Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Aly Bonde, Policy Director, Mayor's Office
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Joel Ramos, Local Government Affairs Manager, Municipal Transportation Agency
Christine Silva, Secretary, Municipal Transportation Agency Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, While shared-scooter programs operated by private companies are 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

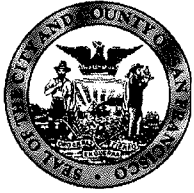
12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA and SFPD to
13 implement a coordinated education and enforcement campaign focused on pedestrian
14 protection, with emphasis on areas that serve seniors, families, and persons with disabilities;
15 and, be it

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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ability, can move through San Francisco without fear of being struck or startled by scooters on the sidewalk.



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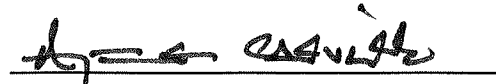
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October 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 251066

**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/28/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

11-07-25

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



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Date