
CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE
Proposed Ordinance
Electric Bicycles
and Micromobility Devices
MARINE PLAZA

Recent Efforts

- October 6, 2026:
  - City Commission Conference Meeting presentation focused on the proposed ordinance elements.
  - The City Commission shared concerns about prohibited areas and age restrictions. Requested that sidewalks be prohibited citywide.

- October 20, 2026:
  - The City Commission discussed the October 6 direction regarding e-bike regulations and requested staff reconsider recommendations and present back on November 17, 2026.
  - Staff reviewed municipality and university best practices, proposed enforcement and administrative obligations, challenges, and impacts to user groups.

Other Municipalities - Summary

- Sidewalks: some prohibit, some allow while limiting speed to 15 mph max
- Parks: most prohibit, some limit max speed
- Age: most 16, some as low as 14
- Citations/Fines: non-criminal, various amounts
- Covered devices: mostly e-bikes and e-scooters, other motorized devices on a case by case

Prior Discussions and Feedback

Category	Proposed Provision 10/6/26	Commission Feedback 10/6/26	Commission Feedback 10/20/26
City Parks	• Operation prohibited on paths, trails, fields and plazas • Permitted on park roads and adjacent sidewalks in safe manner	• Prohibit within parks and park sidewalks	• Concerns with damage to park's areas, general support to regulate park's areas.
Sidewalks and Riverwalk	• In safe manner • Yield required • Audible signal before overtaking	• Prohibit on City sidewalks	• Further considerations needed
Operator Requirement	• Minimum age 16	• Consider lowering age	• Further considerations needed
	• Government-issued photo ID	• As proposed	• Further considerations needed, however, required for effectiveness
	• Registration required	• As proposed	• Further considerations needed, however, required for effectiveness
	• No distracted operation allowed	• As proposed	• Recommended for safety
Violations	• Civil infractions with escalating fines ($250/$500)	• As proposed	• Further considerations needed
Devices	• E-bike, e-scooter, one-wheel, e-skateboard, hoverboard	• As proposed	• Further considerations needed

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Staff Recommendations

1. Continue advocating with the State of Florida and Broward County for uniform regulations.

2. Create a campaign to educate users as to responsible ownership, safety recommendations, and operation of devices.

3. Implement a multi-phased local ordinance to mitigate primary concerns:
   - Phase 1 – City Park Prohibition
   - Phase 2 – City Owned Sidewalks
   - Phase 3 – Evaluation and Potential Amendments



City Park Prohibitions and Enforcement

- Devices can only be operated on the roadways within City Parks.
- Devices may be walked through City Parks and stored at existing bike racks or storage areas.
- Enforcement (civil citations) will be issued by Park Rangers and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.
- Registration is not required for Phase 1 (City Park Prohibition), but will be considered for Phase 2 (City Owned Sidewalks).



Anticipated Implementation Timeline

