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November 10, 2026

MS ALEXANDRA LEIJON
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND REGISTER
500 SOUTH BRONOUGH ST - RA GRAY BLDG RM 101
TALLAHASSEE FL 32399-0250

Re: Ordinance # 26-44
The Hillsborough County Micromobility Devices Ordinance, Establishing Regulations Pertaining to Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, Motorized Scooters, and Other Micromobility Devices in Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Ms. Leijon:

Pursuant to the filing requirements of Florida Statutes 125.66, we are forwarding an executed electronic original of Hillsborough County Ordinance # 26-44 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on November 10, 2026. It is respectfully requested that you provide this office with the required official acknowledgment of your receipt and filing of said ordinance by return e-mail.

Sincerely,

Glenda L Rotger Navarro, Director
Director, Board Strategic Services

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ORDINANCE NO. 26 - 44

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND OTHER MICROMOBILITY DEVICES IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TITLE, "THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MICROMOBILITY DEVICES ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF STATE OPERATIONAL, SAFETY, AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR COUNTY REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT BY LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD/SPECIAL MAGISTRATES, CIVIL CITATIONS AND NOTICES TO APPEAR, IMPOUNDMENT, AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT FOR VIOLATIONS BY MINORS; PROVIDING FOR OTHER REMEDIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF LAWS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Florida Constitution and section 125.66, Florida Statutes, authorize the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens; and

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners directed the County Attorney's Office, in coordination with appropriate County staff and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), to review the current state laws relating to micromobility devices, which include E-Bikes, bicycles, and scooters, determine what micromobility device regulations, restrictions, or rules governing their operation, public safety, any enhanced enforcement mechanisms, and educational opportunities, may be adopted and implemented at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the unsafe or unlawful operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices on public roadways, streets, sidewalks, paths, and trails can endanger pedestrians, motorists, micromobility device operators, and other users of those facilities; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 316.008 permits local authorities to exercise reasonable police power with respect to the streets and highways under their jurisdiction including the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters or other micromobility devices upon roadways, sidewalks, streets, and other rights-of-way throughout Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2025-149, Laws of Florida, which expanded the statutory definition of "micromobility device" to include individually owned micromobility devices and, consequently, authorized local governments to regulate such devices pursuant to section 316.2128, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the use of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices on public rights-of-way has increased, and the Board desires to establish a coordinated regulatory framework governing individually owned micromobility devices consistent with state law; and

WHEREAS, HCSO has advised that they require an ordinance for Law Enforcement to be able to legally and effectively address the safe and responsible use of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices while providing practical and enforceable operational standards that improve safety for pedestrians, operators, motorists, and all other roadway, street, sidewalk, path, and trail users; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to enact such an ordinance that will serve as an effective tool to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens and foster a safe environment for the public use of roadways, streets, sidewalks, paths, and trails.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY:

1. This section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "The Hillsborough County Micromobility Devices Ordinance."

2. This Section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bicycle shall mean, as described in section 316.003(4), Florida Statutes, as amended, every vehicle propelled solely by human power, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include a scooter or similar device.

Bicycle Lane shall mean, as described in section 316.003(5), Florida Statutes, as amended, any portion of a roadway or highway which is designated by pavement markings and signs for preferential or exclusive use by bicycles.

Bicycle Path shall mean, as described in section 316.003(6), Florida Statutes, as amended, any road, path, or way that is open to bicycle travel, which road, or way is physically separated from motorized vehicular travel or by an open space or by a barrier and is located either within the highway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way

Crosswalk shall mean, as described in section 316.003(17), Florida Statutes, as amended, that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway, measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway or any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

Electric Bicycle shall mean a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty (750) watts, as defined in Section 316.003(23), Florida Statutes, as amended, electric bicycles shall meet the requirements of one (1) of the following three (3) classifications:

(a) **Class 1 electric bicycle** means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(b) **Class 2 electric bicycle** means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(c) **Class 3 electric bicycle** means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

An electric bicycle is a type of micromobility device and is therefore referred to as a micromobility device in this Ordinance.

Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device shall mean, as defined section 316.003(24), Florida Statutes, as amended, any self-balancing, two-non-tandem-wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system with average power of 750 watts (1 horsepower), the maximum speed of which, on a paved level surface when powered solely by such a propulsion system while being ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than 20 miles per hour.

Micromobility Device shall mean, as defined in section 316.003(41), Florida Statutes, as amended, a motorized transportation device designed for individual use which is typically twenty (20) to thirty-six (36) inches in width and fifty (50) pounds or less in weight and which operates at a speed of typically less than fifteen (15) miles per hour but no more than twenty-eight (28) miles per hour. This term includes both a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or any other device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet. For the purposes of this Ordinance, this term also includes "electric personal assistive mobility devices." Additionally, electric motorcycles (e-motos) are not defined as "micromobility devices" under state law and are therefore explicitly excluded from the provisions of this Ordinance. Operators of electric motorcycles shall remain subject to all applicable state laws as they may be amended or interpreted.

Motorized Scooter shall mean, as defined in section 316.003(48), Florida Statutes, as amended, any vehicle or micromobility device that is powered by a motor with or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels, and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than twenty-eight (28) miles per hour on level ground. The term does not include an electric bicycle. However, a motorized scooter is a type of micromobility device and is, therefore, referred to as a micromobility device in this Ordinance.

Operator shall mean, as defined in section 316.003(53), Floria Statutes, as amended, a person who is propelling or in actual physical control of a micromobility device or who is exercising control over a micromobility device. This term shall also include rider or passenger.

Right-of-Way/Yielding shall mean, as defined in section 316.003(72), Florida Statutes, as amended, the right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching such circumstances or direction, speed, and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

Roadway or Road shall mean an improved road, street, alley, or highway or designated segment designed or ordinarily used for travel of motor vehicles, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

Shared use path or Multiuse Path or Path, shall mean, a surface physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier with minimal cross flow by motor vehicles and that is designed for pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, and other users. This includes multimodal paths or similar terms used by local jurisdictions.

Shoulder shall mean a designated area from the outer edge of the travel lane stripe. It serves primarily as an emergency stopping lane and a structural buffer rather than a lane for normal vehicle transit.

Sidewalk shall mean, as defined in section 316.003(82), Florida Statutes, as amended, that portion of a street between the curbline, or the lateral line, of a roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

Street or Highway shall mean, as defined in section 316.003(90), Florida Statutes, as amended, the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

Street Takeover shall mean the taking over of a portion of a right-of-way, such as a roadway, parking lot, right-of-way, or sidewalk by blocking or impeding the regular flow of traffic for the purpose of performing wheelies or other stunt driving activities.

Stunt Driving shall mean to operate a micromobility device on a roadway, parking lot, sidewalk, shared use path, trail, or other right-of-way, while performing or engaging in a wheelie, jump, trick, or other maneuver in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger a person or property.

Trail shall mean a linear corridor or adjacent support parcel on land providing public access for recreation or authorized alternative modes of transportation, including paved or unpaved

facilities designated for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, micromobility device operators, or other authorized users, as provided for in the Hillsborough County Greenways and Trails Master Plan or by local municipalities, as may be amended. This includes multi-purpose trails.

Wheelie shall mean a maneuver performed while operating a micromobility device whereby the micromobility device is ridden for a distance with the front wheel raised off the ground.

3. This section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 3. TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY.

This article shall be effective within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County. However, if a municipality maintains an ordinance covering the same subject matter, activity, or conduct as this county ordinance, then that portion of this ordinance shall not be effective in that municipality.

4. This section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 4. OPERATIONAL SAFETY, AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS FOR BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND OTHER MICROMOBILITY DEVICES.

A. **State Law Requirements and Prohibitions**

The County hereby adopts and incorporates by reference all applicable requirements and prohibitions established by state law, as amended, relating to bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices.

(1) An operator of a micromobility device must comply with all applicable provisions of sections 316.20655 and 316.2128, Florida Statutes, as amended, and as set forth more completely in section 316.2065, Florida Statutes, as amended.

a. When a person propels a micromobility device upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, the person must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian;

b. Maintain mandatory lighting and reflectors;

c. Use properly fitted bicycle helmets, as required of operators or riders under sixteen (16) years of age;

c. Maintain brakes;

d. Comply with any other applicable requirements in chapter 316, Florida Statutes, as amended.

(2) The following conduct is prohibited, as provided in sections 316.2065, 316.20655, and 316.2128, Florida Statutes, as amended:

a. Failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian and to give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian while propelling a micromobility device upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk;

b. Attaching an electric bicycle or micromobility device to any vehicle upon a roadway;

c. Riding more than two abreast, except on a bicycle path or as otherwise permitted by Florida Statutes;

d. Providing authorization or knowing permission to any minor child or ward to violate any of the electric bicycle or micromobility provisions of Florida Statutes or this Ordinance, by any parent of such minor child or guardian of such minor child or ward;

e. Carrying more people at one time than the number of people for which the electric bicycle or micromobility device is designed or equipped, except as otherwise permitted by Florida Statutes;

f Failing to maintain an electric bicycle in compliance with equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 C.F.R., part 1512;

g. Failing to operate an electric bicycle in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the rider stops pedaling or when the brakes are applied;

h. Tampering with or modifying an electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability or engagement of the electric bicycle, unless the labeling required by Florida Statutes is appropriately replaced after such modification;

i. A bicycle rider must carry any passenger who is a child under 4 years of age, or who weighs 40 pounds or less, in a seat or carrier that is designed to carry a child of that age or size and that secures and protects the child from the moving parts of the bicycle.

j. Any other applicable prohibitions in chapter 316, Florida Statutes, as amended.

B. County Requirements and Prohibitions

In addition to the requirements and prohibitions established by state law, the County hereby adopts the following local requirements and prohibitions governing the operation and use of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices.

(1) County Requirements

(i) **Speed Limitations.**

a. **For micromobility device operations on shared use or multiuse paths, trails, and sidewalks.** Unless the County or incorporated municipality otherwise designates clearly visible signs or markings prohibiting the operation of micromobility devices or reducing the maximum allowable speed for the operation of micromobility devices, micromobility devices may be operated on shared use paths, or multiuse paths, or trails but must travel at a speed no greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour. Micromobility devices may be operated on sidewalks but must travel at a speed no greater than ten (10) miles per hour.

b. **For micromobility device operations on roadways, shoulders, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths.** Unless the County or incorporated municipality otherwise designates by clearly visible signs or markings prohibiting the operation of micromobility devices or reducing the maximum allowable speed for the operation of micromobility devices, micromobility devices may be operated on roadways, shoulders, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths, but must travel at a speed no greater than twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

(ii) **Parking.**

a. A micromobility device shall be parked upright or secured to an authorized bicycle rack or other designated parking facility. It shall not obstruct or interfere with vehicular traffic, pedestrian travel, the pedestrian access route, a sidewalk, shared use path, curb ramp, detectable warning surface, crosswalk, transit stop, accessible parking space or access aisle, driveway, fire hydrant, building entrance, emergency access point, or any other

accessibility feature or public facility within the public right-of-way or shall not be parked in any manner that presents a life-safety hazard.

b. A micromobility device shall be parked in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing accessible pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way.

c. A micromobility device shall not be attached, secured, stored, or parked on public property in a manner that damages public property, creates a hazard to a person or property, obstructs the safe or lawful use of the public right-of-way, or renders any portion of public property unusable or impassable. A device shall not be attached to a fire hydrant, traffic-control device, transit facility, tree, street furniture, or other public infrastructure unless that object is expressly designated for micromobility devices.

d. Micromobility devices shall not be parked in an area where parking of the device is prohibited by an official sign, marking, or other traffic-control device installed or authorized by the governmental entity having jurisdiction.

(iii) **Obedience to traffic-control devices**. All persons operating a micromobility device upon or along sidewalks, paths, and trails shall obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs and other control devices applicable when crossing or entering roadways, streets, or highways, unless otherwise directed by a Law Enforcement officer.

(iv) **Right of way of pedestrians.** A person using a micromobility device upon and along a sidewalk, path, trail, crosswalk, or across a roadway, street, or highway, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or non-motorized bicycle and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian or non-motorized bicycle.

(v) **Lamps and Reflectors.** Every micromobility device upon or along a sidewalk, path, and trail in use between thirty (30) minutes prior to sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front

and a lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of six hundred (600) feet to the rear. A micromobility device or its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by this section.

(2) **County Prohibitions**

a. No operator of a micromobility device shall participate in or facilitate a street takeover or engage in stunt driving (i.e. wheelies) while operating a micromobility device on a public right-of-way, public parking area, sidewalk, shared use path, or trail under the jurisdiction of the county or a incorporated municipality in which this Ordinance is effective.

b. No operator of a micromobility device shall tow or pull another person, vehicle, or micromobility device, or allow the operator of a micromobility device to be towed or pulled by another moving vehicle or micromobility device.

c. No operator of a micromobility device shall operate a micromobility device in an area where operation is prohibited or restricted by an official sign, marking, barricade, or other traffic-control device.

d. Riding upon a sidewalk, path, or trail more than two abreast, except on a bicycle path or as otherwise permitted by Florida Statutes.

Nothing in this Ordinance should be construed to preclude persons who are mobility impaired and using a motorized wheelchair, from using sidewalks as contemplated in Sections 316.1303, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, and as required by the American with Disabilities Act in 28 C.F.R. Section 35.130(f).

5. This section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) HSCO, municipal Law Enforcement agencies, Code Enforcement Officers, and any other Law Enforcement agency authorized by law to enforce the laws of this State and County, collectively referred to herein as "Law Enforcement" are authorized to enforce the violations of this Ordinance occurring within their respective jurisdictions.

(b) Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent Law Enforcement or Code Enforcement from obtaining voluntary compliance by way of warning, notice, or education.

6. This section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 6. PENALTIES.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary below, Law Enforcement or Code Enforcement may, when appropriate, seek voluntary compliance by educating the public and issuing warnings regarding the dangers of non-compliance.

A. Enforcement of State Violations

Any violation of a state requirement or prohibition in this Article shall be enforced in accordance with applicable state law. This includes but is not limited to Section 125.69(1), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended.

B. Enforcement of County Violations

1. Code Enforcement Board/Special Magistrates

Any person who violates this Ordinance may be subject to prosecution before the local Code Enforcement Board/Special Magistrates and may be subject to administrative fines and liens, or other penalties, as set forth in Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, Part I and Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws, Part A, Chapter 14, Article II, as amended, or local municipal codes, as amended.

2. Civil Citations and Notices to Appear

(a) Violations of this Ordinance may also be enforced as non-criminal, civil infractions in accordance with F.S. Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, Part II and Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws, Chapter 14, Article III, as amended, or local municipal codes, as amended.

(b) As such, Law Enforcement or Code Enforcement are empowered to investigate any situation involving an allegation that this Ordinance is being violated within their respective jurisdictions.

(c) Additionally, pursuant to F.S. Chapter 162, Part II, and Chapter 14, Article III of the Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws, or local municipal codes, as they may be amended, Law Enforcement or Code Enforcement shall have the discretion to issue a civil citation or a notice to appear for a violation of this Ordinance, within their respective

jurisdictions, if Law Enforcement or Code Enforcement, upon personal investigation, has reasonable cause to believe that a person violated this Ordinance.

(d) Fines for initial and subsequent violations in accordance with Chapter 162, Part II, and Chapter 14, Article III of the Hillsborough County Code, or local municipal codes, as they may be amended, shall be set forth in a resolution.

A violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare or "irreparable or irreversible" (because the prohibited conduct is complete upon commission and cannot thereafter be corrected) pursuant to F.S Chapter 162, and Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws, Chapter 14, or local municipal codes, as they may be amended, such that a notice of violation, citation, or notice to appear may be issued immediately to any person found in violation by Law Enforcement.

Also, for the purposes of this Ordinance, Law Enforcement shall be deemed "code enforcement officers" pursuant to F.S. Chapter 162, Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws, Chapter 14, and local municipal codes, as they may be amended.

C. Impoundment

(a) In addition, any micromobility device involved in the commission of violations of section 4 B(1)(i) (Speeding Limitations) or section 4 B(2) (County Prohibitions) may be subject to seizure and impoundment in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

(b) Along with the issued citation or proposed penalty, the Law Enforcement officer shall provide such person with a Notice of Impoundment. Such Notice of Impoundment shall include the following:

1. A copy of the issued civil citation;
2. The name, address, telephone number, and hours of operation of the facility that will store the impounded device;
3. A cost schedule for the payment of impoundment fees;

4. A notice of the allowance and procedures for submission of a sworn affidavit stating that the impounded micromobility device was stolen or was otherwise operated without the lawful owner's permission or that the impounded micromobility device is the lawful owner's sole source of transportation; and
5. Any other information pertinent for the lawful owner's retrieval of the impounded device.

(c) An impounded micromobility device shall be released to the lawful owner after all impoundment and storage fees have been paid, unless the lawful owner presents a sworn affidavit to the to the Law Enforcement officer's agency that states that the micromobility device was stolen or otherwise operated without the lawful owner's permission or that states that the micromobility device is the owner's sole source of transportation.

(d) If the lawful owner of the impounded device presents such a sworn affidavit to the Law Enforcement agency that issued the civil citation, then the device shall be released to the affiant and no fees or costs shall be charged.

D. Parental Involvement

(a) Further, the parent or legal guardian of a minor (anyone under the age of 18) who commits a violation of section 4 B(2) (County Prohibitions), shall be provided with written notice of the minor's commission of a first violation.

(b) Upon such minor's commission of a second or subsequent violation and issuance of a civil citation, the parent or legal guardian of such minor may be subject to payment of all penalties and costs associated with the issued civil citation, including fees and costs associated with any impoundment of the micromobility device as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

7. This section is hereby created to read as follows:

SECTION 7. OTHER REMEDIES

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the County or any Law Enforcement agency from pursuing any other remedy or taking any other lawful action available by law or in equity to remedy a violation of, or refusal to comply with, any provision of this Ordinance., including but not limited to:

(a) Pursuit of injunctive and/or declaratory relief in a court of competent jurisdiction; and

(b) Initiating an action to recover any and all damages that may result from a violation of, or refusal to comply with, any part of this division; and

(c) Utilizing any other action or enforcement method allowable by law.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall preclude the enforcement of conduct that independently constitutes a violation of state law.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit enforcement under Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, when the elements of that offense are satisfied.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF LAWS.

In all instances where Florida law, as evidenced by the Florida Administrative Code, Florida Statutes, applicable case law or otherwise, mandates standards or requirements that are stricter than the provisions of this Ordinance, or where a matter is addressed by Florida Law that is not addressed by this Ordinance, then said law shall govern. In situations where this Ordinance addresses a matter in a manner that is stricter than that of Florida law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 10. INCLUSION IN THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CODE.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Hillsborough County Code, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Hillsborough County Code, once established.

SECTION 11. FILING OF ORDINANCE.

In accordance with the provisions of section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)

I, VICTOR D. CRIST, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board at its regular meeting November 10, 2026 as the same appears of record in Minute Book 606 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 10th day of November 2026.

Attest: VICTOR D. CRIST
Clerk of Circuit Court

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY
AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: Sheri Murphy
Sheri A. Murphy, Senior Assistant County Attorney

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November 13, 2026

Victor Crist
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Hillsborough County
419 Pierce Street, Room 140
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Dear Victor Crist:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Hillsborough County Ordinance No. 26-44, which was filed in this office on November 10, 2026.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Leijon
Administrative Code and Register Director

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