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NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings.

(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors in File No. 180214 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

(b) The San Francisco General Plan’s Transit-First Policy recognizes that decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public right-of-ways by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety. The proliferation of Motorized Powered Scooter Share Programs, which include motorized Powered Scooters that can be secured without being locked to a fixed object, has the potential to cause obstructions of public right-of-ways and, in the absence of sufficient education as to existing laws, cause a myriad of other safety hazards for both users of Motorized Powered Scooters as well as members of the public more generally. The Administrative Code defines a “public nuisance” as any “thing or condition, including but not limited to violations of the Municipal Code or State law, that threatens injury or damage to the health, safety, welfare, or property of members of the public, that obstructs the free use of property of others or of the public right-of-way or commons, or otherwise interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.” Admin. Code § 80.4(d)(1). The City seeks to regulate Motorized Powered Scooter Share Programs to ensure that public right-of-ways and Public Property remain free of public nuisances, safe and accessible for all users, and clear of obstructions that pose threats to public health, safety, and welfare, and to ensure that Motorized Powered Scooter Share Programs comply with State and City regulations that inure to the public’s health, safety, and welfare.

Section 2. Division I of the Transportation Code, Article 7, is hereby amended by revising the heading “Bicycle Violations” preceding Section 7.2.110 and adding Section 7.2.111 following Section 7.2.110, to read as follows:

**BICYCLES SHARED MOBILITY SERVICES VEHICLE VIOLATIONS**

Supervisors Peskin; Kim, Ronen, Fewer, Cohen, Sheehy

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEC. 7.2.11. MOTORIZED POWERED SCOOTER SHARE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

(a) To park, leave standing, or leave unattended a motorized powered scooter that is part of a Motorized Powered Scooter Share Program, on any sidewalk, Street, or public right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Transportation Agency or the Department of Public Works without a permit issued by the Municipal Transportation Agency authorizing the motorized powered scooter to be parked, left standing, or left unattended at that location. Motorized powered scooters parked, left standing, or left unattended in violation of this Section 7.2.11 constitute a public nuisance subject to abatement and removal pursuant to Article 26 of the Public Works Code, Sections 1600 et seq. For purposes of this Section 7.2.11, "Powered Scooter" shall mean a "motorized scooter" as defined in Section 407.5 of the California Vehicle Code as it read on April 1, 2018, and any vehicle defined as a "Powered Scooter" under Division II of the Transportation Code.

(b) In addition to any penalty established by the Municipal Transportation Agency in Transportation Code Section 302, the Municipal Transportation Agency may impose administrative penalties for violation of Motorized Powered Scooter Share Program permit requirements.

Section 3. The Public Works Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 1603 and 1605, to read as follows:

SEC. 1603. PROHIBITED DUMPING ACTIVITY.

(a) It shall be prohibited for any Person to deposit, leave, place, keep, maintain, or abandon, Debris and Waste Construction Materials, industrial materials, or more than 100 pounds total of any other waste, refuse, or debris, motorized powered scooters, as defined in the Transportation Code, that are part of a Motorized Powered Scooter Share Program, or bicycles that are part of a Stationless Bicycle Share Program, on any Public Property without the lawful and express written permission of the City and County of San Francisco.
(b) Any activity or action that violates this Article 26 shall be, and is hereby declared, a public nuisance.

(c) Nothing in this Article 26 shall be construed to authorize or allow any Person to deposit, leave, place, keep, maintain, or abandon, any other property or materials, in any amount, on any Public Property without the lawful and express written permission of the City and County of San Francisco, other than to deposit trash in an appropriate designated receptacle.

SEC. 1605. ENFORCEMENT – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, CIVIL PENALTIES, COSTS, AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES.

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(c) In any civil court action brought by the City Attorney to enforce this Article 26 in which the City succeeds in obtaining any order from the Court, the City shall be entitled to recover from any and all Responsible Parties all of its costs of investigation, enforcement, abatement, and litigation.

(1) The City shall be entitled to recover civil penalties from each and every Responsible Party in an amount that is not less than twice the amount it cost the City to abate the nuisance. Costs to the City to abate the nuisance shall include any personnel, equipment, and other charges incurred by the City related to the investigation, abatement, clean-up, removal, and/or containment of Debris and Waste Construction Materials, industrial materials, or more than 100 pounds of any other waste, refuse, or debris, motorized _Powered Scooters_, as defined in the Transportation Code, _that are part of a Motorized Powered Scooter Share Program_ or bicycles that are part of a Stationless Bicycle Share Program, dumped on Public Property. This civil penalties provision is designed to compensate the City for any costs it incurred to investigate and abate the unlawful acts of any Responsible Party and for the
ancillary health hazards and inconveniences caused to the City and its residents, rights of way
blocked, traffic delays or detours, and any personal or business difficulties suffered from the
maintenance of illegally dumped materials on Public Property.

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Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under
the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:  
DAVID A. GREENBURG
Deputy City Attorney
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April 16, 2018 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

April 16, 2018 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

April 17, 2018 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

April 24, 2018 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 4/24/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Peggy Neron
Clerk of the Board

Mark E. Farrell
Mayor

Date Approved 5/4/18