

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, July 16, 2026

4:00 PM

Village Hall - Conference Rooms 1E & 1F

Village Council Workshop

*Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor
Maria Antuña, Vice Mayor
Amanda Silvestri, Councilwoman
Stephen A. Levin, Councilman
Johnny Meier, Councilman*

While this is a public meeting, there will be no opportunity for public comment at this workshop. This workshop will be live streamed, recorded and posted to the Village website for viewing.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **WORKSHOP**
- A. [26-7814](#) E-BIKES AND MICRO MOBILITY DISCUSSION
3. **ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**
4. **MANAGER COMMENTS**
5. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**
6. **ADJOURN**



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ITEM: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES RELATING TO MICROMOBILITY DEVICES IN WELLINGTON

REQUEST: Direction from Council relating to proposed amendments to Chapters 14 and Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances.

EXPLANATION: In response to the increased prevalence of micromobility devices, namely electric bicycles (e-bikes) and motorized scooters in and around Wellington, as well as an increase in the number of accidents involving these devices in Wellington and throughout the State of Florida, staff has drafted amendments to its Code of Ordinances to promote the safe use of e-bikes and motorized scooters in Wellington. Pursuant to applicable law, Wellington has the ability to regulate the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters on public rights-of-way consistent with Chapter 316, Florida Statutes. Wellington also has the ability to regulate the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters at its own facilities pursuant to its police powers.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances address the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters on Wellington's rights-of-way consistent with Chapter 316, Florida Statutes. The proposed regulations include a minimum age requirement, identification requirements, and speed and location restrictions for operators of e-bikes and motorized scooters. The proposed amendments to Chapter 22 also modify the penalty for violations of the golf cart regulations from a graduated penalty to a flat rate to facilitate enforcement by PBSO and align the penalty with the language set forth in the applicable Florida Statutes.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances are intended to not only address the safe operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters in Wellington's parks, but also to address recent property damage Wellington has experienced at its neighborhood parks, boat docks, and other locations due to the apparent misuse of these devices. The proposed amendments seek to clarify that the use of e-bikes and motorized scooters is prohibited in certain portions of Wellington's parks (on turf, basketball courts, tennis courts, boat docks, playground equipment, and in parking lots) and that the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters is prohibited altogether in certain park locations that see higher amounts of pedestrian traffic. The proposed amendments also clarify that enforcement of Chapter 14 may be by PBSO in addition to Parks staff and modifies the penalty language to mirror what is in Chapter 162 of the Florida Statutes.

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED: NO

PUBLIC HEARING: NO **QUASI-JUDICIAL:** NO

FIRST READING: NO **SECOND READING:** NO

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: YES

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

WELLINGTON FUNDAMENTAL: Responsive Government

RECOMMENDATION: Direction from Council relating to proposed amendments to Chapters 14 and Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances.

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WHEREAS, the Wellington Council is authorized and empowered to adopt and amend legislation to govern the affairs of its citizens and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, in response to the increased presence of golf carts in and around Wellington, the Wellington Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-10, authorizing the operation of golf carts on designated Wellington roads and designated multi-modal pathways subject to specific restrictions (the “Golf Cart Ordinance”) to promote the safe operation of golf carts in Wellington consistent with sections 316.008 and 316.212, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Golf Cart Ordinance was amended and re-codified as Article V of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances as part of Wellington’s amendment to the Code of Ordinances in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, section 22-34 of the Code of Ordinances, titled Enforcement; Penalties, presently provides for a graduated civil penalty for violations of the Golf Cart Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Wellington Council now seeks to amend the civil penalty for violations of the Golf Cart Ordinance, consistent with state law, to provide clarity both to golf cart operators and to law enforcement officers who are tasked with enforcing violations of the Golf Cart Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to golf carts, Wellington has seen an increase in the use of electric bicycles and motorized scooters in and around Wellington; and

WHEREAS, there has also been an increase in the number of accidents involving electric bicycles and motorized scooters in Wellington and throughout the state of Florida;

1 and

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3 **WHEREAS**, sections 316.008, 316.20655, and 316.2128, Florida Statutes, permit
4 local governments to adopt ordinances governing the operation of electric bicycles,
5 motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices, consistent with Florida law; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, given the prevalence of electric bicycles and motorized scooters as a
8 means of transportation in and around Wellington and increased concerns relating to the
9 safety of the operator, pedestrians, equestrian trail riders, and motorists, the Wellington
10 Council believes it is in the best interest of the community to adopt regulations governing
11 the operation of electric bicycles and motorized scooters in Wellington consistent with
12 state law, including a minimum age requirement, identification requirements, and speed
13 and location restrictions.
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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON,**
16 **FLORIDA THAT:**
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18 **SECTION 1:** Chapter 22, Article V, Section 22-34 of the Code of Ordinances
19 Wellington, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:
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21 **Sec. 22-34: Enforcement; Penalties**
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- 23 A. Violations of this article may be enforced by Law Enforcement Officers. A violation
24 of this article is a ~~civil~~ noncriminal traffic infraction punishable as a moving or
25 nonmoving violation, as applicable, pursuant to F.S. § 316.212 and F.S. ch 318. ~~by~~
26 ~~civil penalty in the amounts set forth below:~~
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28 ~~First violation: Warning.~~

29 ~~Second violation: \$50.00.~~

30 ~~Third violation (and every violation thereafter): \$100.00.~~
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33 B. When applicable, violations of this article may be enforced by Law Enforcement
34 Officers through the issuance of a Uniform Traffic Citation pursuant to Florida law.
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36 C. The enforcement provisions of this section are supplemental in nature and are not
37 intended to prohibit Wellington from seeking any other remedy available at law or
38 in equity.
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41 **SECTION 2:** Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of Wellington, Florida is hereby
42 amended by adding Article VII, to be numbered Sections 22-46 through 22-50, which
43 Article reads as follows:
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45 **Article VII – ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND OTHER**
46 **MICROMOBILITY DEVICES**

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2 **Sec. 22-46: Purpose and Intent**
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4 The provisions of this article are intended to supplement the applicable provisions of the
5 Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law, Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, to promote the safe
6 operation of micromobility devices, particularly electric bicycles and motorized scooters,
7 in areas where the Village of Wellington has jurisdiction to regulate traffic consistent with
8 the authority granted in sections 316.008, 316.20655, and 316.2128, Florida Statutes.
9 Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to prevent Law Enforcement Officers
10 from enforcing the provisions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, within Wellington.
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12 **Sec. 22-47: Definitions**
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14 In addition to the definitions in section 22-3 and 22-30, the following definitions apply to
15 this article:
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17 **Bicycle:** Every vehicle propelled solely by human power, having two tandem wheels,
18 and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two
19 front or two rear wheels. The term does not include a scooter or similar device.
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21 **Electric Bicycle:** A bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or
22 saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets
23 the requirements of one of the following three classifications:
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25 A. "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that
26 provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide
27 assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
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29 B. "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that
30 may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to
31 provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per
32 hour.
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34 C. "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that
35 provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide
36 assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.
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38 **Micromobility Device:** A motorized transportation device designed for individual use
39 which is typically 20 to 36 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which
40 operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but no more than 28 miles
41 per hour. This term includes both a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device
42 such as a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or any other device that is owned
43 by an individual or part of a shared fleet.
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45 **Motorized Scooter:** Any vehicle or micromobility device that is powered by a motor with
46 or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more

1 than three wheels, and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater
2 than 20 miles per hour on level ground. The term does not include an electric bicycle.
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4 **Sec. 22-48: Age and Speed Restrictions for Electric Bicycles and Motorized**
5 **Scooters**
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7 A. A person may only operate an electric bicycle or motorized scooter if the person is
8 at least 15 years old and possesses a government-issued photographic
9 identification while operating the electric bicycle or motorized scooter. The
10 government-issued photographic identification required by this section must, at a
11 minimum, provide the name and date of birth of the operator.
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13 B. The operation of an electric bicycle or motorized scooter on a designated multi-
14 modal pathway is restricted to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour, except as
15 otherwise provided by applicable law.
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17 **Sec. 22-49: Prohibited Locations for Operation of Electric Bicycles and Motorized**
18 **Scooters**
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20 A. A person may not operate an electric bicycle or motorized scooter on public bridle
21 trails.
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23 B. A person may not operate an electric bicycle or motorized scooter on a sidewalk
24 or canal right-of-way unless such sidewalk or canal right-of-way is a designated
25 multi-modal pathway, as defined in section 22-30 of this chapter. A person
26 operating an electric bicycle or motorized scooter on a designated multi-modal
27 pathway in the areas surrounding Wellington schools must adhere to the restricted
28 hours of operation during school arrival and dismissal pursuant to posted
29 signs/pavement markings.
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31 C. Prohibitions on the operation of electric bicycles and motorized scooters at
32 Wellington facilities are addressed in chapter 14 of this Code and shall be enforced
33 as set forth therein.
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35 **Sec. 22-50: Enforcement**
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37 A. This article may be enforced by Law Enforcement Officers.
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39 B. A person who violates this article commits a noncriminal traffic infraction,
40 punishable as a pedestrian violation as provided in chapter 318, Florida Statutes.
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42 C. The enforcement provisions of this section are supplemental in nature and are not
43 intended to prohibit Wellington from seeking any other remedy available at law or
44 in equity.
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SECTION 2. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance conflict with any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of any prior Wellington Ordinance, Resolution, or Municipal Code provision; then in that event the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any portion or part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the Wellington Council following second reading.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 20____ upon first reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20 on second and final reading.

WELLINGTON

FOR

AGAINST

BY:

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

Maria Antuña, Vice Mayor

Amanda Silvestri, Councilwoman

Stephen A. Levin, Councilman

Johnny Meier, Councilman

ATTEST:

BY: Chevelle D. Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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BY: _____
Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney

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WHEREAS, the Wellington Council is authorized and empowered to adopt and amend legislation to govern the affairs of its citizens and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances governs Parks and Recreation within Wellington; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14, Article III, Division 2, Section 14-21 provides that roller skating, roller blading, bicycling, skateboarding, and any other similar activity is prohibited on turf, basketball courts, tennis courts, and parking lots; and

WHEREAS, Wellington has recently experienced property damage at its neighborhood parks, boat docks, and other locations due to the apparent misuse of micromobility devices, particularly electric bicycles and motorized scooters, and other similar activities in such places; and

WHEREAS, the Wellington Council believes it is in the best interest of Wellington to amend Section 14-1 to add a definition of neighborhood park and to amend Section 14-21 to specifically identify electric bicycling and motorized scooting among the activities prohibited by this section and to clarify that such activities are also prohibited inside neighborhood parks, on boat docks, and on playground equipment to promote public safety and protect the community from further damage to public property; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 14, Article III, Division 2, Section 14-24 sets forth guidelines
2 for the use of vehicles in parks; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, Wellington has seen an increase in the use of electric bicycles and
5 motorized scooters in and around Wellington, as well as an increase in the number of
6 accidents involving such micromobility devices in Wellington and throughout the State of
7 Florida; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Wellington Council believes it is in the best interest of Wellington
10 to amend Section 14-26 to restrict where electric bicycles and motorized scooters may
11 be operated in Wellington parks to protect the public from property damage and to
12 promote public safety in certain park locations that see higher amounts of pedestrian
13 traffic; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 14, Article I, Division 1, Sections 14-3 and 14-4 address the
16 enforcement and penalties for all of Chapter 14; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Section 14-3 provides that it is the duty and responsibility of the Parks
19 and Recreation employees to enforce Chapter 14 and section 14-4 further provides that
20 the penalty for violation of Chapter 14 involves a fine and/or imprisonment; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Wellington Council believes it is in the best interest of Wellington
23 to amend sections 14-3 and 14-4 to clarify that enforcement of Chapter 14 may also be
24 by law enforcement officers.
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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON,**
27 **FLORIDA, THAT:**
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29 **SECTION 1:** Chapter 14, Article I, Division 1, Section 14-1 of the Code of
30 Ordinances, Wellington, Florida is hereby amended to add a definition of Neighborhood
31 Park in alphabetical order to read as follows:
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33 **Neighborhood Park:** A public recreational area located within walking or biking distance
34 to one of Wellington's neighborhoods and identified on Wellington's official website as a
35 Neighborhood Park.
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37 **SECTION 2:** Chapter 14, Article I, Division 1, Section 14-3 of the Code of
38 Ordinances, Wellington, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:
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40 **Sec. 14-3: Enforcement Authority**
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- 42 A. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Department employees to enforce this
43 chapter. This chapter may also be enforced by law enforcement officers.
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1 B. It shall be unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any
2 act required by this chapter or for any person to fail to comply with any lawful or
3 reasonable order given by Wellington employees.
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5 C. The Council may adopt reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary to
6 manage, use, preserve, and govern park property and activities.
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8 **SECTION 3:** Chapter 14, Article I, Division 1, Section 14-4 of the Code of
9 Ordinances, Wellington, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:
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11 **Sec. 14-4: Penalties**
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13 A. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this ~~section~~ chapter shall be
14 punished by a fine ~~not less than \$25.00 but not to exceed than \$500.00~~, or by
15 imprisonment not exceeding ~~90~~60 days, or both.
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17 B. Any person found violating any provision of this chapter is subject to ejection and
18 arrest by a law enforcement officer.
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20 **SECTION 4:** Chapter 14, Article III, Division 2, Section 14-21 of the Code of
21 Ordinances, Wellington, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:
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23 **Sec. 14-21: Game and Sport Activity**
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25 A. No person in a park shall take part in the playing of any games involving thrown
26 or otherwise propelled objects such as stones, arrows, golf balls, javelins, rockets,
27 or radio-controlled airplanes, except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation.
28 The playing or practicing by organized sponsored athletic teams of such games
29 as football, baseball, and the like, is prohibited except on fields, courts, or areas
30 designated for such use, or as directed by the Director or their authorized
31 representative.
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33 B. Roller skating, roller blading, bicycling (including electric bicycles as defined in
34 chapter 22, article VII of this Code), skateboarding, scooter (including
35 motorized scooters as defined in chapter 22, article VII of this Code), and any other
36 similar activity is prohibited in Neighborhood Parks, on turf, basketball courts,
37 tennis courts, boat docks, playground equipment, and in parking lots and shall be
38 confined to those areas specifically designated for such activityies.
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40 **SECTION 5:** Chapter 14, Article III, Division 4, Section 14-26 of the Code of
41 Ordinances, Wellington, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:
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43 **Sec. 14-26: Use of Vehicles**
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45 A. No person shall operate a vehicle in a park except upon designated paved or
46 improved park roads or driveways, or in and upon designated areas or trails set

1 aside for use by such vehicles, unless directed by a law enforcement officer or
2 park employee to do so, or by official signs or markings.

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4 B. No person, except in emergencies, shall change any parts, repair, wash, wax, or
5 polish, grease, or perform other maintenance on a vehicle on any park roadway,
6 driveway, parking lot, or other park property.

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8 C. No person shall operate or park a motor vehicle, camper, bus, or trailer within a
9 Wellington park or parking lot except in those areas specifically designated by
10 signs to be used for such driving or parking unless authorized by the Director or
11 the Sheriff's Department. Any agents or employees of federal, state, county, or
12 municipal governmental bodies operating motor vehicles on official business shall
13 be exempt from the provisions hereof.

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15 D. No person shall bed down, sleep, or camp overnight in a Wellington park, including
16 any parking area, nor shall camper trucks, buses, trailers, or other vehicles be
17 permitted to remain in a Wellington park unless authorized by the Director.

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19 E. Electric Bicycles and Motorized Scooters: No person shall operate an electric
20 bicycle or motorized scooter, as those terms are defined in chapter 22, article VII
21 of this Code, in any of the following Wellington park locations:

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23 i. Wellington Town Center

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25 ii. Neighborhood Parks

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27 iii. The Heart Trail at Village Park.

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29 **SECTION 6:** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this
30 Ordinance conflict with any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of any prior Wellington
31 Ordinance, Resolution, or Municipal Code provision; then in that event the provisions of
32 this Ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

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34 **SECTION 7:** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this
35 Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision
36 shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any portion or part thereof,
37 other than the part so declared to be invalid.

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39 **SECTION 8:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption
40 of the Wellington Council following second reading.

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42 **PASSED** this _____ day of _____, 20____ upon first reading.

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44 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 20 on second and
45 final reading.

WELLINGTON

FOR

AGAINST

BY: _____

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

Maria Antuña, Vice Mayor

Amanda Silvestri, Councilwoman

Stephan A. Levin, Councilman

Johnny Meier, Councilman

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Chevelle D. Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

BY: _____
Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney

Summary of Chapter 14

- Wellington has recently experienced property damage at its neighborhood parks, boat docks, and other locations due to the apparent misuse of electric bicycles and motorized scooters.
- While the amendments to Chapter 22 address the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters on public rights-of-way pursuant to Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, Wellington also has the ability to regulate the operation of these devices at its own parks and facilities.
- Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances governs Parks.
- The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 14 as follows:
 - It introduces a definition of Neighborhood Park
 - It clarifies that electric bicycling and motorized scooting are among those activities prohibited on turf, basketball courts, tennis courts, and parking lots (where roller skating, roller blading, and bicycling are already prohibited)
 - It further clarifies that all of the foregoing activities are also prohibited in Neighborhood Parks, on boat docks, and on playground equipment.
 - It introduces a new provision in the Use of Vehicles section prohibiting the use of e-bikes and motorized scooters at
 - Wellington Town Center
 - Neighborhood Parks
 - Heart Trail at Village Park
 - It clarifies that Chapter 14 may be enforced by law enforcement officers, in addition to Parks staff and modifies the penalty language in the existing ordinance to mirror what is found in Chapter 162 of the Florida Statutes

Summary of Chapter 22

- Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances governs Traffic and Vehicles
- The proposed ordinance amends section 22-34 of the Code of Ordinances which addresses the enforcement of golf cart violations. That section presently provides for a graduated civil penalty for violations of the golf cart regulations. PBSO has requested a flat amount rather than a graduated penalty to facilitate enforcement by its officers. The amendment also modifies the penalty to mirror the statutory language, which distinguishes between moving and non-moving violations.
- The proposed ordinance introduces a new Article titled “Electric Bicycles, Motorized Scooters, and other Micromobility Devices”
- Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes already contains provisions governing the operation of micromobility devices, including electric bicycles and motorized scooters, but it also authorizes local governments to enact ordinances imposing additional requirements to promote the safe operation of these devices in our communities.
- The ordinance is intended to supplement what is already codified under state law. For example, Florida law requires bicycle riders, e-bike riders, and motorized scooter riders under the age of 16 to wear a helmet. Failure to do so would still be enforced under state law, whether the ordinance is adopted or not.
- The additional requirements introduced by the ordinance pursuant to the applicable statutes are as follows:
 - The ordinance sets a minimum age for the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters in Wellington. Staff in collaboration with PBSO has proposed the minimum age of 15.
 - It requires the operator of a e-bike or motorized scooter to carry government issued photographic identification. Such ID must, at a minimum, provide the name and date of birth of the operator.
 - It provides that e-bikes and motorized scooters can only be ridden on designated multi-modal pathways. This means they can only be ridden on those pathways and canal rights-of-way that are already designated for use by golf carts. They cannot be ridden on regular sidewalks or canal rights of way.
 - It sets a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on designated multi-modal pathways. This is required by the statute (and the same standard applies to golf carts).
 - It prohibits e-bikes and motorized scooters on public bridle trails.
 - It provides that restrictions on the operation of e-bikes and motorized scooters at Wellington facilities are addressed in Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances.
- The proposed ordinance also addresses enforcement, which is dictated by the Florida Statutes. A violation is a non-criminal traffic infraction punishable as a pedestrian violation as provided in chapter 318, Florida Statutes.