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WHEREAS, Low-speed powered bicycles are a viable form of transportation and currently used by many residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no regulation of low-speed powered bicycles in the Municipal Code of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has passed similar legislation concerning the definition, use, and operation of low-speed bicycles, and it behooves the City of Chicago to enact a similar regulatory scheme; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-4-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows,

9-4-010 Definitions.

Whenever the following words and phrases are used in Chapter 9-4 through 9-103, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

"Laned roadway" means a roadway which is divided into two or more marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

"Low-speed electric bicycle" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Section 1-140.10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. 625 ILCS 5/1-140.10.

"Low-speed gas bicycle" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Section 1-140.15 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. 625 ILCS 5/1-140.15.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. Chapter 9-52 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding new Section 9-52-120, as follows,

9-52-120 Low-speed electric or gas bicycles.

a) A person may operate a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed gas bicycle only if the person is at least 16 years of age.

b) No person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed gas bicycle at a speed

greater than 20 miles per hour upon any highway, street, or roadway.

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c) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no person shall operate a low-speed electric bicycle or low-speed gas bicycle on a sidewalk.

d) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the provisions of this Chapter that apply to bicycles shall also apply to low-speed electric bicycles and low-speed gas bicycles.

Alderman Proco Joe Moreno, 1st Ward

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval. J

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