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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Transportation, I transmit herewith an ordinance amending the Municipal Code regarding low speed electric mobility devices and scooters.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-52-070 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the text underscored, as follows:

9-52-070 Parking.

a) No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk against a rack, parking meter or sign pole to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

b) A bicycle may be parked within a parking space designated for parking of a low-speed electric mobility device pursuant to Section 9-52-130 if: (i) such parking space is designated for the parking of both low-speed electric mobility devices and bicycles; and (ii) such parking space has a rack or device to support a bicycle.

SECTION 2. Section 9-52-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the text underscored, and by deleting the text struck through, as follows:

9-52-130 Low-speed electric mobility devices.

(a) No person shall park a low-speed electric mobility device on the public way except:

(1) in any parking space or against any rack designated for such purpose by the Commissioner. The Commissioner is authorized to designate (directly or through a business entity that has been issued a low-speed electric mobility device sharing business permit or license) such parking spaces or racks on the public way if the Commissioner determines that establishing such a parking space or rack: (i) will not create hazards in the use of the public way by vehicular or pedestrian traffic; (ii) will not impede the safe and efficient flow of traffic upon

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public way on which the parking space or rack is proposed; and (iii) will benefit and

the public. The Commissioner shall designate low-speed electric mobility device parking spaces or racks by appropriate signs or roadway markings or both. It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle other than a low-speed electric mobility device or bicycle as provided in Section 9-52-070(b) in any low-speed electric mobility device parking space that the Commissioner has designated by appropriate signs or markings; or

(2) in the same manner as provided for bicycle parking in Section 9-52-070(a).

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of Title 9 of this Code that apply to the operation and parking of bicycles shall also apply to the operation and parking of low-speed electric mobility devices.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following due passage and approval.