

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2024

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REQUEST: RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY REGARDING
THE USE OF OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City of Palm Desert (City) consistently attempts to accommodate individuals that use wheelchairs and manually powered mobility aids. The City also makes reasonable accommodations for the use of other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) in pedestrian areas. This staff report presents Administrative Policy ADA-001, which outlines the use of OPDMDs by individuals with mobility disabilities in Palm Desert.

The policy outlines the use of mobility devices by individuals with disabilities, as long as these devices do not pose significant safety risks or fundamentally alter City services, programs, and activities. It includes definitions for wheelchairs, manually powered mobility aids, OPDMDs, and credible assurance. The policy ensures the safe use of OPDMDs on City pathways, trails, and facilities without harming the environment or other users. Finally, the policy outlines authorized types of OPDMDs, safety requirements, and modification requests.

The administrative policy reinforces the City's commitment to accessibility and inclusion; therefore, staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution and approve the policy.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact with adoption of the resolution and approval of the policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
 - a. Exhibit A, Administrative Policy (ADA-002)