

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO PEDICAB AND NONMOTORIZED VEHICLE REGULATION; MAKING REVISIONS TO CITY OF TAMPA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 25 (TRANSPORTATION); AMENDING SECTION 25-4, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 25-48, PERMIT TYPES; AMENDING SECTION 25-60, RESERVED; AMENDING SECTION 25-61, NONMOTORIZED VEHICLE—PERMIT REQUIRED; ONE PERMIT FOR EACH BUSINESS OR OPERATION; PERMIT TO BE ATTACHED TO EACH VEHICLE; AMENDING SECTION 25-62, SAME —APPLICATION FOR PERMIT; APPROVAL, DENIAL OF APPLICATION; APPEAL; PERMIT FEE; AMENDING SECTION 25-63, SAME—ADHERENCE TO PLAN SUBMITTED IN APPLICATION REQUIRED; AMENDMENTS TO PLAN; MODIFICATIONS TO PLAN BY TRANSPORTATION MANAGER; AMENDING SECTION 25-64, SAME—RENEWAL OF PERMITS; LOST, DESTROYED PERMITS; PERMITS NONTRANSFERABLE; REPLACEMENTS AND SUBSTITUTIONS; DORMANT PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 25-65, SAME – DRIVER’S PERMIT REQUIRED; APPLICATIONS; QUALIFICATIONS; ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF PERMIT; DURATION AND RENEWAL; REVOCATION; DISPLAY OF PERMIT; AMENDING SECTION 25-66, SAME—BUSINESS TAX; AMENDING SECTION 25-67, SAME—LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED; FORM, AMOUNT AND COVERAGE; APPROVAL; AMENDING AND RENUMBERING SECTION 25-187 TO SECTION 25-60, NONMOTORIZED VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa has determined that the following amendments to Chapter 25, Code of Ordinances are necessary; and

WHEREAS, certain sections, including section 25-187, will be amended and renumbered to ensure that the public can access all relevant information regarding nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs in numerical order in the code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tampa has determined that the following amendment promotes and protects the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Tampa and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing as required by law was held by the City Council of the City of Tampa, at which public hearing all residents and interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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2 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**
3 **OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA:**
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5 **Section 1. Recitals.** The Recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and
6 incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.
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8 **Section 2.** That **"Section 25-4. Definitions."** is hereby amended by creating
9 the underlined language as follows:
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11 "Sec. 25-4. Definitions
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14 Pedicab means any vehicle that has three or more wheels, that transports, or is capable
15 of transporting, passengers on seats attached to the vehicle that is propelled solely by
16 human power, or a combination of human power and an electric helper motor capable of
17 propelling the vehicle to a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on level ground upon
18 which any person may ride, and that is used for transporting passengers "for hire,"
19 including for tips or any other forms of compensation or barter, regardless of whether a
20 passenger is being transported. ..."
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22 **Section 3.** That **"Section 25-48. – Permit types."** is hereby amended by adding the
23 underlined language as follows:
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25 "Section 25-48. Permit types.
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28 (c) Nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab permit.

29 (1) Required. When a nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab operates upon the
30 public streets of the city, city staff involvement is required before or after the event, such
31 as, but not limited to:

- 32 a. Planning or consultation;
33 b. Police officers;
34 c. Zoning.

35 (2) May be issued to. Any person with an occupational license.

36 (3) Scope of work. The nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab is permitted after city
37 review and approval of the proposed route.

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2 **Section 4. That "Section 25-61. – Nonmotorized vehicle – Permit required; one**
3 **permit for each business or operation; permit to be attached to each vehicle."** is hereby
4 amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

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6 "Section 25-61. – Nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab – Permit required; one permit
7 for each business or operation; permit to be attached to each vehicle.

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9 (a) It is unlawful to operate or cause to be operated any nonmotorized vehicle or
10 pedicab upon the public streets or waterways of the city without first having obtained a
11 permit for such vehicle. The nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab operator or applicant shall
12 comply with the permitting requirements of this section.

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16 (c) Every vehicle of any nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab business or operation shall
17 have attached the permit issued to the business or operation. Such permit shall be
18 conspicuously displayed at the rear of the vehicle or horse-drawn vehicle at all times.
19 Failure to comply with this display provision is a Class IV violation."

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21 **Section 5. That "Section 25-62. - Same - Application for permit; approval, denial of**
22 **application; appeal; permit fee."** is hereby amended by adding the underlined language
23 as follows:

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25 "Section 25-62. - Same- Application for permit; approval, denial of application; appeal;
26 permit fee.

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29 (6) The name and address of every driver to be operating any nonmotorized
30 vehicle, pedicab, or horse-drawn vehicle. All drivers and/or operators of nonmotorized
31 vehicles or pedicabs must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall possess a valid
32 driver's license issued by the State of Florida."

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34 **Section 6. That "Section 25-63. - Same - Adherence to plan submitted in the**
35 **application required; amendments to plan; modifications to plan by transportation**
36 **manager."** is hereby amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

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38 "Section 25-63. - Same - Adherence to plan submitted in the application required;
39 amendments to plan; modifications to plan by transportation manager.

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41 (a) Nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab permittees must adhere to the routes, rates and
42 vehicle number and design as specified in their approved application for a permit. Any

1 deviance from the application without the approval of the city transportation manager
2 shall be a violation of this article. . . .”
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4 **Section 7. That “Section 25-64. - Same - Renewal of permits; lost, destroyed**
5 **permits; permits nontransferable; replacements and substitutions; dormant permits.”**
6 is hereby amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the stricken language
7 as follows:
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9 “Sec. 25-64. - Same - Renewal of permits; lost, destroyed permits; permits
10 nontransferable; replacements and substitutions; dormant permits.
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12 (a) Any person to whom a nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab permit has been
13 issued under the provisions of this article shall be entitled to renew such permit from year
14 to year; provided, however, that such person shall fully comply with the provisions of this
15 article and such other ordinances, rules and regulations as shall be enacted or adopted
16 from time to time by the city and shall apply for the renewal no later than thirty (30) days
17 prior to the expiration of the permit for which renewal is sought. Applications for renewal
18 must be approved by the city transportation manager, the chief of police and the zoning
19 official prior to renewal of the permit. Renewal of the permit shall be issued by the city
20 transportation manager upon payment of the applicable permit fee and compliance with
21 all permit application requirements.
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25 (c) Permits to operate a nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab business shall not
26 be transferable without the consent of the city transportation manager; however, the
27 owner of a nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab business or operation may make
28 replacements and substitutions of such nonmotorized vehicles pedicabs, or ~~carriage~~
29 horse-drawn vehicles, if the total number of nonmotorized vehicles, pedicabs, or ~~carriage~~
30 horse-drawn vehicles does not exceed the total number provided for in the permit already
31 issued to such owner, and provided that the substituted nonmotorized vehicles, pedicabs,
32 or ~~carriages~~ horse-drawn vehicles are of the same make and model of the ~~carriage~~ horse-
33 drawn vehicles or vehicles approved in the initial application.
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35 (d) All persons holding city nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab permits must
36 maintain in active operation the vehicles for which the permits were issued. Any permit
37 for any vehicle which remains dormant for more than sixty (60) consecutive days may be
38 declared void by the city transportation manager.”
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40 **Section 8. That “Section 25-65. - Same - Driver’s permit required; application;**
41 **qualifications; issuance or denial of permit; duration and renewal; revocation; display**
42 **of permit.”** is hereby amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the
43 stricken language as follows:

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2 "Section 25-65. - Same - Driver's permit required; application; qualifications;
3 issuance or denial of permit; duration and renewal; revocation; display of permit.

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6 (h) Every driver of any nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab shall carry their nonmotorized
7 vehicle permit on their person and display in a visible area on the nonmotorized vehicle
8 or pedicab at all times when on duty and shall produce it for inspection upon demand of
9 any passenger or law enforcement officer."

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11 **Section 9.** That "**Section 25-66 - Same – Business Tax.**" is hereby amended by adding
12 the underlined language as follows:

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14 "Sec. 25-66. - Same—Business tax. All persons to whom nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab
15 permits are issued under the provisions of this article shall pay a business tax."

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17 **Section 10.** That "**Section 25-67. Liability insurance required; form, amount and**
18 **coverage; approval.**" is hereby amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

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20 "Sec. 25-67. Liability insurance required; form, amount and coverage; approval.

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22 (a) Prior to issuance or renewal of a nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab permit
23 under the provisions of this article, the applicant or owner shall procure and file with the
24 city transportation manager a public liability insurance policy.

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26 (b) Such policy may be in the form of a separate policy for each vehicle or
27 pedicab or may be in the form of a fleet policy covering all vehicles operated by such
28 owner, operator, agent, lessee or driver, in which latter event the policy shall provide
29 insurance on each vehicle in amounts of not less than one hundred thousand dollars
30 (\$100,000.00) for bodily injury or death to any one (1) person and five hundred thousand
31 dollars (\$500,000.00) for bodily injury or death arising out of the same incident or
32 occurrence and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for property damage resulting from
33 any one (1) accident or occurrence. Such policy shall cover:

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37 **Section 11.** That "**Section 25-187 – Nonmotorized vehicles.**" is hereby amended by
38 deleting this section and renumbering to Section 25-60 by adding the underlined language
39 and deleting the stricken language as follows:

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41 "~~Section 25-187~~60 – Nonmotorized vehicles.

1 Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs – Compliance with traffic regulations; hours and
2 standards of operation; passenger loading and unloading; safety regulations.

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4 (a) An owner, having been issued a permit under this article to engage in the
5 business of operating nonmotorized vehicles or pedicabs, shall be subject to all traffic
6 provisions of this Code and all other ordinances, rules and regulations now in effect in the
7 city, state or nation and all ordinances and rules and regulations which may pertain to the
8 operation of nonmotorized vehicles or pedicabs hereafter enacted or adopted by the city
9 or the state or federal government and such rules and regulations formulated and
10 promulgated under authority of this chapter.

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12 (b) Nonmotorized vehicles, pedicabs, and horse-drawn vehicles shall be
13 prohibited from stopping, standing or parking on public rights-of-way for the purpose of
14 loading or unloading passengers or for any other purpose except obedience of a traffic
15 signal, sign or device or lawful order or direction of a police officer or fire department
16 official or upon written permission granted by the governmental entity, agency or
17 committee having jurisdiction and control over such rights-of-way.

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19 (c) In the interest of protecting the safety of passengers, passersby and other
20 vehicles, the following safety regulations are imposed:

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22 (1) It is unlawful for the driver of a nonmotorized vehicle, pedicab, or horse-
23 drawn vehicle to leave the vehicle or animal unattended at any time.

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25 (2) It is unlawful for the driver of a nonmotorized vehicle, pedicab, or horse-
26 drawn vehicle to collect fares, make change or take on, discharge or solicit passengers
27 while the nonmotorized vehicle is in motion.

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29 (3) The nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab must be of a size capable of
30 operating within a single vehicular travel lane.

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32 (4) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall be equipped with:

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34 (i) all safety equipment required for vehicles including horn, lights,
35 reflectors, operational brakes, and seatbelts, where applicable;

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37 (ii) a signaling device, which may be human powered such as a whistle;

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39 (iii) a clean, sanitary interior, free from torn upholstery or floor
40 covering and from damaged or broken seats;

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42 (iv) doors which operate easily and close securely and door hinges and
43 latches in good mechanical working order, if the vehicle is designed to have doors;

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2 (v) tires of the size appropriate for the vehicle, with no mismatched
3 "sized" tires, and must have sufficient tread to maintain traction and inflation to proper
4 limits;

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6 (vi) all tire spokes must be tight and none shall be missing or broken;
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8 (5) As part of the right-of-way permitting application pursuant to the
9 requirements of this chapter, the operator or applicant shall comply with a safety
10 inspection of the nonmotorized vehicle, pedicab, or horse-drawn vehicle.
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12 (d) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall be operated in accordance with
13 the following procedures:
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15 (1) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall only operate within the
16 areas illustrated on the official nonmotorized vehicle map, on file at the City Clerk's office
17 and on the City of Tampa website.
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19 (2) Notwithstanding section (d)(1), horse-drawn vehicles shall only
20 operate pursuant to right-of-way permits. During the right-of-way permit application,
21 each applicant or operator shall submit a plan that includes a proposed horse-drawn
22 vehicle route. The City reserves the right to permit horse-drawn vehicles on a case-by-
23 case basis. If approved, the applicant or operator must display the permit approval on the
24 horse-drawn vehicle.
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26 (3) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs may not be operated on any
27 City sidewalk.
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29 (4) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall comply with posted
30 regulations for stopping and standing. Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs may not stop
31 or stand in on-street spaces reserved for bus stops and trolley or streetcar stops.
32 Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs may not block public sidewalks, ramps, rights of
33 way, pedestrian accessways or private property and adhere to all requirements of the
34 Americans with Disabilities Act regarding streets, sidewalks and accessways.
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36 (5) Where available, nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall operate
37 in designated bike lanes, and shall travel in the same direction as the flow of traffic in such
38 bike lane in the adjacent roadway. In the absence of designated bike lanes, pedicabs shall
39 operate in the regular traffic lane.
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41 (6) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall not operate in any right-
42 of-way that has been closed for a special event, except where such nonmotorized vehicle
43 or pedicab has been specifically approved as part of the special event permit.

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2 (7) Nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall not operate with more
3 passengers than allotted seats.
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5 (8) Children under two years of age will be held in the arms of an adult
6 passenger while in a nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab.
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8 (9) Children over two years of age will sit independently in a seat in a
9 nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab and not be held by another passenger.
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11 (10) All drivers and/or operators of nonmotorized vehicles or pedicab
12 must wear a shirt, jacket or sweater displaying the company operating the nonmotorized
13 vehicle on the outer layer of clothing, and such logo must be made of reflective material.
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15 (e) Other requirements.
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17 (1) Advertising on Nonmotorized Vehicles and Pedicabs. Each applicant or
18 operator shall submit to the Mobility Department any proposed advertisement prior to
19 installation of said advertisement on the nonmotorized vehicle or pedicab for compliance
20 review of advertisement size. The Mobility Department shall review the advertisement
21 and either approve or reject the advertisement. The advertisement must conform with
22 this section. Advertisements shall only be permitted on the body of the pedicab, including
23 the side and back panels. Digital advertisements are not permitted. Violation of this
24 section shall be grounds for revocation, suspension, or termination of any license or
25 permit issued under this section.
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27 (2) Nonmotorized vehicle and pedicab operators shall comply with the
28 insurance requirements set forth in section 25-67 of the Code.
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30 (3) Nonmotorized vehicle and pedicab operators shall comply with the noise
31 restrictions set forth in section 14-155 of the Code."
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33 **Section 12. That Section "25-188 - Same – Sanitation."** is hereby amended by adding
34 the underlined language as follows:
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36 **"Sec. 25-188. - Same—Sanitation.**

1 All owners of nonmotorized vehicles and pedicabs shall comply with the
2 following sanitation requirements:

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4 **Section 13.** That should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any part of
5 this Ordinance invalid, the remaining parts hereof shall not, in any way, be affected by
6 such determination as to the invalid part.

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8 **Section 14.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are
9 hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

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11 **Section 15.** That this ordinance shall immediately take effect upon becoming
12 law.

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14 **PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA,**
15 **ON** MAR 06 2025.

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19 CHAIRMAN/CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM
CITY COUNCIL

20 ATTEST:

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22 CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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24 APPROVED BY ME ON 3/12/25

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27 JANE CASTOR, MAYOR

28 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL
29 SUFFICIENCY BY:

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31 E/S
32 EMMA GREGORY
33 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
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