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# CITY OF DANBURY

155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

November 19, 2004

President Vincent Nolan and Common Council members  
Common Council of the City of Danbury  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

**RE: Resolution – Regulation Of Pocket Bikes**

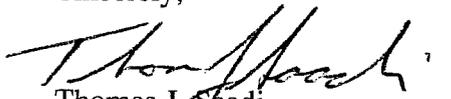
Dear President Nolan and Fellow Council members:

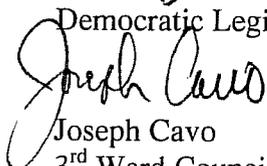
Attached hereto is a resolution regarding the regulation and prohibition of miniature motorcycles commonly known as and hereinafter referred to as: pocket bikes. We have drafted this resolution at the direction of the entire Common Council. The resolution urges the State of Connecticut to amend the current motor vehicle statutes to either regulate or prohibit pocket bikes or to allow municipalities the discretion to do the same. This is necessary as current state law does not adequately provide for such authority and as a result pocket bikes have become a safety risk to their drivers and to other motor vehicle operators and pedestrians and growing nuisance to the community at large.

We have drafted this resolution in cooperative manner based upon dialogue with Common Council members and members of our Legislative delegation. We urge our fellow Council members to approve this resolution as expeditiously as possible so that this important matter may receive the Legislative attention it deserves.

Should you have any questions you may contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Saadi  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman and  
Democratic Legislative Leader

  
Joseph Cavo  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman and  
Republican Legislative Leader

  
Mary Saracino  
Councilwoman At Large and  
Republican Legislative Leader

Attachment



## RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of chapters 246 through 248 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut regulates certain motor vehicles and their operation on public highways; and

**WHEREAS**, certain motor operated vehicles commonly known as "pocket bikes" are sold and operated in Danbury; and

**WHEREAS**, such pocket bikes lack safety equipment and due to their low profile, are difficult to be seen by persons operating other motor vehicles on State and city roads; and

**WHEREAS**, current state statutes do not require such pocket bikes to be registered; and

**WHEREAS**, current state statutes don't require operators of such pocket bikes to maintain motor vehicle insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of registration and insurance requirements pose a risk to operators of other motor vehicles and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, the proliferation of such pocket bikes thought the City of Danbury has resulted in numerous complaints from City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Danbury believes that it and other municipalities throughout the State of Connecticut should have the authority to regulate and prohibit the use of such pocket bikes on public roads pursuant to state statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in recognition of these concerns, the Common Council of the City of Danbury does hereby respectfully urge the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut to amend the provisions of section 14-1 et seq. to prohibit the use of such pocket bikes on Connecticut highways or provide municipalities the authority to regulate and prohibit the use of such pocket bikes.