



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:

George Gabriel, Senior Management Analyst

SUBJECT:

Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 19-0006 to Prohibit Shared Mobility Devices from Being Placed or Operated in Any Public Right-of-Way or on Public Property, or Offered for Use Anywhere in the City (City Manager Moe).

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 19-0006

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 19-0006 to prohibit shared mobility devices from being placed or operated in any public right-of-way or on public property, or offered for use anywhere in the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

A recent surge of shared mobility systems and devices with "dockless" technology, including motorized scooters and dockless bikes have emerged in cities throughout the United States. Although these devices provide additional mobility and transit options, communities are experiencing impacts from the use and misuse of such devices. These issues include: parking in the public right-of-way and obstructing vehicle and pedestrian access; reduced sidewalk area or parking spaces (docked systems); urban clutter (dockless systems); aggressive competition/oversupply; use of public land for private purposes; potential public liabilities; scooter/pedestrian conflicts; scooter/vehicle conflicts; and increased demand on enforcement resources. These shared mobility devices, primarily electronic scooters, have been launched in cities throughout the United States absent contracts, permits or business licenses.

At the August 21, 2018, meeting, City Council voted unanimously to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 18-0018-U and introduced Ordinance No. 18-0018. Both ordinances amended the Municipal Code to temporarily prohibit (up to eight months) shared mobility devices from being placed in any public right-of-way or on public property, operated in any public right-of-way or on public property, or offered for use anywhere in the City of Manhattan Beach. The Ordinances included a sunset provision that would cause the Ordinance to expire.

At the February 19, 2019, meeting, City Council voted unanimously to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 19-0006-U and introduce Ordinance No. 19-0006 to extend the prohibition for an additional twelve months.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 19-0006 to extend the prohibition for an additional twelve months. The ordinance are necessary to address the serious safety hazards posed by the proliferation of unregulated shared mobility devices being illegally operated on the sidewalk and abandoned haphazardly on public and private property. Additionally, it allows staff to continue to gather information and develop policies which will ensure public safety while also being responsive to the community's needs.

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has approved Ordinance No. 19-0006 as to form.

Attachment:

1. Ordinance No. 19-0006