



Shared Dockless Mobility Devices (E-Scooters) Ord. 2018-288

LUHTC

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Ordinance Overview

- Ordinance amends two sections of City Code, Chapter 24 and 27, to create the Permit Process for shared dockless mobility devices (e-scooters and bicycles) and amends parking regulations in the public right-of way, respectively.

Amended Code Sections

Shared Dockless Mobility Device Ordinance Elements

Chapter 24 – Establishing a **permit** process with associated fees, rules for placing shared dockless mobility devices within the public right of way, and administrative oversight policies.

Chapter 27 – Amending **parking** requirements to allow powered scooters to be parked on sidewalks and public right of way (constitute a motorized vehicle per Va State Code Sec 46.2 et seq.)

Chapter 24 – Amendments for Permits

- Permit application
- Applicant checklist and instructions
- Fee schedule
- Rules and regulations
- Operational and safety requirements (devices & users)
- Specific parking requirements
- Indemnification requirements
- Standards for vendor compliance
- Grounds for revocation

Chapter 27 – Amendments for Parking

- References the parking requirements established under the permitting process for placing dockless e-scooters/bicycles within the public right of way.
- Provides mechanisms for enforcement, impoundment, etc. based on compliance with the parking standards and rules for operations stipulated in the permit.

Purpose of New Ordinance

- A number of changes were made to the original ordinance presented at the October 16, 2018 LUHT.
 - Updated fee structure (Tier based fee)
 - Revised limit on the maximum number of scooters (allowing total of 1500 devices in the City and a maximum of 500 devices per vendor)
 - Authority for permit revocation (if hazard to public health, safety, welfare and not following federal, state and local rules)
 - Impoundment of scooters (Impounded devices counts towards total numbers permitted)
 - Clarifications of terms and definitions (for Shared devices)
 - Prohibited areas for parking scooters (trails, parks, park benches, etc)
 - Hours of operation (sunrise to sunset)
 - Maximum allowed speed (10MPH)
 - Safety requirements (Equipment and operation requirements)
 - Data reporting requirements (Complaints/Crashes/Trends/Uses/Trip data etc)

Program Administration

- Permit administration via DPW
 - Application fee (one time) - \$1,500, nonrefundable
 - Annual permit fee in tiers for up to 500 scooters
 - 1 – 100 scooters - \$25,000
 - 101 – 200 scooters - \$40,000
 - 201 – 500 scooters - \$60,000
 - Revocation/Reinstatement fee - \$2,500, nonrefundable
- Primary compliance oversight via DPW
- RPD will be required for any impoundments
- RVA 311 and other staff (Transportation Engineering, ROW Division, PDR) have been, and will continue to handle calls, emails, inquiries, complaints, etc.

Primary Concerns Stated

The ordinance and permit requirements address the primary concerns communicated by Council and public:

- Parking requirements - sidewalks, shared-use paths, curb ramps
- General safety issues including maintenance
- Where to be ridden (sidewalks, streets, paths)
- Helmet use
- Lights and nighttime operation
- Hours of operation
- Excessive speed
- Use on private property
- Indemnification of the City
- Data sharing

Questions

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