

Legislative Summary: Ordinance No. 464-2019

Ordinance No. 464-2019 enacts new Chapter 517, Shared Mobility Device Vendors, and enacts and amends various codified ordinance sections to regulate the vendors and use of shared mobility devices. Many cities, including Columbus, Nashville, Memphis, and Washington DC permit and regulate the rental and use of shared mobility devices as a way to increase connectivity and mobility options while ensuring the health and safety of riders, pedestrians and users of the public right-of-way.

This ordinance establishes:

- 1) definitions of mobility device, e-bike, e-scooter, and shared mobility device vendor;
- 2) a permit process for vendors to be approved by the Director of Capital Projects, Commissioner of Traffic Engineering, and Directors of City Planning and Public Safety, and application requirements and fee;
- 3) conditions of granting and maintaining a vendor permit, revocation of such permit for violations, and authorization for the Director of Capital Projects to establish rules and regulations;
- 4) Transportation Infrastructure Fund (Shared Mobility Fund) to support the expansion of multi-modal infrastructure from user fees paid to the Director of Finance; and
- 5) safety requirements for mobility device users, based on already existing bicycle regulations, and additional requirements, including a) not operating on streets with a speed limit over 35 mph unless in a dedicated bike lane or shared path; b) no operation over 15 mph (amended to 12 mph); and c) no operation under the age of 18 on street with vehicular traffic except on a shared use path (removed by amendment); and d) no riding on sidewalks (amended to prohibit only in business district).

In addition to those noted in parenthesis above, the Administration's amendments include: 1) adding a 6-month compliance demonstration period after which vendor may apply for another 6-month renewal and annually thereafter; 2) changing a \$1.00 per device fee to a per trip fee (amount to be determined by Board of Control) from permittee to the City; 3) adds mobility device requirements and additional permit conditions; 4) adds more detailed notice provision and appeal process for revocation of a permit and resulting removal of devices for violations; and 5) adds Contracts section that authorizes a cooperative agreement with the County related to the operation of devices and to receive payment of the City's share of the per-trip fees charged or collected by the County.