



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1391, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

5/23/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-9, (*Traffic or Sidewalk Obstructions*) to broaden services regulated in the City's right-of-way, to include bicycles and micro-mobility devices, and repealing certain City Code sections.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

There is no financial impact for this item.

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 20180426-027 approved an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-9, (*Traffic or Sidewalk Obstructions*) to expand the types of acts that are prohibited; creating a City-wide services license; and declaring an emergency, on a 7/3 vote with Council Members Alter, Flannigan, and Houston voting nay.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 28, 2019 - Reviewed by the Mobility Committee.

Additional Backup Information:

City Code Chapter 14-9 authorizes the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) to permit vending within the public right of way, to include dockless micro-mobility services.

ATD is proposing an amendment to remove the specific term "dockless", to broaden the City's ability to regulate bicycles and micro-mobility device services, to mitigate future disruptions introduced within the City of Austin.

The below sections are being repealed, to move dockless providers into a Franchise permitting model where the City can better manage the market and regulate their activities by contract or written agreement.

- 14-9-23 - CITY-WIDE DOCKLESS TRANSPORTATION LICENSE AUTHORIZED,
- 14-9-24 - CITY-WIDE DOCKLESS TRANSPORTATION UNIT PLACEMENT PLAN,
- 14-9-25 - LICENSE AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION

Micro-Mobility Device scooter or other compact device designed for personal mobility either privately owned or as part of a shared mobility service. It does not include Transportation Network Carriers (TNC's) or electric personal assistive mobility devices under Texas Transportation Code Section 551.201.

This action does not affect Transportation Network Carriers (TNC's) or personal assistive mobility devices, as

the State of Texas reserves all right and regulatory authority for their regulation.