

Late Backup

April 26, 2018
Agenda Item #27
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

Motion to provide direction to staff on dockless bikes and scooter administrative rules and related processes and to make this document Exhibit A:

The City Manager is directed to do the following:

Reporting:

- Provide an interim report to Council after 6 months providing, at a minimum, data on the following:
 - Number of rides
 - Number of users
 - Mapping of use
 - Citations
 - Accidents
 - Environmental impact
 - Other relevant data
- Adjust any related rules or ordinances as needed based on the 6-month report and its findings.
- Report back to Council in 12 months with data (as outlined for the 6-month report), community engagement and feedback, recommendations, and the process moving forward with the opportunity of amending any related rules or ordinances.
- Continue community engagement and gathering community feedback during the entirety of the 12-month period.

Good standing:

- Ensure permit applications are approved only for operators in good financial standing with the City once an operator files a permit application and pays the permit fee.
- Create process for companies to restore good standing if they:
 - remove dockless devices from the public right-of-way
 - cease operations until they secure a license
 - reimburse City for any and all costs associated with the company's lack of compliance
 - wait 72 hours after the licensing process begins before filing an application

Fee structure:

- Assess the permit fee for a company providing dockless devices prior a company's 6-month renewal period and revise permit fees accordingly to ensure fees offset costs to the City.

Environmental impact:

- Work with Austin Resource Recovery on assessing and minimizing environmental impacts that the usage of dockless devices may create during the 12-month period as well as in the long term.
- Create an environmentally-friendly procedure for companies providing dockless devices on how and where they can dispose of devices properly after the end of a device's lifecycle that will not create additional burdens and costs to the City and its taxpayers.

User accountability:

- Instruct companies providing dockless devices to isolate liability to the previous user and, as necessary, to contact users to clarify proper usage.
- Address the issue of liabilities related to dockless device usage, such as if devices are left on private property or used on parkland, and delineate the liabilities of both companies and the users.

Public education:

- Work with companies providing dockless devices on providing a public education campaign to educate the community and users on safe and proper usage and parking of these devices.