



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1591, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

5/23/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-1 (*Traffic Regulation and Administration*) and 12-2 (*Bicycles*) relating to the safe operation of micro-mobility devices.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

There is no financial impact for this item.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 28, 2019 - Reviewed by the Council Mobility Committee

Additional Backup Information:

Shared micro-mobility (dockless mobility) is a short-trip and transit first/last mile transportation solution that has resulted in over two million bicycle and scooter trips since spring of 2018. In the Austin market, public adoption has been rapid and wide spread. That success has highlighted challenges that many cities face with managing this emerging micro mobility option.

With the City's focus on successfully managing new micro-mobility options for our community, the Austin Transportation Department in conjunction with the Austin Police Department, is proposing changes to City Code Chapter 12-2 - BICYCLES, to recognize the presence of new micro-mobility devices in Austin's transportation system, to include scooters and other devices, as well as provide regulatory framework for managing the use of these new modes within our existing transportation system.

Micro-mobility device means a bicycle, electric bicycle ("E-bike"), scooter or other compact device designed for personal mobility either privately owned or part of a shared mobility service. This action does not include Transportation Network Carriers (TNC's) or electric personal assistive mobility devices under Texas Transportation Code Section 551.201.