

Amendment 1 to CB 121040 – E-Cargo Bike Permit

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Extend the permit fee waiver period

Effect: This amendment would extend the permit fee waiver period to cover the first 12 months of the active permit program. The original legislation proposed a fee waiver for the first six months of the active permit program.

Revise Section 2 as follows:

Section 2. A new Section 11.23.430 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

11.23.430 E-cargo bicycle permit requirements and fees

A. To operate a permitted e-cargo bicycle on City rights-of-way and lawfully utilize the portions of the right of way specified in subsection 11.44.300.A not otherwise allowed by unpermitted e-cargo bicycles, the permittee shall meet the requirements in this subsection 11.23.430.A and comply with the terms in this Section 11.23.430.

1. The applicant shall obtain a commercial e-cargo bicycle permit for each e-cargo bicycle and pay any associated fees to the Seattle Department of Transportation.

2. Permitted e-cargo bicycles may be no wider than 48 inches.

3. Permitted e-cargo bicycles must comply with the manufacturer's weight rating specifications.

4. Each permitted e-cargo bicycle shall display a unique identification number up to six digits, generated by the Seattle Department of Transportation when permit applications are processed. The number will be associated with the operating business and the unique number for each permitted bicycle. If the e-cargo bicycle includes a trailer, the unique identification number shall be affixed to the back of the trailer.

5. The permittee shall comply with the terms of the commercial e-cargo bicycle permit.

6. When using on-street parking within City rights-of-way as referenced in Section 11.44.300, the permittee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and City laws and regulations.

B. The permittee must possess a valid City of Seattle business license to acquire a commercial e-cargo bicycle permit, except if not required by ordinance. The permittee is required to provide data surrounding number of packages delivered by cargo bike, vehicle miles traveled by cargo bike, and operating ZIP codes.

C. The Director of Transportation may administer a system for issuing commercial e-cargo bicycle permits and collecting fees. This system may include consideration of potential effects on existing curb space loading, vehicle and bicycle traffic usage and safety effects on neighborhood business districts, program participation, and other considerations that may affect the public's use of the right-of-way and travel behavior.

D. The Director of Transportation may deny issuance of subsequent permits to a permittee for noncompliance with any permit condition.

E. E-cargo bicycles shall not park in the following zones or areas:

1. Zones designated as bus zones;
2. Car share vehicle zones;
3. Commercial vehicle load zones;
4. Pedestrian zones;
5. Roadway construction zones;
6. School loading zones;
7. Taxicab, pedicab, and other for-hire car stands;
8. Tow-away zones;
9. Truck load zones;
10. Passenger load zones
11. Vending zones;
12. Parking areas adjacent to Temporary No Parking Zones;
13. Zones temporarily restricted from parking by legally marked and placed temporary traffic control devices; and
14. Any other zone prohibited by the Traffic Engineer.

F. E-cargo bicycles shall not park in a parking space or stall reserved for a person with a disability.

G. The Director of Transportation may establish permit conditions and limitations to address neighborhood impacts, business district impacts, equitable access, peak right-of-way usage, or other considerations that may affect the public's use of the public right-of-way.

H. An e-cargo bicycle permit shall be valid for one calendar year, and permits are nontransferable between bikes. Seattle Department of Transportation permitting fees shall be waived for commercial e-cargo bicycle permits for the first ~~12 six~~ months of the active program. Following the first ~~12 six~~ months, the Director of Transportation shall collect a fee to be deposited into the Transportation Fund and established annually by a fee schedule for each permit issued to an applicant.