



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to use of City right-of-way by free-floating scooters; amending Section 15.17.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code; adopting a Free-Floating Scooter Share Program Fee Schedule; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, in July 2018, City Council passed Ordinance 125634 adopting a free-floating bike share program and fee schedule by allowing private free-floating bike share companies to deploy free-floating bikes on sidewalks citywide; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of free-floating scooter share pilot programs has proliferated across the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is now designing a pilot permit program for free-floating scooter share; and

WHEREAS, no permit administrative fees exist to cover the expected costs of administering a free-floating scooter share pilot permit program and its program goals; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.04.074 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) authorizes and directs the Director of Transportation to prepare and recommend to the City Council fees applicable to street and sidewalk use permits commensurate with the cost of administering, reviewing, issuing, inspecting, and policing permits granted for the uses; and

WHEREAS, SMC Section 15.17.005 will be amended to reflect this new type of mobility and authorize vending; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 15.17.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125946, is

amended as follows:

15.17.005 Authorized vending in public places

No person shall vend to the public in a public place unless authorized below:

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D. The vendor is vending bicycles, other mobility devices, helmets, or other (~~bike-share-related~~) related merchandise that is made available for general public use and has been authorized by a separate permit.

Section 2. The Seattle Department of Transportation (Department) Free-Floating Scooter Share Program Fee Schedule is adopted as follows:

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Permit Issuance and Renewal	\$232 for issuance or \$176 for renewal as specified in the Street Use Permit Fee Schedule or as subsequently amended
Permit Hourly Review and Inspection Rate	\$278 per hour of review as specified in the Street Use Permit Fee Schedule or as subsequently amended
Administrative Fee per year	For vendors approved during the initial application period \$150 per permitted scooter or device
	For vendors approved after the initial application period \$150 per permitted scooter or device, prorated by month

Section 3. The Department is authorized to charge lower administrative fees if further analysis demonstrates to the Department that it can cover scooter share related costs for less than the fees authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by

Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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