
WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville previously enacted an emergency ordinance, Ordinance No. O-137-2018, to impose a one hundred fifty (150) day moratorium on Shared Mobility Vehicles to allow the City to explore shared mobility options and offer opportunities for effective and meaningful collaboration with Shared Mobility Vehicle providers, which moratorium was effective through February 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville previously enacted an emergency ordinance, Ordinance No. O-16-2019, to impose a one hundred eighty (180) day moratorium on shared mobility vehicles to allow the City to establish a pilot program for Shared Mobility Vehicles and to study the program including its effectiveness, safety concerns, and best practices which would help the City in hopes of developing permanent regulations that will pertain to shared mobility vehicles, which moratorium was effective through August 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville previously enacted an emergency ordinance, Ordinance No. O-101-2019, to impose a two hundred and nine (209) day moratorium on
shared mobility vehicles to allow the City to continue studying and evaluating a pilot program for Shared Mobility Vehicles and to coincide with the expiration of contracts for Shared Mobility Vehicles under the pilot program, for the benefit of the public’s safety, which moratorium is effective through March 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that modifications need to be made to the pilot program contracts for the benefit of the public’s safety; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that additional time will be needed to evaluate the success of these modifications to the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to renew the pilot program contracts for another six (6) months to allow for this additional time to evaluate the program changes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety that this Ordinance take effect on March 6, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term “Shared Mobility Vehicle” means any wheeled device, other than an automobile or motorcycle, that:

1. is powered by a motor;

2. is rendered operable or inoperable via a point-of-sale terminal or an on-demand portal, whether through a smartphone application, membership card, or similar method;

3. is operated by a private entity that owns, manages, or maintains devices for shared use by members of the public; and

4. is available to members of the public in unstaffed, self-service locations.

SECTION 2: Ordinance No. O-137-2018, Ordinance No. O-16-2019, and Ordinance No. O-101-2019 are hereby amended to impose an additional one hundred eighty (180) day moratorium, until
and through September 2, 2020, upon Shared Mobility Vehicles being placed in the public right-of-way or on public property, being operated in the public right-of-way or on public property, or being distributed for use anywhere in the City, with the exception of two Shared Mobility Vehicle companies allowed to operate under a modified pilot program, in order to allow for adequate pedestrian traffic flow and to promote public safety.

**SECTION 3:** In addition to any other enforcement or legal action that the City may take, any violation of this Ordinance is subject to a civil fine of fifty dollars ($50.00). This fine shall be imposed for each Shared Mobility Vehicle, and for each occurrence and each day that the Shared Mobility Vehicle(s) is or are distributed, operated, used, rented, or furnished in violation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** In the event that any portion of this Ordinance shall be declared by any competent court to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance shall take effect March 6, 2020, the welfare of the City requiring it.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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City Recorder