

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Transportation Code - Mobility Device Permit Requirement]

Ordinance amending the Transportation Code to establish a violation for operating a Shared Mobility Device Service without a permit or other authorization from the Municipal Transportation Agency, and to repeal certain parking restrictions related to stationless bicycle share programs and powered scooter share programs; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Currently, a permit issued by the Municipal Transportation Agency is required to park, leave standing, or leave unattended a bicycle that is part of a Stationless Bicycle Share Program on any sidewalk, Street, or public right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Transportation Agency or Public Works.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would require a permit, agreement or other authorization to operate a Shared Mobility Device Service, as defined in Article 1200 of Division II of the Transportation Code. In addition, this legislation modifies the requirement to have a permit, agreement or other authorization to park, leave standing, or leave unattended a mobility device that is part of a Shared Mobility Device Service on any sidewalk, street, or public right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Transportation Agency or any appropriate City department or agency. Scooters that are part of a Powered Scooter Share Program and bicycles that are part of a Stationless Bicycle Share Program will be included in the definition of “Mobility Device” in Division II of the Transportation Code and thus, will be subject to this legislation.

Background Information

This legislation is part of a citywide effort to require a permit, agreement or other authorization in order to operate a mobility device or other type of emerging technology on City streets, sidewalks or public rights-of-way. Accordingly, this legislation is intended to complement proposed legislation that would amend the Administrative Code to create an Office of Emerging Technology within the Department of Public Works.