

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 10, 2018

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Dockless Vehicles**

On Monday, August 13, 2018 you will be briefed on The Dallas Police Department's feedback to the Dockless Bicycles and Electric Scooters Ordinance. The presentation will address issues faced by the police department regarding enforcement of traffic laws and city ordinances from operators of the dockless vehicles. We will outline issues and operational concerns, including policy regulations, criminal activity, and departmental requests on how the dockless bicycles and scooters are affecting public safety. Finally, the Dallas Police Department will ensure public safety of pedestrians and motorist through warnings and education.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Fortune".

Jon Fortune
Assistant City Manager

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cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Larry Casto, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
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Dockless Vehicles

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee
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David Pughes, Executive Assistant Chief
Dallas Police Department
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Presentation Overview

- Background/History
- Issues and Public Safety Concerns



Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 551

Operation of Bicycles, Mopeds, and Play Vehicles

- Subchapter B: Regulation of Operation (bicycles)
 - A bicycle rider has the rights and duties applicable to a driver operating a vehicle
- Operation on Roadway
 - Slower moving bicycles are to keep as near as possible to the right curb unless unsafe to do so
 - Persons may ride two abreast in a single lane
 - Persons may not ride more than two abreast unless they are riding on a part of a roadway set aside for the exclusive operation of bicycles
- Safety Equipment
 - Bicycles must be equipped with a brake capable of making a braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement
 - Riding a bicycle at night requires:
 - A lamp on the front of the bicycle that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet
 - A red reflector located on the rear of the bicycle

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Operation of Bicycles, Mopeds, and Play Vehicles

- Subchapter E: Motor-Assisted Scooters
 - May operate on a street with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less
 - A municipality may prohibit use on a street, highway, or sidewalk
 - May operate on a path set aside for the exclusive operation of bicycles or on a sidewalk

Dallas City Code

- Chapter 9 Bicycles
 - Sidewalk riding is prohibited on designated streets within the Dallas Central Business District
 - Minors are required to wear bicycle helmets
- Chapter 28 Article VI
 - Sidewalk riding motor assisted scooters is prohibited on designated streets within the Dallas Central Business District, the Cedars neighborhood and Deep Ellum
 - Minors must wear a helmet

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Dockless Vehicle Ordinance

- Sidewalk riding of bicycles and motor assisted scooters is prohibited on designated streets within the Dallas Central Business District, the Cedars neighborhood and Deep Ellum

Public Safety

- The Police Departments primary concern regarding dockless bicycles and electric scooters is the safety of pedestrians, preventing motor vehicle accidents and the safety of the operators.
- The department has identified high pedestrian areas for safety concerns:
 - CBD
 - Deep Ellum
 - Bishop Arts
 - Katy Trail
 - Uptown



911 Calls

Injured Persons Calls:

Dallas Fire Rescue has answered 32 calls related to bicycle injuries and 4 scooter injuries since May 1, 2018.

Calls Of Criminal Offenses

IncidentNum	Date1	OffIncident	NIBRS_Crime	NIBRS_Type	Address	CompName	RA	Beat	Division
113289-2018	2018-05-27 00:00:00.0000000	THEFT OF SERVICE < \$100	FALSE PRETENSES/ SWINDLE/ CONFIDENCE GAME	Coded	2608 ELM ST	LIME BIKE	2066	153	CENTRAL
078285-2018	2018-04-14 00:00:00.0000000	THEFT OF PROP > OR EQUAL \$750 <\$2,500 (NOT SHOPL...	ALL OTHER LARCENY	Coded	2608 ELM ST	LIME BIKE	2066	153	CENTRAL
115169-2018	2018-05-29 00:00:00.0000000	FOUND PROPERTY (NO OFFENSE)	MISCELLANEOUS	Not Coded	1112 - 1198 W 7TH ST	OFO	4117	417	SOUTHWEST
111610-2018	2018-05-25 00:00:00.0000000	THEFT - PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION	MISCELLANEOUS	Not Coded	2121 S HARWOOD ST	OFO	2125	152	CENTRAL
076016-2018	2018-04-11 00:00:00.0000000	THEFT OF SERVICE -PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION	MISCELLANEOUS	Not Coded	2700 MAIN ST	LIME BIKE	2078	153	CENTRAL
112384-2018	2018-05-26 00:00:00.0000000	OTHER OFFENSE - MISDEMEANOR	ALL OTHER OFFENSES	No Coded	900 COMMERCE ST	LIME BIKE	2072	133	CENTRAL
122223-2018	2018-06-06 00:00:00.0000000	THEFT OF SERVICE < \$100	FALSE PRETENSES/ SWINDLE/ CONFIDENCE GAME	Coded	2700 ELM ST	LIME BIKE	2066	153	CENTRAL
141617-2018	2018-06-29 00:00:00.0000000	MIR (MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENT REPORT NO OFFENSE)	MISCELLANEOUS	Not Coded	3400 LEMMON AVE	OFO	2003	124	CENTRAL
157438-2018	2018-07-18 00:00:00.0000000	THEFT OF SERVICE < \$100	FALSE PRETENSES/ SWINDLE/ CONFIDENCE GAME	Coded	2500 N CENTRAL EXPY	OFO	2016	154	CENTRAL



311 Calls

Service Requests through 311

- From 10/01/2017 to 8/01/2018 there have been 3,631 bike share service requests created from 311 calls.
- Bikes obstructing sidewalks or streets
- Bikes abandoned on private property
- Damaged bicycles that have been abandoned



Public Safety Enforcement Action

- The Dallas Police Department understands that many individuals utilizing a rental bike are from out of town and are unaware of Texas traffic laws and Dallas city ordinances.
 - Officers will ensure public safety of pedestrians and motorists by engaging individuals that are not following laws related to bicycles and motorized scooters or operating in an unsafe manner.
 - In most cases, officers will give warnings and educate the individuals before issuing citations.

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