



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Title

Creating Section 12.796 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit dockless motorized scooters in the City unless permitted by State law and authorized through a City pilot program.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: Current state law does not authorize the parking and operation of motorized scooters on public streets and sidewalks. Dockless motorized scooter technology is developing rapidly. The City wishes to conduct a pilot study to evaluate the operation and effectiveness of dockless motorized scooter systems but may not do so until the state statutes are amended to allow dockless motorized scooters to operate and park upon the highway including public streets and sidewalks.

This ordinance explicitly prohibits the parking and operation of dockless motorized scooter systems on City streets and sidewalks unless state law changes to permit this use. If and when changes in state law allow dockless motorized scooters to operate and park on public streets and sidewalks, dockless motorized scooter systems will only be permitted if authorized by the City Department of Transportation through a City pilot program.

The ordinance authorizes the City to impose a forfeiture and impound dockless motorized scooters operating in the City contrary to state law and/or absent participation in a City pilot study. Owners of the dockless motorized scooter systems will be responsible for any forfeitures and costs related to impounding and storing the vehicles. On July 31, 2018, the City of Milwaukee passed a similar ordinance that authorizes it to impound dockless motorized scooters.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:
Please see "Body" in Attachments.