



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 25, 2022
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of February 8, 2022

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Amending the Right of Way License Agreement for Dockless Vehicles

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing license agreements to allow the parking of dockless vehicles in the City's right-of-way with a term ending January 1, 2023 and two automatic one-year renewals upon payment of fees, which license agreements will replace the license agreements approved by Ordinance No. 031652.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance will amend the current right of way license agreement for Dockless Vehicles and incorporate a new right-of-way license agreements with Blue Duck Express, Inc. and Neutron Holdings, Inc. (LIME). Such licenses are to remain in place for up to one year and appropriate the fee into the Dockless Vehicle Fund.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since January 2019, Dockless Vehicles have provided riders greater access to our Downtown Corpus Christi (ie. from the Seawall to Downtown businesses) area, improving access to the SEA District, Marina Arts District and Hospital District for both leisure activities and to and from work. City Staff has now gathered almost two years' worth of scooter data to better understand how scooters are used in the City. Using the results of the data and peer city program comparisons, staff is proposing program modifications to make the program work better for Corpus Christi.

Staff is proposing changes to the fee structure, creating a cap on the maximum number of scooters allowed in the city limits, creating a cap on the maximum number of scooters allowed to be parked on the Seawall, adding designated parking requirements to the license agreement for Dockless Vehicles, and creating maximum speed limits on the Seawall and on the "Beachwalk" at North Beach. The changes to the fee structure will put the City's structure more in line with other major cities in Texas. The recommended change will be from the current fee of \$1 per scooter per day to a permit fee of \$60 annually per scooter and a per trip fee of \$0.30 per ride. The recommended scooter cap is 1,200 citywide. Additionally, scooter corrals for parking up to 300 scooters will be placed on the downtown seawall located on Shoreline Boulevard between the Barge Dock and Cole Park. Scooter corrals will be implemented along Shoreline from Barge

Dock to Cole Park to alleviate the congestion of parked scooters on the sidewalk, which in some cases block pedestrian right of way and create a potential safety issue. It is important to note that there will no cap on the number of scooters that can be used on the Seawall. Additionally, dockless vehicles may not operate on the Seawall and on the "Beachwalk", the pedestrian sidewalk that runs along the beach on North Beach, at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve changes and continue to operate under the current ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact will be changing from the current agreement of \$1 per scooter per day to a permit fee per scooter of \$60 annually and a per trip fee of \$0.30 cents which will generate approximately \$225,000 in revenue.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1047 – Dockless Vehicle
Organization/Activity: 10496 – Dockless Vehicle Admin & Enfrc
Mission Element:
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000 – Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendments to the licensing agreements for Dockless Vehicles.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance – Dockless Vehicle Temporary License
Exhibit A - License Agreement – Dockless Vehicles
Exhibit B - License Agreement – Dockless Vehicles (after procurement)
Updated License Agreement - Redline
PowerPoint – Dockless Scooter Presentation