

City of Gainesville

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Legislation Text

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Micromobility Process Discussion (B)

This item involves a request to the City Commission to review the draft ordinance on the regulation of micromobility devices in Gainesville and provide input and direction to staff.

Micromobility devices are emerging transportation options that provide City residents and visitors with alternative shared transportation options. Micromobility devices are described as any motorized transportation device made available for private use by reservation through an online application, website, or software for point-to-point trips. This term includes motorized scooters and motorized bicycles, as defined by the Florida Statutes.

Staff has conducted extensive research on the advantages and disadvantages of Micromobility, including looking at the challenges other local governments and peer cities have encountered related to Micromobility services. Staff believes it is in the best interest of the City to regulate Micromobility services in order to promote user safety, ensure the public right-of-way is used in a safe manner and prevent obstruction of the right of-way.

City staff has coordinated with the University of Florida to seek input and address concerns; as well as presented information and received public feedback at the Mobility Workshop held April 24, 2019. Staff requests that the City Commission review the draft ordinance included in the back-up and provide input and direction.

This is a discussion item only with no fiscal impacts at this time.

The City Commission review the draft ordinance on the regulation of Micromobility devices in Gainesville and provide direction to staff.