

ORDINANCE NO. 13479

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 24-511, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF DOCKLESS ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 24, Article XV, Section 24-511, is adopted as follows:

ARTICLE XV. – DOCKLESS ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES

Sec. 24-511. Moratorium Relating to the Operation of Dockless Electric Scooters and Bicycles.

(a) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“*Dockless Small Vehicle System*” or “*System*” means a system which provides bicycles, scooters, electric bicycles, electric scooters, or other small vehicles for short-term rentals for point-to-point trips and which may be locked and unlocked without the requirement of a bicycle rack or other docking station.

“*Dockless Small Vehicle*” means a bicycle, scooter, electric bicycle, electric scooter, and other small, wheeled vehicle designed specifically for shared use utilizing GPS technology and can be deployed as part of a Dockless Small Vehicle System.

(b) **Moratorium.** The following is in effect for the six (6) month period beginning on the effective date of this ordinance:

- (i) It is unlawful to provide or offer for use a Dockless Small Vehicle anywhere within the City.
- (ii) It is unlawful to park, leave standing, leave lying, abandon, or otherwise place a Dockless Small Vehicles in a public right-of-way or on public property anywhere within the City.

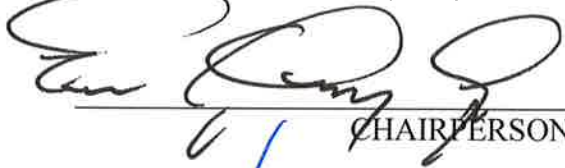
- (iii) It is unlawful to operate a Dockless Small Vehicles in a public right-of-way or on public property anywhere within the City.

(c) Violations; Impoundment.

- (i) A violation of subsection (b) is punishable by a fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.
- (ii) Dockless Small Vehicles operated in violation of this section shall be considered a traffic and pedestrian hazard and shall immediately be removed from right-of-way and impounded. A Dockless Small Vehicle shall be impounded by the City, its designee, or its contractors, with an initial impoundment fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and a daily storage fee after the first twenty-four (24) hours of storage of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per twenty-four (24) hours of storage or part thereof. The owner of the Dockless Small Vehicle shall be responsible for all fees.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: July 9, 2019


CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:



MAYOR