

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-232

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE SHARED SCOOTER SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER / DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS OR DESIGNEE TO MODIFY PERMIT CONDITIONS, ISSUE AND REVOKE PERMITS, AND LIMIT OR SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF A SHARED SCOOTER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the evolution of Shared Mobility Devices (SMDs) has surged in the last several years. Examples of these devices include electric scooters and electric bikes; and

WHEREAS, two of the goals of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 (BPMPU2018) include Goal 1- Increase Access and Comfort and Goal 3 - Support a Culture of Walking and Biking. If the shared scooter devices are deployed in the city, then it can help us in meeting these goals in the BPMPU2018; and

WHEREAS, after receiving direction from the City Council during a study session held on November 10, 2020, staff began the process of developing a draft set of permit conditions for a shared scooter system pilot program; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, staff held a meeting with a variety of city departments (Parking, Police, Fire, Planning Economic Development and the City Attorney Office to discuss shared scooter systems; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021, staff provided a report to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board regarding Shared Mobility Devices (Scooters) to allow the Board to provide input on the permit process conditions and application; and

WHEREAS, a City of Santa Rosa Shared Scooter System Pilot Program, including Permit Conditions and an application and an approach for evaluation of applications, has been developed to regulate a pilot shared scooter system in Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning. Specifically, the project consists of the continued operation of the existing street network with a negligible expansion of use. In addition, the project implements the City's General Plan by providing alternative modes of transportation, furthering connectivity and greenhouse gas reduction goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, prior to the implementation of the pilot program, Chapter 9-22 of the City Code (previously modified by ordinance 3249 and 3516) must be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approve the City of Santa Rosa Shared Scooter System Pilot Program Permit Conditions, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A and made a part of herein, contingent upon Council's

subsequent amendment of necessary provisions of the City Code to allow for the Pilot Program implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorize the Assistant City Manager and/or Director of Transportation and Public Works to modify permit conditions, issue and revoke permits, and limit or suspend the operation of a shared scooter system.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 14th day of December, 2021

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – City of Santa Rosa Shared Scooter System Pilot Program Permit Conditions