



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: October 27, 2020 – Work Session Item
Micromobility Devices

In August 2019, an electric vehicle sharing provider began distributing rental electric scooters along the sidewalks of select locations on International Drive in unincorporated Orange County. These scooters are defined in State Statutes as “micromobility devices.” The Code Enforcement Division immediately began receiving complaints from businesses along International Drive relating to clutter from the parked scooters, pedestrian traffic patterns being altered, and general liability concerns.

In order to appropriately respond to the complaints, on March 24, 2020, the Board adopted a moratorium ordinance prohibiting the use of micromobility devices in unincorporated Orange County. Subsequently, staff reviewed the merits of a legal complaint challenging the moratorium, along with the current state of micromobility use in the County due to significant Covid-19 health concerns. It was determined that lifting the moratorium would have little effect due to the significant reduction in public travel and usage. On July 7, 2020, the Board adopted an ordinance rescinding the moratorium and directing staff to continue efforts to develop a permanent ordinance.

To prepare for the upcoming Board policy discussion, staff held a variety of engagement sessions with community stakeholder groups, in addition to an industry forum with micromobility service providers. At the work session on October 27, 2020, staff will provide a presentation describing the background issues, review of local programs/regulatory framework, challenges and opportunities for Orange County, feedback from stakeholder engagement, and options for consideration for Board direction.

This item is for informational purposes only; no action is required.

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