

Date: June 23, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

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Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – E-SCOOTERS FRANCHISE REGULATIONS

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING the provisions of Title VII, “Business Regulations” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by ORDAINING new Chapter 811, “e-Scooter Rental Franchises,” and AMENDING Section 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses,” of Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish e-scooter rental franchises for the rental of e-scooters in the City of Cincinnati.

The City Administration is working to enhance and codify the use of publicly shared electronic scooters, (e-scooters), in the City of Cincinnati. The recent passage of Ohio House Bill 295 and the subsequent update to Ohio Revised Code Section 4511 allows for e-scooters to operate and park within the City’s right-of-way subject to City regulations and prohibitions.

The reason for the emergency is to create the requisite governance in a timely manner to ensure the safe operation of low-speed micro-mobility devices and e-scooters that are presently operating within the City. The ordinance will establish provisions for awarding e-scooter rental franchises, set franchise fee requirements, and codify management and operations for this new transit sharing system.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering