

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 469

Approved November 22, 2023

WHEREAS, In Fall 2018 Providence started a Shared Micro Mobility Program with e-scooters and bike share options that have become heavily utilized by visitors and residents of our city; and

WHEREAS, Spin, Bird, and Veo are the City's current permitted providers and all three offer scooters and bikes; and

WHEREAS, These micro mobility ride-share options have made our city more accessible and helped foster an urban environment that promotes alternative and sustainable modes of transportation and for that we show our great appreciation for their presence on our streets; and

WHEREAS, As we continue to welcome micromobility options in our city, we must also be aware of the new challenges they create such as improper parking of these bikes and scooters so that they do not become a hindrance to other pedestrians or ADA accessibility; and

WHEREAS, In the middle of our sidewalks and streets, or blocking driveways or the right-of-way, there are many inappropriate places that these bikes and scooters have been parked that pose a genuine safety hazard for pedestrians and other travelers; and

WHEREAS, The City is in a position to work collaboratively with all permitted service providers to ensure their users understand and abide by our already existing laws that regulate how and where these bikes and scooters should be parked; and

WHEREAS, We believe that it is in the shared best interest of both the City and the permitted service providers that their products be used safely and responsibly; and

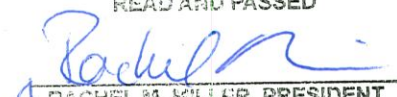
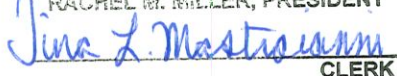
WHEREAS, The City looks forward to a strong future of our Shared Micromobility Program as it continues to offer low cost transportation options that reduce carbon pollution, contribute to traffic calming, and promote healthier lifestyles all while diligently promoting rider education and proper parking practices that ensure a safer city for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence is formally requesting that all active and future permitted service providers in our Shared Micromobility Program employ stronger provisions and technology in collaboration with the City that prevent the public safety hazard of poorly parked bikes and scooters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor and the respective ride-share companies.

IN CITY COUNCIL
NOV 16 2023

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

TINA L. MASTROMARINO, CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Brett P. Smith
Mayor

Date: 11/22/2023