



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

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Dear Mayor Faulconer and City Council Members,

The Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) supports the use of micro-mobility options for residents and visitors while providing a safe environment for pedestrians in our downtown neighborhoods. The DCPC is concerned that the plethora of motorized scooters and bicycles is creating havoc in our communities.

The proposal dated February 14, 2019 addresses many of our concerns though we have several suggestions which we believe warrant consideration. As the ordinance evolves, please explore adding the following to the regulation:

- Require off sidewalk riding and parking of motorized devices in Downtown
 - Red curbs at block ends, shared car parking spaces, and current Discovery Bike Docking stations.
 - Support the development of technology that prevents riding on sidewalks and controls speed where vehicles share the space with pedestrians
- Allow Community Control
 - In addition to the license fee, add a per use fee (or the # of vehicles fee) apportioned to the community where the revenue is generated for signage, pilot programs and enforcement
 - Task the DPMG (Downtown Parking Management Group) to manage the implementation and regulation for the Downtown Community
 - Allow communities to pilot programs which address the needs of the community
- Removal of Inappropriately parked vehicles
 - Encourage quick coherent reliable program of reporting inappropriately parked vehicles, enforcement and penalties.
- Mandate Accountability for safe operation
 - Require companies to provide a management plan which details how they will enforce appropriate parking, encourage safe driving behavior and sanction violators
 - Each vehicle will have a unique identifier large enough to be visible while in operation for reporting purposes.

We look forward to regulations which keep both the pedestrian and the scooter/bicycle rider safe and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Regards,

Pat Stark
DCPC Chair