



DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

Dockless Scooter Operation Ordinance

Presentation to LUTJ

December 11, 2018

- One-year pilot program, launched in August 2018
- 5 operators permitted for 350 scooters
- By design, the vehicles are able to travel upwards of 15 mph



- Both state and city law define scooters as “toy vehicles”
 - Toy vehicles may only be on sidewalks, under current law
 - Neither state law or local law contemplated these scooters, which are more akin to bicycles than toys
 - Legislation expected this session at the state level

- “*Electric mobility scooter or EMS* means a stand-up scooter with two tandem wheels, designed to transport only one person, and that is powered by an electric propulsion system having a top speed of no more than twenty miles per hour.”
- Moves vehicles out of current toy vehicle definition

- Must obey traffic signals
- Cannot carry more than one person at a time
- Considered a vehicle under the code
- Must yield to pedestrians at all times



Riding on Bicycle Lanes, Roadways and the Sidewalk

- EMS must be operated in bicycle lane if one is available
- If no bicycle lane available, EMS must be operated in roadway if speed limit is 30 mph or less side)
 - Must ride as near to right side of roadway as safely possible
- If neither bike lane nor appropriate road available, EMS can be operated on the sidewalk at a speed of 6 mph or less

Proposed Ordinance Speed Limits

- Roadway/Bicycle Lane – 15 mph
- Sidewalk – 6 mph



- Parking – must not impede movement of pedestrian traffic
- Vehicles must have lighting, appropriate reflection
- Unlawful to operate on 16th Street Mall

Related Upcoming Actions

- DPW will be making future programmatic adjustments to the pilot program through Rules & Regulations.
- DPR is currently developing rules that would allow scooters, e-bikes and other appropriate motorized vehicles in parks and on trails.
- Staff will continue to work with partners at the State to address any issues in state statute.

Questions?