

CITY OF WARRENSBURG

June 11, 2021

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Potential Benefits and Concerns of Dockless Electric Scooters in the City of Warrensburg

BACKGROUND:

Staff has been approached by Bird Rides, Inc. to consider allowing them to operate in Warrensburg under a new business model. Currently, there are prohibitions to this occurring due to a ban on “toy vehicles” in Chapter 23, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances and due to potential challenges related to the Missouri Constitution. Both of these prohibitions can be overcome, should that be the desire of the Council. Staff has compiled research from other municipalities which have had these discussions, as well as research on electric scooters generally. Therefore, staff is requesting guidance from the Council on two issues. One, should the Code be amended to allow the operation of electric scooters in Warrensburg at-large? This can be a separate decision from the decision regarding Bird scooters. Two, should staff pursue a contract to allow Bird Rides to operate in Warrensburg? Once staff has received the guidance of the Council, proper steps will be followed depending on the outcome.

ISSUE: To provide guidance on whether to proceed to consider amending Code of Ordinances to allow electric scooters to operate in Warrensburg, and whether to allow dockless electric scooter companies to operate in Warrensburg.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus II, Strategy 2b “Improve connectivity between UCM campus, downtown and community at large.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

Sincerely,

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