



**AGENDA MEMO**  
9/18/2018 Agenda

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Greg Spradlin, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Discuss Dockless Electric Scooters in University Park.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Earlier this month, city officials were contacted by Blanca Laborde of Bird Rides to inquire about the feasibility of bringing dockless electric scooters to SMU. Currently, Chapter 12, Section 12.01.011 of the University Park Code of Ordinances prohibits any person from driving or operating a motor-assisted scooter on a public street, highway or sidewalk in the city. For reference, dockless electric scooters meet the definition of a motor assisted scooter as stated in the city ordinance and Title 7, Subtitle C, Chapter 551, Subchapter E, Section 551.351(1) of the Texas Transportation Code.

Due to the confined city limits of University Park, heavy traffic congestion and limited line of sight at some locations, the increased use of motor-assisted scooters by, not only SMU students, but the city population at large, creates a threat to public safety. This is evidenced by two recent traffic accidents in University Park in August of 2018 concerning motor-assisted scooters.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Due to public safety concerns, staff recommends enforcement of the existing ordinance regarding the use of dockless electric scooters (motor assisted scooters).

To insure compliance with the ordinance, the Police Department will begin a public re-education program in which operators of motor assisted scooters will first be warned of violations and eventually cited should violations continue.