

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 37-2020

Introduced: June 1, 2020

Auditor: Michelle R. Harrod

Fiscal Impact:

We are unable to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation at this time.

The Office of Transportation (OOT) has indicated they do not anticipate increased expense in the implementation of this legislation.

The proposed legislation does not specify what would happen to the permit fee should a permit be suspended or revoked. *We have asked the sponsor for clarification of this issue.*

Purpose:

The proposed legislation provides guidelines for operating an electric scooter sharing system within the public right-of-way. Specifically, it provides that operations cannot obstruct public right-of-way and that County employees may remove a scooter in violation of this.

It also clarifies that the following would be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a permit:

- Making false representation or false statements on an application;
- Being convicted of a felony or misdemeanor related to the fitness or qualifications by the vendor to engage in activity allowed under the permit;
- Violating the conditions of the permit;
- Failing to maintain the insurance or bond required; or
- Operating an electric scooter sharing system without a permit.

Other Comments:

The OOT has further indicated that this proposed legislation would provide additional oversight authority and could strengthen their negotiations with the vendor by clarifying operating and vendor requirements.