

ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-_____

An ordinance amending Title 12 of the Metropolitan Code to prohibit personal delivery devices within the Metropolitan Government rights-of-way.

WHEREAS, Public Chapter 685, signed by Governor Bill Lee on June 15, 2020, allows personal delivery devices powered by electric motors to operate on sidewalks and within crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, Public Chapter 685 provides that personal delivery devices may be prohibited by local ordinance if the local government determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has determined that allowing these personal delivery devices within the public rights-of-way could cause accessibility issues for disabled and elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the safety and welfare of the residents of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County to prohibit personal delivery devices within the public rights-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. Title 12 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by adding the following new Chapter 12.61:

CHAPTER 12.61 PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES

12.61.010 Personal delivery devices defined.

For purposes of this chapter, the term "personal delivery device" means a device that:

- (A) Is solely powered by an electric motor;
 - (B) Is operated primarily on sidewalks and crosswalks;
 - (C) Is intended primarily for the transport of property on public rights-of-way;
- and
- (D) Is capable of navigating with or without the active control or monitoring of a natural person.

12.61.020 Personal delivery devices prohibited.

Personal delivery devices shall be prohibited within the Metropolitan Government public rights-of-way.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its enactment, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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