

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS RELATED TO OBSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR SHARED VEHICLES, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTERS 17 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 17 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~stricken through~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 17
STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

ARTICLE IV: RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT AND LOCATING OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

§17.65 DEFINITIONS.

SHARED VEHICLES. Vehicles including bicycles, scooters and cars that are IT enabled for public sharing, either electrified or manually propelled, docked or dockless.

§ 17.68 PERMIT REQUIRED.

(a) Permit required. Except as otherwise provided in this code, no registrant may obstruct or excavate any right-of-way without first having been issued the appropriate right-of-way permit pursuant to this section and conspicuously displayed or otherwise available at all times at the indicated work site and shall be available for inspection by the city.

(2) Obstruction/aerial/interduct permit. An obstruction/aerial/interduct permit is required by a registrant to hinder free and open passage over the specified portion of right-of-way by placing equipment described therein within the right-of-way, to the extent and for the duration specified in the permit. An obstruction/aerial/interduct permit is not required if a registrant has been issued a valid excavation permit for the same project.

(g) Exceptions. No permit shall be required for the following:

(6) Routine obstruction of the right-of-way for less than eight hours in total duration, including, without limitation, switching, fuse replacement, transformer replacement, line guard placement, leak surveys, anode installations and inspections.

(h) Shared Vehicles. Shared vehicles that are not rented or loaned are prohibited from the right-of-way and subject to removal by the City unless located in a dock or designated area. Commercial providers must obtain an obstruction permit for docked or dockless shared vehicles subject to the requirements of this section and following conditions of approval.

(1) Obstruction permits for shared vehicle docks or designated areas will only be issued for locations within the South Loop, Penn American, and Normandale Lake Development Districts as defined by the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan.

(2) Prior to the issuance of an obstruction permit for shared vehicle docks or designated areas, applicants must execute a Memorandum of Understanding addressing removal of unattended shared vehicles and impacts related to shared vehicles.

Passed and adopted this 6th day of July, 2020.

/s/ Tim Busse
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Denise M. Christenson
Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied
City Attorney