

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council meeting on: March 19, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Josh Martin, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building

Re: Request for a Ninety Day Extension on the Moratorium Related to Shared Scooters and/or Other Personal Transportation Vehicles
Ordinance No. 9-2019

Date: March 8, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council approve Ordinance No. 9-2019 which provides for a ninety (90) day extension of the moratorium related to shared scooters and/or other personal transportation vehicles.

BACKGROUND

The Town Council, at its October 10, 2018 meeting, approved emergency Ordinance No. 20-2018, which created a moratorium on the issuance of permits or approvals for the sharing of bicycles, scooters and/or other personal transportation vehicles. The moratorium was instituted in order to provide time for staff to examine and make a recommendation to the Town Council on possible zoning regulations. This Ordinance also provided the ability for the Town to extend the moratorium by a maximum of ninety (90) days to complete the review of possible regulations.

On January 15, 2019 and February 19, 2019, the Planning and Zoning Commission considered staff's proposed regulations related to shared scooters and other personal transportation vehicles. On February 19th, the Commission made a recommendation to the Town Council regarding regulations for docked and dockless shared scooters. Based on their recommendation, staff is working on two proposed ordinances which would prohibit shared docked or dockless scooters. The first reading of the ordinances are scheduled to be heard by the Local Planning Agency and the Town Council at first reading on April 9, 2019, with the second reading and adoption tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2019.

Since the moratorium is expiring on April 9th, staff is requesting the Town Council adopt Ordinance No. 9-2019 which extends the moratorium for an additional ninety (90) days in order to complete the final adoption process. The extension of the moratorium will expire on July 9, 2019.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

Ordinance No. 9-2019 has been approved by Town Attorney John C. Randolph for legal form and sufficiency.

cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney
Paul Castro, Zoning Administrator