

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council meeting on: May 15, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

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

Re: Proposed Ordinances Prohibiting Docking and Storage Mobility Stations for Shared Scooters in the Town; and Making it Unlawful to Dock, Store or Park Motorized or Non-Motorized Shared Scooters on Public or Private Streets or Sidewalks; and Excluding Boxes Housing Essential Services from Lot Coverage and Landscape Open Space Regulations.
Ordinance Nos. 10-2019 and 11-2019

Date: April 25, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Local Planning Agency recommend and the Town Council approve Ordinance Nos. 10-2019 and 11-2019 on second reading.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Commission at its February 19, 2019 meeting voted 7-0 to recommend the Town adopt the regulations provided for in Ordinance Nos. 10-2019 and 11-2019.

BACKGROUND

The Town Council, at its October 10, 2018 meeting, approved an emergency ordinance which created a moratorium on the issuance of permits or approvals for the sharing of bicycles, scooters and/or other personal transportation vehicles. On March 29, 2019, that moratorium was extended by emergency ordinance an additional 90 days in order to provide time for staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission to examine and make a recommendation to the Town Council on possible zoning 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 that the Town amend Chapter 134, Zoning, to prohibit docking and storage mobility stations for shared scooters on private or public property. The Commission also recommended changes to Chapter 106, Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places, making it unlawful to dock, store or park motorized or non-motorized shared scooters on any public or private streets or sidewalks in the Town.

In addition, the Commission also recommended a proposed code amendment which excludes essential service boxes and their associated pads from lot coverage and landscape open space requirements in the Chapter 134. The intent of this proposed change is to ensure that it is clearly understood that utility boxes for essential services are not computed into the zoning calculations for development potential on a property.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

Ordinance Nos. 10-2019 and 11-2019 have 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