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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Councilor Signe I. Lindell

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EVALUATE THE SUITABILITY OF SHARED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RECOMMEND WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY SHOULD DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM UNIQUE TO SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Ordinance, the Municipal Charter, the Santa Fe City Code, and other relevant local and state and federal laws are silent on regulation and guidance regarding the deployment of shared electric scooters and similar electrical motorized personal assistive mobility devices; and

WHEREAS, recent transportation and technology innovations and community interest in new mobility options have created a new market for both privately owned and shared electric scooters.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes both public costs and benefits that may result with new shared vehicle services, with potential benefits such as transportation network tracking data, transportation options that enjoy lower carbon footprints emission, cost savings,

1 and more personally convenient modes of transportation; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body understands that the advent of electric scooter services
3 within communities both nationally and globally requires careful consideration of a multitude of
4 public health, safety, and welfare issues including, but not limited to, the equitable distribution of
5 and access to shared transportation services; public liability concerns; municipal licensing and
6 permitting; public-use data collection; speed; manner and strategic and safe location; hours of
7 operation and rebalancing of electric scooters; commercial use of right-of-way permission;
8 education and law enforcement concerns; and the proper installation and use of safety equipment
9 such as lights, audible warning devices, and helmets; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2018 the City of Albuquerque adopted a “shared transportation vehicle
11 ordinance” governing the operation of electric scooters and bicycles, and other small, wheeled
12 vehicles’ operation in the public right-of-way; and

13 **WHEREAS**, many other municipalities are currently promulgating regulations that
14 would operationalize shared transportation vehicle ordinances and pilot programs; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is carefully monitoring and observing the costs,
16 benefits, and opportunities associated with other municipalities’ adoption and implementation of
17 these regulations.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
19 **CITY OF SANTA FE** directs the City Manager to engage in a process to evaluate the suitability
20 of shared electric scooters in the City.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager shall present the results of the
22 evaluation and provide recommendations to the Governing Body within one year of adoption of
23 this Resolution.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the evaluation shall include the following:

- 25 1. the collection of relevant information and data from existing electric scooter

1 services companies, including Bird, Lime, Cloud; and from other municipalities regarding shared
2 electric scooters and associated technological improvements, safety concerns, best management
3 practices, the use of user data for planning purposes, and other appropriate issues; and

4 2. implementation of a public engagement and stakeholder initiative that shall
5 deliver comprehensive and diverse feedback regarding the implication of allowing rental of
6 shared electric scooters in the City.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as part of the evaluation of results, the City
8 Manager shall recommend whether development of a pilot program unique to Santa Fe is
9 appropriate. If the City Manager recommends a pilot project, the City Manager shall present to
10 the Governing Body the framework and criteria for a pilot program.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that following any pilot project, the City Manager shall
12 recommend to the Governing Body whether electric scooters are suitable for the City on a more
13 permanent basis.

14 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2019.

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19 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

20 ATTEST:

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23 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK
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1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2019/219-26 Electric Scooter Guidance*