

# Ride-Share Scooters

## SUMMARY

Many cities in the U.S. and around the world offer micromobility transportation services to the public. Ride-share scooters and bicycles are provided by private businesses on contract with a city, and the city's residents and visitors access them as needed via a computer app.

The City of Sequim considered implementing a pilot program for ride-share electronic scooters that, if started, would end in September 2023. This pilot program was never implemented.

## BACKGROUND

In early 2022, the Sequim City Council was approached by [Bird Rides, Inc.](#), who asked to be allowed to operate their electronic scooter ride-share business in the city limits. Council agreed to consider a pilot program to assess whether e-scooters would be a good fit for Sequim.

In July 2022, the City entered into a temporary operating agreement with Bird Rides as preparation for the pilot program. The agreement contained the following provisions:

- Maximum of 60 stand-up motorized foot scooters
- Right-of-Way Permit required
- Termination without cause on 30 days' notice
- Comprehensive insurance coverage required
- Sequim endorsement on Washington state business license required
- Compliance with all city ordinances and state laws
- Riders limited to 18 years and older
- Scooters limited to 20 mph

## CURRENT STATUS

The Bird Rides pilot program, which was planned to begin in September 2022 and end in September 2023, never proceeded beyond execution of the temporary operating agreement. That agreement is expected to expire without action in September 2023.

There are currently no plans or steps being taken to establish any micromobility transportation services in the city limits of Sequim.

Any change in this status would be brought before the City Council at a regular public meeting.