

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve amendments to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25 - Public Conveyances to define commercial megacycles and definitions to establish standards for commercial megacycles, to require a license for commercial megacycles to be operated in the city and to add penalties; approve amendments to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Beverages, to provide an exemption for megacycle passengers and pass Ordinance 9358-20 on first reading.

SUMMARY:

In August of 2019 staff was tasked with examining the feasibility of permitting the operation of megacycles in the City of Clearwater. After conducting research on a local and state level, staff developed a pilot program to determine the viability of the program. It has been determined that an amendment to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25 - Public Transportation Carriers, Article I - Public Conveyances would be needed to administer the pilot program. The Pilot program will include defined areas in downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach. Per council direction provided at the December 19, 2019 council meeting, staff has included the provision to allow alcoholic beverages on megacycles, requiring additional amendments to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Beverages.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT: N/A

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A