

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Section 71.30 to Article 1, Chapter VII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code authorizing the Department of Transportation to implement a Personal Delivery Device Pilot Program and issue permits to qualified pilot program operators.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there is a need to regulate operators of automated or remotely piloted personal delivery devices on City sidewalks, crosswalks, and public rights-of-way;

WHEREAS, regulations are needed to ensure automated or remotely piloted personal delivery devices containing storage space for packages, food, and other delivery items travel safely in areas designated by the City for operation of the devices, while safe-guarding pedestrian movement on the sidewalks, crosswalks, and other public rights-of-way;

WHEREAS, regulations are needed to ensure that operators are obeying local and state laws and Department of Transportation (Department) Rules and Guidelines governing the safe operation of the delivery devices and their goods while deployed to deliver packages, food, and other delivery items;

WHEREAS, regulations are needed to create an enforceable framework for managing personal delivery devices;

WHEREAS, by implementing the pilot program, the City intends to study the data collected during the pilot period to ensure that the devices are being operated safely on sidewalks, crosswalks, and other public rights-of-way, to determine the proper number of the devices that may be deployed in various locations within the City, and to fine tune and update the current rules and regulations expeditiously to ensure compliance with local and state laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to create a Personal Delivery Device Pilot Program authorizing the Department to issue permits to an operator of the devices and enforce rules and regulations developed by the Department, and authorizing the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) to enforce violations of City and state law committed by an operator in the deployment of devices on a sidewalk, in a crosswalk, or other public right-of-way in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 71.30 is added to Article 1, Chapter VII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 71.30. REGULATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

(a) **Department of Transportation Authority.** The Department shall implement a Personal Delivery Device Pilot Program (Program) and may issue a permit to a qualified pilot program operator (Operator), as defined in the Department's Rules and Guidelines (Rules). Under the Program, an Operator of a Personal Delivery Device (PDD) shall obtain a permit from the Department and comply with the Rules, and all terms and conditions, regulations, indemnification, insurance, and fee requirements set forth in the permit. For purposes of this section, a PDD is an automated or remotely piloted device containing storage space for packages, food, and other delivery items. Failure of an Operator to comply with the Rules or any term or condition set forth in the permit may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit, or a reduction in the number of PDDs that an Operator is allowed to deploy as authorized by the Department under the terms of its permit. The Department shall have the authority to amend its Rules as necessary during the life of the Program.

(b) **Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) Authority.** The Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) shall enforce any violation of this Code or state law by an Operator in the deployment of a PDD on a sidewalk, crosswalk, or other public right-of-way in the City.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____