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City of Lafayette launches scooter pilot program

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – December 13, 2018 – The City of Lafayette will launch their new scooter pilot program on **Thursday, December 13, 2018**. This is a cooperative agreement between Lafayette and three electric scooter share companies, Bird, Blue Duck and Spin. The purpose of this agreement is to establish interim rules and regulations regarding the operations of stand-up electric scooters sharing systems within the City and to ensure that the sharing systems are consistent with the safety and well-being of bicyclists, pedestrians and other users of the public right-of-way. This is a preliminary agreement between the City and these electric scooter-sharing companies to allow public access to their products while the City Council can determine permanent rules and regulations to adopt.

In this agreement, the scooter sharing companies ensured their scooters will be parked upright on hard surfaces in the furniture zone of the sidewalk, beside a bicycle rack or in another area specifically designated for bicycle parking. These scooters should not block public access to businesses or other public amenities including pedestrian clear zone area of the sidewalk, fire hydrants, call box, emergency facility, bus benches, where they would impede on access to parked cars or by any utility pole or box.

Companies have also agreed to maintain a 24-hour customer service line for citizens to report safety concerns, file complaints or ask questions regarding their scooters.

This program ensures that each company will begin the program with no more than 200 scooters in their fleet size out for public use. Of those 200, the company must not exceed 50 deployed in the Central Business District. Any increase in fleet size during that program must be approved by the City and based on data showing the need.

For more information on the scooter ride share agreement, please contact Margy Deverall at (807) 765-1097.

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