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[COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR]ORDINANCE NO. 231049

Sponsor: Director of the Public Works Department  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

Authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Bird Rides, Inc. for continued operation of shared-use electric scooters through December 31, 2026; repealing Section 6 of Committee Substitute for Ordinance 200171, As Amended; directing the City Manager to designate existing and future revenues received from Bird Rides, Inc. towards Zero Fare Transit and micromobility infrastructure improvements; and estimating revenue and appropriating \$10,000.00 to the Public Mass Transportation Fund.

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri supports innovation in transportation and welcomes multimodal mobility options; and

WHEREAS, Bird Rides, Inc. was selected as one of four operators chosen by the City through a formal procurement to begin operating shared-use electric scooters within the City beginning in May 2019; and

WHEREAS, although the other selected operators of the City's procurement process have ceased electric scooter operations since the procurement, Bird has continued to provide this service within Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, Bird also recently served as the sole operator of shared electric scooters in Qatar for the World Cup held in 2023, and is able to parlay that experience in Kansas City in preparation for the City's involvement in the 2026 World Cup; and

WHEREAS, given the length of the extension in addition to the current time operating within the City; and

WHEREAS, Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 200171, As Amended designated existing and future revenue received from Dockless Shared Active Transportation Companies to fund Zero Fare Transit, a program that provides free bus transportation services for Kansas City, Missouri residents, and

WHEREAS, Bird Rides, Inc. has committed to provide additional funding toward the construction and maintenance of micromobility infrastructure; and, Council approval is required; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Works is authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Bird Rides, Inc. for continued operation of shared-use electric scooters through December 31, 2026.

Section 2. That Section 6 of Committee Substitute for Ordinance 200171, As Amended is hereby repealed and enacting a new section in lieu thereof to read as follows:

Upon the execution of the Cooperative Agreement with Bird Rides, Inc., the City Manager is directed to designate the Mobility Infrastructure Fees received from Birds Scooters, Inc. towards improving micromobility infrastructure within Kansas City, Missouri, and designate all the other revenues received from Bird Scooters, Inc. towards Zero Fare Transit.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby directed to designate the Mobility Infrastructure Fees received from Birds Scooters, Inc. towards improving micromobility infrastructure within Kansas City, Missouri.

Section 4. That the City Manager is directed to continue to designate all other revenues received from Bird Scooters, Inc. towards Zero Fare Transit.

Section 5. That revenue in the following account of the Public Mass Transportation Fund is hereby estimated in the following amount:

25-2080-891319-455250	Micromobility Infrastructure	\$10,000.00
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Section 6. That the sum of \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Public Mass Transit Fund to the following account:

25-2080-891319-B	Micromobility Infrastructure	\$10,000.00
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Section 7. That the Public Works Director is designated as requisitioning authority for Account No. 25-2080-891319-B.

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I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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Tammy L. Queen  
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Dustin E. Johnson  
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