

§ 3.12.1055. Autonomous and remotely controlled personal delivery vehicles or devices.

- (a) At no time shall a person deploy or operate, or cause to be deployed or operated, an autonomous personal delivery vehicle or device, or a semi-autonomous personal delivery vehicle or device, on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel.
- (b) For purposes of this Section:
 - (1) "Autonomous personal delivery vehicle or device" means a motorized vehicle or device used to transport items, products, or any other materials on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel for commercial purposes, and guided or controlled without a human operator, whether while sitting or standing upon the device or remotely, actively, and physically controlling the movements of the vehicle or device.
 - (2) "Semi-autonomous personal delivery vehicle or device" means a motorized vehicle or device used to transport items, products, or any other materials on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel for commercial purposes, where vehicle or device operation technology is a combination of hardware and software, remote and/or on-board, and performs the dynamic piloting task.
- (c) A person may deploy and operate, or cause to be deployed and operated, a remotely controlled personal delivery vehicle or device to transport items, products, or any other materials on City sidewalks or pedestrian paths of travel for commercial purposes. All operations of remotely controlled personal delivery vehicles or devices shall comply with all requirements, including insurance and indemnification requirements, imposed as conditions of the grant to the operator of a required Santa Monica business license, as well as all other rules and regulations pertaining to the deployment and operation of a remotely controlled personal delivery vehicle or device.
- (d) The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to adopt rules and regulations consistent with, and necessary to, implement this Section. Such rules and regulations may include, but are not limited to, provisions governing: (1) dimensions of devices and vehicles; (2) yielding of the right-of-way to pedestrians and bicycles; (3) obedience of all signs and signals governing traffic and pedestrians; (4) non-interference with the maintenance of paths of travel for persons with disabilities; (5) non-transport of waste or hazardous materials (including flammables or ammunition); (6) mandatory use of headlights that operate at night, sunrise, and sunset; and (7) markings of a size sufficient to be clearly legible to passing vehicles and pedestrians, a unique identifier for the device together with the name and contact information of the device's operator. Such rules and regulations shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk where they shall be made available for inspection by the public. Violations of rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute violations of this Chapter, and shall subject the violator to the penalties set forth in this Chapter.
- (e) This Section shall not apply to vehicles regulated solely under the autonomous

vehicle sections of the California Vehicle Code.
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