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Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs), commonly known as delivery robots, are small, electrically powered, semi- or fully-autonomous devices that navigate sidewalks and the public right-of-way to provide last-mile delivery of groceries, prepared meals, and retail goods. Within Los Angeles County, cities such as West Hollywood, Santa Monica, and Los Angeles have established PDD programs

In 2023, the City of Los Angeles adopted Ordinance No. 187715, authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate a pilot program regulating PDDs and issuing permits to qualified operators. The City utilizes LADOT's regulatory framework, informed by Mayor Garcetti's 2021 Rules and Guidelines, which established requirements for insurance, indemnification, speed limits, sidewalk accessibility, hours of operation, fleet size, data-sharing, advertising, enforcement, and integration with the City's 311 system.

While the pilot program established an important regulatory framework, the City has not reassessed its outcomes or the fee structure since its adoption. As this program will continue to be a part of the City's broader shared micro-mobility devices ecosystem, it is important to re-examine the program to ensure best practices, address any impacts to pedestrians and ADA access, and opportunities to streamline enforcement, especially as large scale events are coming to the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report back with an assessment of the Personal Delivery Devices (PDD) program and recommendations to improve the program, including but not limited to:

- Evaluation of the current permit structure, with recommendations for alternative or supplemental models such as per-trip fees, utilization fees, and a tiered advertising fee schedule;
- Review of deployment and operational practices; and
- Analysis on the enforcement responsibilities, and recommendations on enforcement management.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the LADOT, in consultation with the City Attorney, to report back on the feasibility of leveraging data collected by PDDs to utilize to support the City's infrastructure data collection efforts.

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