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AN ORDINANCE
NO. 15-8

C.A. 03-24-15(3)
Consent Agenda 03-31-15(2)
As Amended

An Ordinance to adopt Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) Plan pursuant to state law which will allow the use of PTV's on designated street segments in the Uptown area; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

There is hereby enacted a new Article XXI to Chapter 20 of the Columbus Code which shall read as follows:

"Article XXI. Columbus Consolidated Government Plan for Personal Transportation Vehicles

Sec. 20-21.1 Based on the Columbus Police Chief and the Columbus Traffic Engineer's determination that certain public street segments in Columbus, Georgia are suitable to safely accommodate both regular vehicular traffic and Personal Transportation Vehicles as defined in O.C.G.A. §40-1-1(43.1) ("PTVs"), the use of PTV's will be permitted on the public street segments identified in paragraph 1 if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 2 through 10 below are complied with.

Not to be codified in the Code of Ordinances until the Council passes an Ordinance.
8th day of April 2015
Mayor D. Washington

1. Personal Transportation Vehicles (PTVs) may be driven only on the following public street segments:
 - Bay Avenue between 10th Street and 12th Street.
 - Front Avenue between 5th Street and 14th Street.
 - Broadway between 4th Street and 14th Street.
 - 1st Avenue from 4th Street to 13th Street.
 - 3rd Avenue from 4th Street to 13th Street.
 - 5th Street between Front Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 6th Street between Front Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 7th Street between Front Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 8th Street between Front Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 9th Street between Front Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 10th Street between Bay Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 11th Street between Bay Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 12th Street between Bay Avenue and the west curb of Veterans Parkway.
 - 14th Street between Broadway and the cul-de-sac at the Frank Martin Pedestrian Bridge.

2. PTVs shall not be driven on 13th Street; however, they may cross 13th Street at its intersection with Broadway in accordance with all traffic regulations. PTVs shall not be driven on Second Avenue; however they may cross Second Avenue at its intersection with 5th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, 10th Street, 11th Street and 12th Street in accordance with all traffic regulations. W11-11 warning signs, as specified in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), shall be installed on 13th Street in both directions and in advance of Broadway to alert drivers of possible PTV crossings.

3. PTV operators on public streets shall possess a valid unrestricted driver's license.

4. PTV operators on public streets shall comply with all traffic laws and obey all traffic control devices.

5. PTV operators on public streets shall not drive their PTV at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour, and the maximum speed limit for any other motor vehicle shall not exceed 25 miles per hour.

6. PTV operators on public streets shall be subject to the same traffic citations and penalties as other vehicle operators.

7. PTV operators on public streets shall park their PTV only in designated vehicle parking spaces and shall comply with all time limits for those spaces. Only one PTV shall occupy each vehicle parking space. PTVs shall not park in designated loading zones or in spaces designated for use by the disabled.
8. PTV operators and passengers shall be seated at all times while the PTV is moving. No more than two adults shall occupy a single bench seat on the PTV.
9. All PTVs shall comply with Code of Georgia §40-6-330.1(a) regarding safety equipment.
10. Each PTV operated on public street segments shall be properly registered and licensed by the Columbus Consolidated Government prior to their operation on public streets, as evidenced by a decal affixed to that vehicle. In order to obtain a decal, an application must be completed on a form promulgated by the Finance Director, which will among other items require proof of adequate liability insurance. Permits and decals will be provided for a total cost of \$15 per PTV and will expire every five years. Operation of a PTV on any approved public street segment without displaying a decal shall constitute a violation of Chapter 20 of this Code and be subject to the penalties set forth in Code section 1-8."

Section 2.

This Ordinance, as amended from time to time, shall constitute the Columbus, GA Personal Transportation Vehicle Plan enacted in accordance with the provisions O.C.G.A. § 40-6-363, *et. seq.*

Section 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

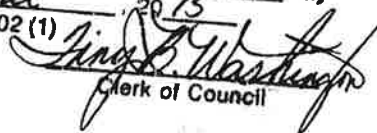
Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 24th day of March, 2015; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 31st day of March, 2015, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of seven members of Council.

Councilor Allen voting YES
 Councilor Baker voting ABSENT
 Councilor Barnes voting YES
 Councilor Buck voting YES
 Councilor Davis voting YES
 Councilor Henderson voting YES
 Councilor Huff voting ABSENT
 Councilor Pugh voting ABSENT
 Councilor Thomas voting YES
 Councilor Woodson voting YES

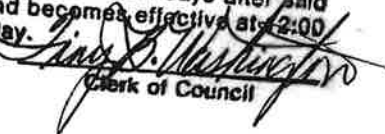

 Tiny B. Washington, Clerk of Council


 Teresa Pike Tomlinson, Mayor

This ordinance submitted to the Mayor for her signature, this the 2nd day of April, 2015
 Sec: 3-202 (1)


 Clerk of Council

This ordinance received, signed by the Mayor at 11:06 A.M. on the 3rd day of April, 2015, and becomes law ten days after said time received and becomes effective at 2:00 noon following day.
 Sec: 3-202 (2)


 Clerk of Council