



**City of Alexandria**  
Transportation Commission

March 20, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
City Hall, City Council Chambers

**Speaker Form**

Request to Speak on Item Number:

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If applicable,  
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**Speakers are asked to identify themselves for the record at the beginning of their comments and to limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes.**

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Dear members of the City of Alexandria Transportation Commission,

I am writing today to express mine and other Alexandria City residents concerns about Dockless Scooters. I believe they are dangerous and a bad fit for the City of Alexandria:

1) Dangerous to:

- People and animals on the sidewalks. People are riding them on the sidewalks and driving people off the sidewalks. On the neighborhood website, Nextdoor, people are complaining about getting run over by the scooters and those on the scooters claim they are allowed to ride them on sidewalks. Many of them are riding them along already congested King Street. I don't feel safe to walk or go for runs on the sidewalks in our beautiful city.
- For dog owners, it dangerous to their pets who could get run over by these scooters who ride them on sidewalks. The combination of dog leashes and scooters is a real hazard.
- For those who are riding them on the streets, the people on scooters are not abiding by traffic laws. I've seen them run red lights and stop signs and my husband almost hit a man on a scooter that cut him off when the man cut across his lane. They are not signaling when they are passing and are zipping in and out of car lanes. Drivers cannot anticipate how fast or slow these scooters are; an accident is bound to happen if it hasn't already happened. These scooters, unlike bikers, do not follow traffic laws or stay within bike lanes.
- Finally, they are not safe for the scooter riders. Along with riding them on sidewalks and not abiding by traffic laws, they are not riding helmets. It only takes one bump in the road and they are completely unprotected. They could get themselves in a serious accident or seriously hurt other people. Our brick sidewalks and cobblestone streets are not safe for scooter riders.

2) The scooters are littering our beautiful historic city. The fact they are dockless means people are leaving them all over the city. I've seen them in people's front yards, in the middle of the sidewalks, and in front of store and restaurant entrances. Old Town is so beautiful and tourist come from all around the world to see this beautiful historic city. The scooters make our city look ugly and cheap. The scooters might work in cities like LA or Dallas, cities where everyone drives and is not historic. But Old Town is not that type of town.

I am happy to continue this discussion further; please email me a [cjbrode@gmail.com](mailto:cjbrode@gmail.com) or call at 214-529-7180.

Kind regards,

Courtney Roberts