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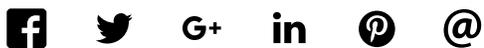
## Scooter company soliciting support from Norman residents

By Caleb Slinkard | Transcript Staff 2 hrs ago



Bird scooters outside of the Transcript offices at the intersection of Peters and Comanche.

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Bird Rides, Inc., the California-based electronic scooter company that placed hundreds of scooters around Norman last month, has created a digital form to allow Norman residents to express support for the company's continued operation in Norman.

The form, which can be found [here](#), gives a brief summary of Bird's efforts to remain in Norman. The City of Norman has created a path for Bird to potentially operate in public rights-of-way, which begins with Bird submitting a revokable permit that would then need city council approval. After that, a process would begin toward creating a regulatory framework for Bird, which is currently operating illegally in Norman, according to development director Terry Floyd.

"We've loved providing you a fun, sustainable, and affordable way to get around Norman. But we need your help to stay here!," the form reads. "Let City of Norman officials know that you love Bird and thank them for their leadership in keeping innovative transportation options in Norman!"

City staff have repeatedly expressed interest in working with Bird, a popular scooter company that has introduced its product into dozens of cities across the United States. Cities have reacted to the often sudden introduction of e-scooters in a variety of ways, from banning them to ignoring them to creating specific permitting processes that allow the company to operate. The city began impounding scooters in the public rights-of-way last week, and have gathered more than a hundred of them.

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A competitor, Lime, is working through a process to place their scooters in Norman as well.

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