

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1
CHAPTER 43
ARTICLE XIV**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, by adding Article XIV, Transportation Innovation Zone, which consists of Section 43-14-1, Transportation Innovation Zone, Section 43-14-2, Innovative Technology Deployments, and Section 43-14-3, Notice to City Council, to allow for temporary authorizations of deployments of innovative technologies within a designated transportation innovation zone.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places*, be amended by adding Article XIV, *Transportation Innovation Zone*, consisting of Sections 43-14-1 through 43-14-3, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 43. STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES
ARTICLE XIV. TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION ZONE**

Sec. 43-14-1. Transportation Innovation Zone.

The Chief of the Office of Mobility Innovation may designate an area around Michigan Central Station at 2001 15th Street as a Transportation Innovation Zone so long as the area does not include any boundaries beyond Grand River and the Lodge Freeway (M-10) to the east, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the north, the Fisher Freeway (I-75) to the west, and the Detroit River to the south.

Sec. 43-14-2. Innovative technology deployments.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the Chief of Mobility Innovation may temporarily issue any permit, license, or other form of authorization that is required or provided for by this Code for the deployment of an Innovative Technology within the Transportation Innovation Zone, including, but not limited to, a permit to obstruct or encumber any public place or right-of-way. As used in this section, "Innovative Technology" means any new or emerging technology, or novel use of an existing technology, to address a local problem or provide a local benefit in government administration, government services, non-profit organizations, or private enterprise.

(b) The following applies to a permit, license, or authorization temporarily issued under this section:

(1) The Chief of Mobility Innovation may attach conditions, parameters, and fees to the approval;

(2) Any act, use, or event allowed by the permit, license, or authorization shall primarily take place within the Transportation Innovation Zone;

(3) The permit, license, or authorization may be issued for a period of up to 180 days and may be renewed once by the Chief of Mobility Innovation for up to an additional 180 days. City Council may extend the permit, license, or authorization beyond the renewal period at the request of the Chief of Mobility Innovation;

(4) The permit, license, or authorization is not transferable to another person or location;

(5) The Chief of Mobility Innovation, in consultation with the Office of Disability Affairs and a department director or agency head that may otherwise issue the approval, shall apply any regulation or provision of this Code related to the permit, license, or authorization that he or she determines is necessary to protect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public;

(6) The Chief of Mobility Innovation may immediately suspend or revoke the permit, license, or authorization in order to protect the health, safety, or general welfare of the public; and

(7) The Chief of Mobility Innovation may direct the appropriate department or agency to take enforcement action against the recipient of the permit, license, or authorization.

(c) This section does not preclude the issuance of a permit, license, or authorization under any other provision of this Code.

(d) An application for a permit, license, or authorization under this section shall be submitted on a form and in a manner approved by the Office of Mobility Innovation.

Sec. 43-14-3. Notice to City Council.

Within five days of taking any of the following actions, the Office of Mobility Innovation shall provide notice to City Council:

(1) Designating or revising the boundaries of the Transportation Innovation Zone;

(2) Issuing or renewing any permit, license, or authorization issued under this article; or

(3) Suspending or revoking any permit, license, or authorization issued under this article.

Secs. 43-14-4 – 43-14-10. Reserved.

Section 2. This ordinance is hereby declared necessary to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

Section 3. All ordinances, or parts of

ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. In the event this ordinance is passed by two-thirds majority of City Council Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective upon publication in accordance with Section 4-118(1) of the 2012 Detroit City Charter. Where this ordinance is passed by less than a two-thirds majority of City Council Members serving, it shall become

effective on the 30th day after enactment in accordance with Section 4-118(2) of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

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