



## Legislation Text

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Gotcha Yellow Bikes Donation  
Office of the Mayor / Department of Law  
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(Revised)

**Authorizing the mayor to enter into a donor agreement with the Toledo Bikes Incorporated and execute and deliver other needed instruments for the conveyance by gift, of ninety-five yellow bikes previously part of Gotcha Bikes System; and declaring an emergency.**

### SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

In 2017, The City of Toledo accepted receipt of one hundred (100) yellow bicycles. Ownership of the units was transferred from Metroparks Toledo to the City of Toledo as a bike share system was launched. Metroparks Toledo received the bikes using awarded grant funds. The Gotcha System is no longer in use by the City of Toledo. Gotcha was sold to a different company, largely due to Covid-related business issues. As a result, the City of Toledo owns the bicycles and has no use for them.

The City of Toledo approached Toledo Bikes Incorporated to accept the bicycles and put them to their highest and best use for the residents of the City of Toledo. Toledo Bikes is a volunteer-run organization whose mission is to increase the neighborhood's quality of life, being a place for neighbors to gather, make repairs to bicycles, and provide activities for young people.

Toledo Bikes will repurpose the bicycles through a network of area partners and agencies who share an interest in supporting the need for individuals seeking personal freedom of mobility, inclusive of active transportation allowing individuals access to daily quality of life and employment opportunities. Two remaining bikes to be held for historical purposes in the Mayor's Office and at the City of Toledo Transportation Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to enter into a donor agreement with the Toledo Bikes Incorporated and execute and deliver other needed instruments for the conveyance by gift of ninety-five (95) Yellow Gotcha Yellow Bicycles.

SECTION 2. That given the unique nature of this collection and that the collection is no longer needed for a municipal purpose, this Council finds and determines that conveyance by gift of this collection is in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the City and for further reason that this ordinance must be immediately effective to get the yellow bicycles to an indoor storage location prior to the winter months and to allow Toledo Bikes Incorporated the opportunity to work with them and prepare them for use in the community next season.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, as an emergency measure: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council