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## **Discounted Bird Fares for Mason's Community**

**Fairfax, VA** – Beginning on Monday, August 23, Mason's community will be able to scooter to and from campus to Fairfax City at discounted rates through a program with Fairfax City's Economic Development Authority and Bird.

The program provides discounted fares by offering the first ride at 30 minutes or less for free, with the next 10 rides at 25% off when a Bird scooter is activated. To qualify for the discount, Mason community members must be first-time riders, utilize an @gmu.edu email address, and must begin or end rides in Fairfax City limits.

"We look forward to welcoming Mason's community back to the Fairfax campus and City with the start of each academic year as they contribute to our city's vibrancy and culture," said **Danette Nguyen, Assistant Director of Economic Development**. "Through our program with Bird, we hope to connect even more students with all of the experiences that can be found in Fairfax City. From beautiful parks, diverse restaurants and businesses, and a thriving music and arts scene, Fairfax City is more than just the hometown of Mason, it is an extension of campus."

**Chloe Ritter, Multimodal Transportation Planner of Fairfax City's Public Works Department**, said, "The City of Fairfax established our pilot program for dockless shared mobility in 2019 to provide more transportation options, and we have collaborated closely with George Mason University to make it easy to ride between the city and campus on an e-scooter. We are excited that Bird and the Economic Development Authority are helping introduce new and returning students this fall to e-scooters. Old Town Fairfax is a quick ride from campus, and e-scooters are a great way for the Mason community to explore all Fairfax City has to offer."

Visit [fairfaxcityconnected.com/news](https://fairfaxcityconnected.com/news) for more information or follow us @fairfaxcityeda on social media for the latest on news and happens. For tips about riding and parking e-scooters in the city or on campus, check out <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/docklessand> and <https://transportation.gmu.edu/shared-mobility/>.

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