

CITY OF NORTH BEND
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
August 4, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Chair Brenden Elwood, Suzan Torguson, Heather Koellen

Fire Update: Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF-R) Deputy Chief of Support Services Hicks and Deputy Chief of Special Operations Putnam provided the following updates:

- Wildland deployment update, with additional capacity available
- Fire mitigation training and education update
- North Bend Station 87 building maintenance update
- August 4, 2026, National Night Out update
- Communicating air quality and wildfire information with North Bend residents
- Policy on using Torguson Park as a helicopter landing location for life support transport

North Bend Police Department Update: Police Chief Hall provided the following updates:

- Calls for service statistics for June (654 calls for service)
- E-motorcycles, e-bikes, e-scooters: North Bend police have seen a significant drop in use, noting contact and continued work with a small, defiant group of youth
- North Bend police have seen an increase in youth wearing helmets
- Calls for service statistics for July (605 calls for service)
- Outlet mall policies for issues of larceny
- Entrance and exits at the Outlet Mall

SCORE Jail Services Contract: Chief Hall provided the following update:

- Rate adjustment update

The Committee recommended placement on the main agenda for the September 1, 2026 City Council meeting.

Issaquah Municipal Court Update: Ms. Emery provided the following update:

- Negotiation updates relating to the Issaquah Municipal Court transitioning to a flat fee rate

E-Bike, E-Motorcycle, E-Scooter Signage: Chief Hall and Ms. Emery provided the following update:

- E-motorcycle incident in July in the New Si View neighborhood, with discussion and review of a new draft ordinance
- Signage ideas
- HOA collaboration ideas

Future Agenda Topics/Discussion/Prioritization/Walk-ons:

- Paragliders jumping off Mt Si in unincorporated King County, landing in Torguson Park
- E-motorcycle, e-bike and e-scooter ordinance for review at the September 1st Public Health and Safety meeting
- Issaquah Municipal Court Update

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.