

CITY OF NORTH BEND
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
September 1, 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 Special Operations Putnam provided the following updates:

- Staffing
- Wildland deployment, with a thank you letter from a Spokane resident
- Summertime public interactions overview
- Looking into the possibility of sharing e-bike reports from EF-R
- Current and six-year incident history

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

- Calls for service statistics for July (573 calls for service)
- Calls of note
- Appreciation expressed for participating in the first day of school greeting event, with North Bend police, Mayor Miller, councilmembers, and city staff

Ordinance regarding E-Motorcycle Storage and Impound: City Administrator Emery provided the following updates:

- Working with the Issaquah Municipal Court on the impound process
- Details within the interlocal agreement (ILA) that support this action
- The City is currently working to draft a policy
- City Administrator Emery will bring a draft policy to the Public Health and Safety Committee at the next committee meeting

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

- EF-R community readiness presentation on weather emergencies at a future Council meeting
- Consider moving future Public Health and Safety meetings to another room when necessary, and discussion of meeting moderation practices
- City and North Bend Police-led Town Hall to discuss e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motorcycles; the responsibility of residents, new technology and rules; and the distinguishing differences between bike classifications and e-motorcycles. Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, in lieu of the monthly committee meeting
- Issue with a Trailhead Direct user potentially residing within a trail system parking lot restroom
- Winter preparedness public service announcement in October
- How Council and city staff can report, and obtain response plans for, locations that appear to be in danger of causing weather-related power outages to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and Tanner Electric

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.