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Public Safety & Health Committee

Agenda

May 14, 2026

9:00 AM



119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

MAYOR
MATHEW LUNDH

DEPUTY MAYOR
CASSIDY BUECHLE - CURTIS

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE

CASSIDY BUECHLE-CURTIS -
CHAIR
STEVEN HARPER
BETH WILLIAMS

CITY ATTORNEY
CURTIS CHAMBERS

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1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Municipal Code — Addressing (Fire/Police)
 - b. Municipal Code — Chapter 2.15 — Fire Department
 - c. E-Bike — Discussion
 - d. Title 6 — Animals
 - e. Graffiti — [Draft Code Graffiti](#)
3. **New Business**
 - a. Cle Elum Public Safety & Health — Meeting Minutes — April 9, 2026
 - b. Cle Elum Public Safety & Health Study Session — Meeting Minutes — April 9, 2026
4. **Other Committee Comments**
5. **Adjournment**

Upcoming Meetings:

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting — May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting — May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Civil Service Commission Meeting — May 20, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

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Regular Council Meeting — May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

General Government Committee Meeting — May 27, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Coal Mines Trail Commission Meeting — June 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting — June 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Lodging Tax & Events Committee Meeting — June 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting — June 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Animal Code Costs

YEAR	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Impounds Cle Elum	13	14	16	13	16
Impounds Roslyn	7	7	9	9	3
TOTAL	20	21	25	22	19
Cost of Officer (@ \$65 per hour)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,235.00
Total# of Tags Sold (CLE ELUM)	43	65	72	43	58
Total # of Hosueholds	32	44	52	35	41
Single Dog Households	22	29	36	27	28
2 Dog Households	9	11	12	8	10
3 Dog Households	1	2	4	0	2
4 Dog Households	0	2	0	0	1
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$ 352.50	\$ 633.00	\$ 663.50	\$ 366.00	\$ 551.50
Cost of Dog Tag/Material	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
ARRF Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL COST PER YEAR	\$ 4,057.50	\$ 3,842.00	\$ 4,071.50	\$ 4,174.00	\$ 3,793.50

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2026
9:00 AM
119 W FIRST STREET
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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Members present:

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis
Beth Williams
Steven Harper

Staff Present:

Erica Krum - Assistant City Administrator
Debbie Lee - City Clerk
Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director
Rich Albo - Police Chief
Ed Mills - Fire Chief
Jackie VanDongen - Code Enforcement

2. Unfinished Business

a. [Municipal Code — Addressing \(Fire/Police\)](#)

This item has been reviewed by the committee and is awaiting approval from the city attorney before proceeding to the council for consideration.

b. [Municipal Code — Chapter 2.15 — Fire Department](#)

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c. [E-Bike — Discussion](#)

- The committee has not had time to review the legislative changes regarding e-bikes. Future discussions will include the following:
- Prioritize other items before e-bike legislation.
- Discuss upcoming weather implications for e-bike implementation.
- Prepare public education materials by summer.
- Develop an educational timeline for e-bike education.
- Schedule a study session for April regarding e-bikes.
- Consider adopting Revised Code of Washington (RCW) standards with the potential for stricter regulations.

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- Assess allowance of e-bikes in the downtown corridor.
- Propose immediate code changes to include e-bikes.
- Review 10.32.020 regarding bike storage regulations.
- Seek examples of educational materials on e-bikes.
- Chair to confirm the need for study session scheduling.
- Clarify helmet requirements for bikes.

d. [Title 6 — Animals](#)

Jackie VanDongen — Code Enforcement referenced potential advantages of items like regulating roosters and managing animal waste.

- Discussed the necessity of establishing licensing numbers and tethering laws.
- Proposed incorporation of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) regarding dangerous dogs.
- Emphasized the importance of enhanced education to potentially increase revenue and animal licensing.
- Considered multi-year licenses to improve accessibility for obtaining licenses.
- Discussion on kennel licensing modifications, even if made mid-year.
- The proposed renewal fee suggests a \$5 increase per dog.
- Suggested a flat fee structure for spayed/neutered dogs, regardless of the number licensed (e.g., \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25).
- Addressed impound fees and the need for reimbursement for law enforcement costs.
- Chief Albo will compile the annual number of impounds for review.
- Chief Albo will prepare a detailed budget outlining all associated costs, including officer time and material expenses.
- Discussion on previous programs aimed at managing the cat population.

e. [Graffiti — Draft Code Graffiti](#)

The committee focused on developing a transparent process moving forward, ensuring the public is informed of their responsibilities. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3. New Business

a. [Cle Elum Public Safety & Health — Meeting Minutes — March 12, 2026](#)

MOTION: Committee Member Harper made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 12, 2026; seconded by Committee Member Williams.
MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

b. [Cle Elum Public Safety & Health Study Session — Meeting Minutes — March 12, 2026](#)

MOTION: Committee Member Harper made a motion to approve the meeting

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**minutes dated March 12, 2026; seconded by Committee Member Williams.
MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.**

4. **Other Committee Comments**

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Cassidy Buechle - Curtis, Chair

Debbie Lee, Clerk

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2. Unfinished Business

a. [Title 8 — Health & Safety](#)

The committee discussed using a third party for the appeal process regarding false alarms.

Proposed fees suggest a base charge of \$50 for the first offense, with incremental increases of \$100 and \$150 for subsequent offenses.

Research will be conducted by Chief Albo to compare false alarm charges from other municipalities. A warning will be issued for the first offense.

The definition of a false alarm and the corresponding charges for repetitive instances must be clearly outlined. Individuals will receive a report indicating that the call was deemed a false alarm. Subsequent notifications will be delivered by the code enforcement officer. Clarification on the language regarding payment will be addressed.

Discussion on these matters will continue at the next study session meeting.

[False Alarms 8.13](#)

3. New Business

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4. **Other Committee Comments**

Chief Albo would like to take another look at the camping ordinance.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Cassidy Buechle - Curtis, Chair

Debbie Lee, Clerk