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Public Safety & Health Committee

Agenda
July 9, 2026
9:00 AM



119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

MAYOR
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1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Permanent Reschedule of Meeting for Remainder of Year
 - b. E-Bikes — SSB 6610
 - c. Municipal Code — Addressing (Fire/Police) [Legal Review Underway]
 - d. Municipal Code — Chapter 2.15 — Fire Department [Legal Review Underway]
 - e. Draft Graffiti Code [Legal Review Underway]
3. **New Business**
 - a. Cle Elum Public Safety & Health — Meeting Minutes — June 11, 2026
 - b. Cle Elum Public Safety & Health Study Session — Meeting Minutes — June 11, 2026
 - c. City Streets & Alleys
4. **Next Meeting Agenda Development**
 - a. Title 6 — Animals
 - b. Camping Ordinances
5. **Other Committee Comments**
6. **Adjournment**

Public Safety & Health Committee Agenda

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Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting — July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting — July 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting — July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

General Government Committee Meeting — July 22, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6110

Chapter 159, Laws of 2026

69th Legislature
2026 Regular Session

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES AND ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 2026—Except for section 3, which takes effect March 23, 2026.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2026
Yeas 44 Nays 4

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 4, 2026
Yeas 91 Nays 3

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved March 23, 2026 3:40 PM

BOB FERGUSON

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6110** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

FILED

March 24, 2026

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6110

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2026 Regular Session

State of Washington

69th Legislature

2026 Regular Session

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Shewmake, Llias, Dhingra, and Nobles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/26.

1 AN ACT Relating to addressing electric-assisted bicycles and
2 electric motorcycles; amending RCW 46.04.169; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.08 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an
4 emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.08
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The legislature recognizes the recent proliferation of electric
9 motorcycle use statewide, especially among teenagers and young
10 adults. The legislature also recognizes that there is a growing need
11 to focus on the differences between electric-assisted bicycles and
12 electric motorcycles to provide a clear means of regulating each type
13 of vehicle. While this work is occurring, the legislature recognizes
14 that the current definitions of "motorcycle" and "moped" apply to
15 many of the vehicles excluded from the "electric-assisted bicycle"
16 definition in RCW 46.04.169.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.04.169 and 2018 c 60 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (1) "Electric-assisted bicycle" means a bicycle with two or three
20 wheels, a saddle, fully operative pedals for human propulsion, and an

1 electric motor. The electric-assisted bicycle's electric motor must
2 have a power output of no more than ~~((seven hundred fifty))~~ 750
3 watts. The electric-assisted bicycle must meet the requirements of
4 one of the following three classifications:

5 ~~((1))~~ (a) "Class 1 electric-assisted bicycle" means an
6 electric-assisted bicycle in which the motor provides assistance only
7 when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the
8 bicycle reaches the speed of ~~((twenty))~~ 20 miles per hour;

9 ~~((2))~~ (b) "Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle" means an
10 electric-assisted bicycle in which the motor may be used exclusively
11 to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when
12 the bicycle reaches the speed of ~~((twenty))~~ 20 miles per hour; or

13 ~~((3))~~ (c) "Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle" means an
14 electric-assisted bicycle in which the motor provides assistance only
15 when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the
16 bicycle reaches the speed of ~~((twenty-eight))~~ 28 miles per hour and
17 is equipped with a speedometer.

18 (2) "Electric-assisted bicycle" does not include:

19 (a) Any vehicle capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour on solely
20 its electric motor; or

21 (b) Any vehicle that is designed, manufactured, or intended by
22 the manufacturer or seller to be easily configured in order not to
23 meet the requirements of an electric-assisted bicycle, whether by a
24 mechanical switch or button, by changing a setting in software
25 controlling the drive system, by use of an online application, or
26 through other means intended by the manufacturer or seller.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The legislature recognizes the recent
28 proliferation of electric motorcycle use statewide, especially among
29 teenagers and young adults. The legislature also recognizes that
30 there is currently no state regulatory framework that has
31 specifically been developed for such vehicles.

32 (2)(a) The department of licensing must convene a work group to
33 study and recommend a revised statutory framework for electric
34 motorcycles. The department may contract with a third-party
35 consultant for work group support and drafting the new statutory
36 framework.

37 (b) The work group must consist of, but is not limited to, the
38 following members:

1 (i) The secretary of the department of transportation or the
2 secretary's designee;

3 (ii) The executive director of the Washington traffic safety
4 commission or the executive director's designee;

5 (iii) The chief of the Washington state patrol or the chief's
6 designee;

7 (iv) A representative from the Cooper Jones active transportation
8 safety council;

9 (v) A representative of the association of Washington cities;

10 (vi) A representative of the Washington state association of
11 counties;

12 (vii) A representative of a nonprofit organization specializing
13 in active transportation or electric bicycle safety;

14 (viii) A representative of a nonprofit organization with
15 expertise in electric bicycles;

16 (ix) A representative of a statewide association representing
17 parks and recreation;

18 (x) A representative of a trails organization that represents
19 nonmotorized users who have encountered motor-powered vehicles on
20 nonmotorized trails;

21 (xi) A representative of a nonprofit motorcycle organization or a
22 motorcycle rider;

23 (xii) A representative of a tribal government or a tribal
24 government designee;

25 (xiii) A representative of a statewide organization directly
26 engaged in recreational electric motorcycle use; and

27 (xiv) Any other representative deemed necessary by the department
28 of licensing.

29 (c) The work group must address the following framework
30 components:

31 (i) How electric motorcycles should be defined or classified, and
32 any new definitions for or modifications needed to other similarly
33 defined vehicle or mobility types;

34 (ii) The extent to which electric motorcycles should be subject
35 to annual registration and license fees, and if driver licensing
36 examinations should include an electric bicycle or motorcycle
37 component;

38 (iii) The extent to which the operation of an electric motorcycle
39 should be subject to mandatory driver education requirements,

1 driver's license or permit requirements, or a minimum age
2 requirement;

3 (iv) Appropriate rules of the road or equipment requirements for
4 electric motorcycles;

5 (v) Opportunities for consistent enforcement of electric
6 motorcycle rules of the road and equipment requirements;

7 (vi) Exploration of the establishment of civil infractions that
8 may be imposed by local jurisdictions on juveniles between the ages
9 of 12 and 16 that may be adjudicated in courts of limited
10 jurisdiction to avoid impacts on juvenile court operations;

11 (vii) Exploration of the establishment of civil penalties for
12 adults who provide electric motorcycles to juveniles less than 16
13 years of age;

14 (viii) Appropriate penalties for deceptive electric bicycle
15 marketing practices and electric bicycle tampering;

16 (ix) The extent to which electric bicycle manufacturers and
17 vendors should provide disclosure statements or notices to consumers
18 regarding the type of vehicle being purchased; and

19 (x) Any other study component deemed necessary by the work group.

20 (d) The work group must submit an interim report consisting of
21 recommendations and draft legislation for (c)(i) of this subsection,
22 as well as related recommendations for (c)(ii) through (iv) of this
23 subsection, to the office of the governor and transportation
24 committees of the legislature by December 15, 2026. The work group
25 must submit a final report, including any recommendations or draft
26 legislation, to the office of the governor and transportation
27 committees of the legislature by October 31, 2027.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this act is necessary for the
29 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
30 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
31 and takes effect immediately.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2026.

Passed by the House March 4, 2026.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2026.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 24, 2026.

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XX.XX.XXX Title

This chapter shall be known as the uniform street naming and house numbering ordinance of the city.
(ord. Number)

XX.XX.XXX Applicability

This chapter shall apply to all property in the City of Cle Elum.

XX.XX.XXX Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a uniform method for naming roadways and assigning addresses for real property and structures within the City of Cle Elum and grant the City Council the authority to assign road names and numbers, method of numbering system used, and address structures within the city.

Decisions related to minor or major changes to addressing and street names will be made by the City Council. When making changes to addressing and street changes. The Director of Public Works, a representative of the Police Department and a representative of the Fire Department should be consulted for considerations made by the City Council.

Goals of this chapter are as follows:

1. To facilitate expedient emergency response by medical, law enforcement, fire, rescue and other emergency services.
2. To regulate the display of property address numbers and provide for accurate and effective road name signage, installation and maintenance.
3. To provide property owners, the general public, emergency responders, and government agencies and department with an accurate and systematic means of identifying and locating property.

The city council reserves the option of changing addresses. Applications to the City Council for street renaming shall contain the signatures of the majority of persons having ownership in properties addressed on the street. The filing fee for an address change application is established by administrative order of the city manager or the city manager's designee. The building official shall provide written notification to affected property owners at least 20 days before City Council action. In its deliberation, the City Council shall consider information including location, development characteristics, and impact of the change on existing businesses, residences as well as on emergency vehicle responsiveness. Only entire street lengths or distinct major portions of streets are eligible for renaming by the City Council. For the purpose of this chapter, distinct major portion means a separate portion of a street identifiable by either a directional shift or an interrupted interval. A street name change is accomplished by the adoption of an ordinance directing the change.

XX.XX.XXX Methods of Addressing

It is recognized that Cle Elum has two primary methods to assign addresses, as listed in this chapter.

X. GRID METHOD

The numbering pattern shall be as follows:

X. Beginning at the east-west base line of Pennsylvania Ave (the zero point), all blocks or grids shall be numbered from [Starting number 100], with consecutively increasing numbers both to the north and to the south, odd numbers on the left side, and even numbers on the right side

X. Likewise, beginning at the north-south base line of Railroad St (the zero point), all blocks or grids shall be numbered from [Starting number 100], with consecutively increasing numbers both to the east and to the west, odd numbers on the left side, and even numbers on the right side

X. KITTITAS COUNTY METHOD

The pattern shall be measured by meters from a road intersection to any parcel's main driveway, with odd numbers on the left, and even numbers on the right.

X. Addresses should contain only whole numbers

X. In the assignment of numbers, the City Council may take into consideration: driveways, principal entrances, topography and existing field conditions.

X. Buildings situated on a circle, court, loop, or cul-de-sac shall be numbered consecutively beginning at the point of origin and proceeding progressively around such circle, court or loop.

X. Buildings not visible from a public street or set back from a public street to the extent the building address is not readily visible, shall be addressed from the driveway access

XX.XX.XXX Multiple Dwelling Units and ADU's

X. Multiple dwelling units shall receive one building address. The location of the main entrance determines that number. The multiple-dwelling unit owner shall provide individual units within the complex a number composed of unit number and floor in a clockwise direction from the main entrance for interior ADU's or main residence for exterior ADU's

X. Addresses for ADU's shall be identified by the primary residence address followed by "Unit X"

X. Units will be addressed in sequential alphabetical order starting with "A" For example, if the primary residence is 123 Main St; the first ADU would be labeled: "123 Main St Unit A"

X. Properties containing multiple levels of ADU's will have the floor level first and the unit letter second. For example, if there is a multiple level ADU on a property, they would be labeled: (First Level) 123 Main Street Unit 1A (Second Level) 123 Main St. Unit 2A.

X. In the case of exterior ADU's, it is the responsibility of the property owner to plan the property in accordance with the addressing code. If an ADU becomes addressed as "Unit A" and the property owner adds another ADU that is out of the clockwise order. The city shall require the property owner to re-address the original ADU as "Unit B" and the new ADU "Unit A" to be compliant with the clockwise order of the addressing.

X. Costs associated with re-addressing will be the responsibility of the property owner.

XXX.XX.XXX Multi Family Housing

X. Buildings with multiple tenantable or habitable units may receive one numerical designation. Individual units may be designated by suffixed letters or numbers, at the discretion of the City Council

xx. Multi-building developments with the same street address for all of the buildings (or multiple buildings) should have buildings lettered and doors should be numbered, floors of a building should be numbered coinciding with the level of the building. The first number of the door should coincide with the level.

XX. Addressing should be started based on the main entrance of the structure (not necessarily the exit). Left should be odd, right should be even.

XX. Addressing for buildings must be displayed in accordance with the standards on each building in a multi-family development with multiple buildings.

X. Multi-family development will have each building assigned a numbered address taken from the street each building fronts. Interior streets within multifamily developments will be named. Each of the multi-family buildings fronting that interior street will be numbered from said street. Each unit within a multifamily building will also be identified. The unit numbering will be from left to right as seen from facing the building, the first digit of each unit number will indicate on which floor the building each unit is located.

X. A multi-family dwelling unit that has a number of entrances and each entrances services a separate occupant, then each entrance shall be assigned an address. If whole numbers are exhausted – then a single building number shall be utilized with sequential letter designations used for each separate unit.

X. A single multiple family dwelling structure (Does this align with our building code language) shall be assigned one address number for the structures. Addresses for individual dwellings within the structure shall have the first digit representing the floor level of the entrance.

X Multifamily complexes with multiple structures may have an assigned address for each structure with each individual dwelling within the structure numbered as in a subsection of this section -

XX.XX.XXX Commercial

XX. The preferred method is for different buildings to have individualized street addresses where possible

It will be the City's choice at the time to evaluate variances to the preferred method

X. In commercial development projects with a single access from a main street and a shared parking lot each building will be individually numbered from the main street. For those fronting an intersecting street, each building will be individually numbered from the intersecting street of which it fronts. Each tenant suite within a commercial building will also be identified. Suite number should be from left to right, as seen from facing the building. The first digit of each suite number will indicate on which floor of the building each suite is located. Residential units located above commercial buildings will be addressed in accordance with the multi-family complex section.

XX.XX.XXX Assignment of addresses.

A. The city shall assign addresses at the time of issuance of building permits.

In existing subdivisions, short subdivision plats, in binding site plans, planned unit developments, and in land not yet platted, the assignment of addresses for new buildings shall occur in conjunction with the issuance of a building permit.

B. Should the city find that any building, structure or premises is not provided with an address, is not correctly addressed, or is not using the correct address, the department shall notify the owner, agent or renter of the building, structure or premises of the correct address. The address shall be properly placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter by the effective date shown on the notice. It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent or renter to display, advertise or use the wrong address after notification by the department.

C. Whenever there is a doubt or difference of opinion as to the correct road designation or correct address, the road designation or address shall be determined by the City Council and shall be guided by the specific provisions of this chapter.

XX.XX.XXX Signage.

X. The owner, occupant or renter of any addressed building, structure or premises shall conspicuously display the address of each building or each front entrance immediately above, on or at the side of the proper door, porch, or gate so the number can be plainly seen from the adjacent way-of-travel.

X. If the building is not clearly visible from an adjacent way-of-travel, the numbers shall be displayed at the main entrance from the way-of-travel and each branch of private ways-of-travel.

X. Numbers shall be easily legible against a contrasting background and shall be at least four inches in height if a residential use or individual multifamily unit, and at least five inches high if a commercial use.

XX.XX.010 Notification of addressing assignments.

Upon assignment of a building address, the City shall notify the:

- (1) United States Postal Service
- (2) Fire Department
- (3) Cle Elum Roslyn Police Department; and
- (4) Other agencies as determined by the [WHO]

XX.XX.090 Violation – Penalty – Hearing.

X. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter or affixing to or displaying upon any house or building any numbers other than those assigned to the house or building, maybe assessed a civil penalty in an amount of not more than \$100.00 for each violation.

X. When code enforcement determines that a violation exists, code enforcement or their designee may issue a notice of civil penalty to the person responsible for the violation. The notice shall include the name and address of the person responsible for the violation, the street address or other description of the building, structure or premises affected by the violation, a description of the violation and the required corrective action, the date, time and location of an appeal hearing before the hearing examiner which is at least 10 days from the date of the notice, a statement indicating that the hearing will be canceled and no monetary penalty assessed if the department director approves the completed corrective action at least 48 hours prior to the hearing, and a statement that the monetary penalty may be assessed as ordered by the hearing examiner.

X. Code enforcement shall serve the notice of civil penalty upon the person to whom it is directed, either personally or by mailing a copy of the notice to such person at their last known address. If the person to whom the notice is directed cannot after due diligence be so served, the notice shall be served by posting a copy of the notice conspicuously on the affected property or structure.

X. The person to whom a notice of civil penalty is issued will be scheduled to appear before the hearing examiner not less than 10 days after date of the notice. The hearing will be canceled and no monetary penalty assessed if at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing the department director approves the completed corrective action. At any hearing, the hearing examiner shall determine whether the city has established by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation has occurred and that the required correction is reasonable and shall affirm, vacate or modify the city's decision regarding the alleged violation and the required corrective action. The hearing examiner shall mail a copy of the written decision to the appellant and to the department director within 30 days of the hearing. The decision of the hearing examiner shall be final unless, within 10 days after filing of the decision, an aggrieved party appeals the hearing examiner's decision by writ of review to the county superior court.

X. Payment of the monetary penalty pursuant to this chapter does not relieve the person to whom the notice of civil penalty was issued of the duty to correct the violation. Any monetary penalty assessed must be paid to the city within 10 days from the date of mailing of the hearing examiner's decision or a notice from the city that penalties are due.

Sections:

2.15.010 Title.

2.15.020 Charter – Required.

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~~2.15.050 Board of officers.~~

~~2.15.060 Assistant chief.~~

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2.15.160 Mutual aid agreements authorized.

~~2.15.170 Death and disability benefits – Authorized.~~

~~2.15.180 Death and disability benefits – Enrollment.~~

~~2.15.190 Number of members.~~

2.15.010 Title.

The fire department organized under the provisions of this chapter shall be known as the Cle Elum ~~F~~ire ~~D~~eartment.

(Ord. 42 § 1, 1903)

2.15.020 Charter – Required.

~~Each company of the~~ The Cle Elum ~~Fire~~ Department as provided in this chapter shall receive a charter from the council signed by the mayor and clerk and sealed with the seal of the city. The charter shall give the names of the company, date of organization and names of its members. All names appearing on the charter shall be known as ~~officers charter members~~ of the “
Company.Cle Elum Fire Department”

(Ord. 42 § 2, 1903)

2.15.030 Organization.

~~The fire department shall consist of as many hose companies and hook and ladder companies, of not more than twenty members and not less than fifteen members, as may be organized in the manner provided in this chapter, with the approval of the council of the city. Each company shall elect a president, secretary and clerk and make bylaws for its own government. On the second Monday of January of each year each company shall elect a captain, who shall take charge of the company and cause the orders of the chief to be executed, and he shall also see that all apparatus belonging to his company is kept neat and clean and in order for immediate use.~~

(Ord. 42 § 3, 1903)

2.15.040 Chief – Election and duties generally.

~~There shall be elected on the second Monday of January of each year by the members of the fire department, subject to the approval of the council of the city, a chief of the fire department, who shall hold office for the term of one year or until his successor is elected and qualified; provided, however, that C.H. Haines shall be chief of the fire department until the second Monday in January, 1904. The chief of the fire department shall have control of the department at all times, and all apparatus belonging to the department. It shall be his duty to see that all property belonging to the city, and used for the purposes of the fire department, is kept in good condition and ready for immediate use. He shall~~

~~have sole command at fires over the members of the fire department while on duty, and shall have police powers at fires as ex officio marshal. He shall have power to make all necessary repairs and purchase all needed supplies; provided, however, that in case of the purchase of hose, hose carts or hydrants, he shall first obtain the consent of the city council. The chief shall have power to make rules for the government of the fire department, and can suspend any company or member thereof for insubordination pending an investigation as provided for in this chapter.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 4, 1903)~~

~~2.15.050~~Board of officers.

~~The captain, treasurer and secretary of each company and the chief of the department shall constitute a board of officers, whose duty shall be to settle all disputes in the department, to organize new companies, with the consent of the council, at the recommendation of the chief, and designate who shall be charter members of the same; to investigate charges made against any company thereof and to expel any company or member thereof from the department. The chief shall be the presiding officer at the meetings of the board.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 5, 1903)~~

~~2.15.060~~Assistant chief.

~~The chief of the department shall appoint an assistant chief whose duty shall be to assist the chief in the discharge of his duties at fires, and in the absence of the chief at fires to assume command and have all the powers of the chief.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 6, 1903)~~

~~2.15.070~~Command in absence of chief.

~~In the absence of the chief and assistant chief, the fire captain at the fire shall assume command.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 7, 1903)~~

~~2.15.080~~Chief – Removal.

~~The chief of the fire department may be impeached by a majority vote of the members of the fire department, subject to approval of the city council, and the chief may be removed from the council at any time for cause.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 8, 1903)~~

~~2.15.090~~Chief – Fire warden.

~~The chief of the fire department is constituted fire warden of the city.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 9, 1903)~~

~~2.15.100~~Charter – Names of members.

~~The secretary of each company shall immediately present the city clerk a list of the names of the members of his respective company and receive a charter as provided in this chapter. Such charter shall be dated back to cover the entire service of each of the companies.~~

~~(Ord. 42 § 10, 1903)~~

2.15.110Right of entry and appointment of special policemen.

In all cases of fire within the limits of the city or within one mile thereof during the time of fire, the chief of the fire department of the city or his assistant or any other person in command thereof at the time, shall for the purpose of extinguishing, controlling or checking such fire, have the right to enter any part of any building or structure within the limits aforesaid, and do or cause to be done therein, any act or thing he may deem necessary, and in extreme cases of fire, to explode or otherwise remove, or cause the same to be done, any building or structure within the limits aforesaid, and during the time of fire such person shall have the right to appoint special policemen, who shall have authority to act as such without being sworn.

(Ord. 113 § 1, 1909)

~~2.15.120~~Right-of-way.

~~In all cases when the alarm of fire has been given, the fire department shall have the right of way, and any person or persons who wilfully hinder, delay or in any manner oppose any officer or member of the fire department of the city, while in the lawful performance of his duty in time of fire, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished as provided in this chapter.~~

~~(Ord. 113 § 2, 1909)~~

~~2.15.130~~False alarm prohibited.

~~It is unlawful for any person to call in or report a false alarm, causing the department to be toned out or respond to a false alarm ring or cause to be rung the fire bell of the city on any occasion except for fire alarm, or in connection therewith under the direction of the chief of the fire department.~~

~~(Ord. 113 § 3, 1909)~~

~~2.15.140~~Penalty for violation.

~~Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars.~~

~~(Ord. 113, 1909)~~

~~2.15.150~~Equipment use outside city authorized.

~~The mayor of the city, acting by and through the chief of the fire department, is authorized to dispatch and use the fire apparatus and equipment of the city, together with the fire department personnel operating the same, outside of the corporate limits of the city, for the purpose of rendering assistance to neighboring communities and areas in the event of a threatening conflagration or other dire emergency. Under no circumstances shall such fire apparatus and equipment be dispatched outside of the city to such an extent as to deplete existing available equipment or leave the city without adequate fire protection.~~

~~(Ord. 577 § 1, 1962)~~

2.15.160 Mutual aid agreements authorized.

The mayor and the city clerk are authorized and directed to execute on the behalf of the city such mutual aid agreements with adjoining communities or areas maintaining and operating fire apparatus and equipment or with the Central Washington Firemen's Association as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the orderly dispatch of the city fire apparatus and equipment outside of the city and the reciprocal dispatching of other apparatus and equipment into the city. Mutual aid agreements will be reviewed and approved by the city council. The active mayor and fire chief will both sign the agreement after being approved by the council.

~~(Ord. 577 § 2, 1962)~~

~~2.15.170 Death and disability benefits—Authorized.~~

~~On and after the effective date of Chapter 261, Laws of 1945, as contained in RCW Chapter 41.24, all firemen, including volunteers and fully paid, shall be entitled to the benefits of the death and disability provisions provided under Chapter 261, Laws of 1945, as contained in RCW Chapter 41.24.~~

~~(Ord. 397 § 1, 1945)~~

~~2.15.180 Death and disability benefits—Enrollment.~~

~~The city clerk shall be the secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees created by said act and shall enroll each firemen under the death and disability provisions of said law.~~

~~(Ord. 397 § 2, 1945)~~

~~2.15.190 Number of members.~~

~~The volunteer fire department personnel of the city shall not at any time exceed thirty firemen for each one thousand of population, or fraction thereof of the~~

~~city's population; provided, that at no time shall the membership of the fire department be less than fifteen firemen.~~

(Ord. 1489 § 1, 2018; Ord. 397 § 3, 1945)

+Sections:

XX.XX.XXX Graffiti deemed nuisance

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(1) Graffiti and other defacement of public and private property, including but not limited to walls, rocks, bridges, buildings, fences, gates and other structures, trees, and other real and personal property within the city constitutes a nuisance.

(2) Although it is appropriate, where possible, to request that the courts require people who are convicted of acts of defacement and vandalism involving application of Graffiti to public or private property to restore the property so defaced, damaged, or destroyed, obtaining convictions for such acts is difficult because the offenses involved can be committed so very quickly and secretly that witnesses to the acts are frequently nonexistent.

(3) Although the public should be encouraged to cooperate in the elimination of Graffiti by reporting the same to the proper authorities, and to remove the same from private property, it is also important to eliminate the presence of Graffiti from the community so that the product of illegal acts of those involved in application of Graffiti is not visible and the property on which the Graffiti is located and surrounding properties do not suffer diminution of value.

(4) All property owners are required, at their own expense, to keep their property free from Graffiti. Failure of a property owner to keep their property free from Graffiti is a violation of this chapter.

XX.XX.XXX Definitions.

(1) "Graffiti" means the defacing, damaging, or destroying by spraying of paint or marring of ink, chalk, dye, or other similar substances, writing, painting, or inscription.

Commented [CC1]: Consider having definitions be the first section in the code.

Commented [CB2R1]: Committee agrees with this

figure, or mark of any type ~~on~~ on public or private buildings, structures, and places unless the person has obtained the express permission of the owner or operator of the property.

Commented [CC3]: Consider expanding to include all of the descriptions in (1) under "Graffiti deemed nuisance."

(2) "Graffiti abatement procedure" means the abatement procedure which identifies graffiti, issues notice to the landowner to abate the graffiti, and cures in absence of response.

Commented [CB4R3]: Committee agrees with this

(3) "Private contractor" means any person with whom the city shall have duly contracted to remove graffiti.

~~XX.XX.XXX Possession of graffiti materials prohibited.~~

~~(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess graffiti materials.~~

~~(2) A person possesses graffiti materials when they possess any paint, marking pen, glass-cutting tool, glass-etching tool, materials, instruments, or other article adapted, designed or commonly used for committing or facilitating the commission of an offense involving damaging, defacing, or destroying public or private property, and they possess the item under circumstances evincing an intent to use or employ, or allow the same to be used or employed, in the commission of such an offense, or under circumstances evincing an intent that some other person will use or employ the thing possessed in the commission of such offense.~~

~~(3) "Defacing" as used in subsection (2) of this section shall include, but not be limited to, the writing, painting, inscribing, drawing, scratching or scribbling upon any wall or surface owned, operated or maintained by any property owner or the city unless the city or the property owner grants written permission for such writing, painting, inscribing, drawing, scratching or scribbling.~~

~~(4) The unlawful possession of graffiti materials is a misdemeanor.~~

~~XX.XX.XXX Graffiti (n)Notice of removal.~~

~~(1) Code enforcement or their designated representative. The police chief or his designated representative shall cause a notice of violation to be served upon the owner(s) of the affected premises property with Graffiti on it, as such owners' name and address appears on the last property tax assessment rolls of Kittitas County, Washington, Chelan County, Washington. If there is no known owner address, the notice shall be sent in-care-of to the property address that has Graffiti on it. The notice required by this section may be served in any one of the following manners:~~

~~(a) By personal service on the owner.~~

(b) By registered or certified mail addressed to the owner at the last known address of said owner as set forth in the latest property tax assessment rolls of said owner. If this address is unknown, the notice will be sent to the property address.

(2) The notice shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that you are required, by ordinance of the city of WenatcheeCle Elum, at your own expense, to remove or paint over the graffiti Graffiti located on the property commonly known as (address), WenatcheeCle Elum, Washington, which is visible to public view, within 15 days after the date of this notice; or, if you fail to do so, the city requires the nuisance to be abated by removal or painting over of the graffiti. The cost of the abatement by the city or private contractors employed by the city to abate the nuisance will be assessed upon you and your property as well as costs including attorney fees. The city may incur to abate the nuisance.

If you believe there to be extenuating circumstances preventing removal within this timeframe, please contact code enforcement within seven business days of this notice to discuss alternatives where a petition for a written extension, which the city may grant to be made, be made if evaluation of the circumstances deem such extension reasonable.

Commented [CB5]: In consideration of the feedback in email; should this be removed all together?

Commented [CB6]: Consideration of returned to sender mail that goes out -

XX.XX.XXX Appeal.

(1) Within 10 days from the mailing or from personal service of the notice of intent to remove Ggraffiti, the owner may appeal the matter to the city commission of the City's city of WenatcheeP or their duly appointed hearing examiner by filing a written notice of appeal with the police chief. Filing of an appeal will stay, during the pendency of the appeal, any enforcement or actions by the city to abate the nuisance.

Commented [CC7]: Consider having this be the hearing examiner. Having the Committee be the decision maker can add issues of appearance of fairness. That said, if you want the Committee to be the decider, I believe you can.

(2) Appeal Procedure. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the The city commission or hearing examine hearing examiner or r, as the case may be, upon receipt of a notice of appeal, shall will set a hearing date not less than 4530 days from receipt of the notice of appeal, at which time the appellant may appear and present evidence seeking relief from the notice of removal. The police chiefcity's code enforcement officer, or his-their designated representative, may likewise present evidence at such appeal hearing.

Commented [CB8R7]: Committee agrees with this approach, and will add language to that end.

(3) Following the hearing, the city ~~commission~~ hearing examiner shall render a written decision within 10 days. The City will provide the property owner(s) who appealed the notice of violation with a copy of the written decision by mailing it to the last known address of said owner as set forth in the latest property tax assessment rolls, or such other address as the the owner(s) request the written notice to be mailed to in their notice of appeal. Service of the written decision is complete three days after the city mails the written decision. If the owner(s) agree to email notice of the written decision, service is complete the day it is emailed by the city. ~~or hearing examiner, as the case may be, shall render a written decision within 10 days.~~

(4) Any appeal from the ~~Public Safety & Health Committee~~ hearing examiner written decision must be filed in Kittitas County Superior Court and served on the city within 10 days of the city serving the written decision.

XX.XX.XXX Removal by city.

(1) Upon failure of persons to comply with the notice by the designated date, or such continued date thereafter as ~~code enforcement~~ the police chief or ~~his/her~~ their designated representative approves, then ~~code enforcement~~ the police chief or ~~their~~ designated representative is authorized and directed to cause the ~~city~~ graffiti to be abated by city forces or by private contract. The city or its private contractor is expressly authorized to enter upon the ~~premises~~ property with Graffiti on it for such purposes. All reasonable efforts to minimize damage from such entry shall be taken by the city, and any paint used to obliterate or cover ~~city~~ graffiti shall be as close as practicable to background color(s). If ~~the police chief~~ code enforcement or their designated representative provides for the removal of the ~~city~~ graffiti, ~~he/she/they~~ shall not authorize nor undertake to provide for the painting or repair of any more extensive area than the area where the ~~city~~ graffiti is located.

(2) Property owners in the ~~city of Wenatchee~~ City of Cle Elum may consent in advance to city entry onto private property for ~~G~~graffiti removal purposes. The city may agree to enter the property and abate the nuisance if the property owner agrees to be responsible for all costs the city incurs to do so.

(3) All costs the city incurs abating the Graffiti nuisance, including the cost of abatement and any court costs, including attorney fees, shall be assessed against the owner(s) of the property with Graffiti on it personally and against the property with Graffiti on it, and shall be a lien against the property with Graffiti on it.

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis
Beth Williams
Steven Harper

Absent:

Excused:

Staff Present:

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Erica Krum - Assistant City Administrator
Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director
Ed Mills - Fire Chief

2. Unfinished Business

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

Attorneys are still reviewing and anticipate having final comments by next meeting.

b. [Municipal Code — Chapter 2.15 — Fire Department \[Legal Review Underway\]](#)

Attorneys are still reviewing and anticipate having final comments by next meeting.

c. [Draft Graffiti Code \[Legal Review Underway\]](#)

Attorneys are still reviewing and anticipate having final comments by next meeting.

d. [E-Bikes — SSB 6610](#)

Attached is the new state law that takes effect today. Councilmember Buechle-Curtis believes the most significant change is the clarification of the distinctions between various types of bicycles and motors. Councilmember Harper suggests that the police should become familiar with the new code and proposes a one-month period before revisiting this matter. He acknowledges that the police will prioritize education on the new bike code to the public. Councilmember Harper referenced code 10.32.020, which outlines areas where

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bicycles cannot be ridden. Councilmembers discussed the need for appropriate signage and the possibility of implementing stricter regulations than those established by state law. Councilmember Buechle-Curtis has received community comments expressing concerns about the speed of motorized bicycles, specifically regarding the potential danger posed to pedestrians by their approach. Councilmembers have developed a new code and decided to present it to legal counsel before taking it to council. Additionally, councilmembers agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting to review the new law and consider any further changes. There was also a discussion about bike battery storage safety, with Chief Mills expected to provide more information on that topic at the next meeting.

e. [False Alarms — Chapter 8.13](#)

Councilmember Harper discussed that the proposed documentation is satisfactory, exhibiting clarity and readiness for submission to legal. Councilmember Williams expressed appreciation for the clear documentation regarding false alarms and the accountability measures for citizens responsible for such incidents. Committee members and Councilmembers reviewed the procedures, noting that a warning will be communicated to all department heads to prevent citizens from having to interact with multiple departments concerning false alarms, ensuring fines are applied for ongoing occurrences while staying below the minimum threshold. The next step is to forward this documentation to legal and obtain a recommendation from the Council.

3. New Business

a. [Cle Elum Public Safety & Health — Meeting Minutes — May 14, 2026](#)

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to adopt May 14, 2026 meeting minutes and study session minutes; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION : 3 yes 0 no.

b. [Cle Elum Public Safety & Health Study Session — Meeting Minutes — May 14, 2026](#)

Please see above for meeting minute approvals.

c. [Permanent Reschedule of Meeting for Remainder of Year](#)

The committee discussed the potential adjustment of meeting times, considering a new target day of the week for 9:00 AM meetings in order to align the schedule for the remainder of the year. It was determined that Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are the most

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suitable options for morning meetings.

4. Next Meeting Agenda Development

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a. Title 6 — Animals

b. Camping and Ordinances

5. Other Committee Comments

Mayor Lundh expressed a desire to formalize and expand the Fire Advisory Committee. He intends to retain the current members and propose the addition of three new members: one citizen, one business owner, and one current member of the fire department, increasing the total membership to six, plus the chair, for a total of seven members. He suggested that the committee could meet either separately or in conjunction with the Public Safety & Health Committee meetings. Additionally, he requested that Council members vet the new applicants. A deadline for applications will be established to initiate this process. They also discussed having a special meeting in a few weeks to Tuesday, June 30th at 1pm about this topic: a review of applicants and a draft document for onboarding new committee members.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Cassidy Buechle - Curtis, Chair

Clerk

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Unfinished Business

a. CEMC Chapter 8.08 — Garabge Collection

Public Works Director Mathew Bailey provided comments on the proposed revisions to the following code sections:

08.08.010
08.08.030
08.08.061
08.08.070
08.08.080
08.08.090
08.08.100
08.08.160
08.08.170
08.08.180
08.08.200
08.08.220
08.08.230
08.08.250

A discussion was held regarding code section 08.08.200, specifically about whether rate adjustments should be made by ordinance or resolution. Councilmember Harper also suggested changing "his" or "her" to more neutral terminology in the code.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM

Cassidy Buechle - Curtis, Chair

Clerk

To: Cle Elum Fire Dept Advisory Committee,

July 6, 2026

From: Phil Hess & Gary Berndt

Regarding: Overgrown City Streets and Alleys needing fire mitigation treatment

We have recently examined and assessed flammable vegetation conditions on the following Streets & Alleys north of 3rd Street from Park street on the west, to Yakima Ave.

These are high fire risk areas in need of vegetation management treatment as soon as possible.

Projects listed are in the order of the properties viewed by Phil Hess and Gary Berndt on June 26, 2026

- 1) Penn st. 6th-7th 0.1 acre
- 2) The median between Pennsylvania st. and Oakes Street (80 ft wide, 0.1 acre)
- 3) Oakes st. 6th-7th, 0.2 acres
- 4) * #1 priority..5th and Stafford "the hole" 1 acre, requires extra handling**
- 5) South of Billings Avenue to 4th street, 0.3 acres
- 6) **Problem alley:** between 5th and 6th street from Oakes to Pennsylvania st. (Overgrown alley), needs treatment. 0.1 acre
- 7) *#2 priority ..Penn st. from 5th to 4th, steep (unnamed segment), 0.7 acres**
- 8) 4th st, Oakes to Pennsylvania st., 0.8 acres, steep – hand piling
- 9) Harris to Bullit on 4th, needs pruned, 0.1 acre
- 10) Bullit to Peoh on 4th, 0.1 acres
- 11) Peoh to Montgomery on 4th, trim street/alley, 0.1 acres
- 12) 4th street alley, Peoh to Montgomery, R/W, 0.1 acres
- 13) North end of Yakima Avenue at the rotary garden, .25 acres
- 14) *#3 priority...Billings 4th to 5th, 0.3 Acres**
- 15) Stafford to billings alley, 0.1 acres
- 16) *#4 priority..Parks street to reed south to the coal mines trail, 1 acre**

Acreage Summary:

The 4 priority areas	=	3 acres (this is from N. Park St to Penn Ave)
The 12 other areas	=	<u>2.5</u> acres
Total of all 16 areas	=	6 acres (rounded)

Questions for City Admin:

Does the city maintain the alley right away or is the adjacent landowner responsible?

What is planned for the maintenance of the 3 acres north of 6th street adjacent to the water tanks that has been treated ?

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