

CITY OF NORTH BEND
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY NOTES

July 22, 2025

City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Alan Gothelf, Mark Joselyn, Heather Koellen, Christina Rustik, Suzan Torguson and Errol Tremolada. Councilmember Brenden Elwood was excused.

Staff Present: Mayor Mary Miller, City Administrator Amber Emery, City Attorney Kendra Rosenberg, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Acting Police Chief Gary Horejsi, Community & Economic Development Director James Henderson, Administrative Services Director Lisa Escobar, IT Manager Phillip Davenport, and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Bourlin.

Regional Committee Discussion

Administrative Services Director Escobar discussed the need for liaisons on regional committees and boards. After discussion, the following regional committees were deemed important for a representative from the city to be a member of: Sound Cities Association “SCA” Emergency Management Advisory Committee “EMAC”, SCA Growth Management Planning Council and the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board “PRSC”. Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn advised that there are many more opportunities to research other boards and commissions that Councilmembers may be interested in serving on.

Ordinance E-Motorcycles

Community & Economic Development Director Henderson reviewed the following:

- Differences between Electric Bikes “E-Bikes” and Electric Motorcycles “E-Motorcycles”
- Reviewed Revised Code of Washington “RCW” 46.04.330 Regarding Definition of a Motorcycle, RCW’s 46.04.363 and 46.61.705 Regarding Off-Road Motorcycles
- E-Bike Classifications, Examples of Local Restrictions, and Policy Options
- Current Washington State Laws and Restrictions and Policy Options

Mr. Henderson explained to operate an E-Motorcycle it was required to be registered with the Washington State Department of Licensing, the operator must have a license with a motorcycle endorsement, insurance, license plate and wear a helmet. The E-Motorcycle was required to have functioning headlamps and turn signals.

Mr. Henderson discussed a proposed ordinance amending NBMC 10.20 regarding Motorized Foot Scooters that included the definition of an e-motorcycle, legal

requirements to drive one, added language that guardians shall not authorize or knowingly permit a minor in their care to operate an e-motorcycle, and that a law enforcement officer may impound an e-motorcycle in violation of the chapter.

After additional discussion, it was decided to fine tune the ordinance at the August 5, 2025 Public, Health and Safety Committee Meeting for Council consideration on the Main Agenda at the September 2, 2025 Council meeting. Council requested the committee consider amendments to the draft ordinance including the definition of an e-motorcycle, allowing electric scooters on sidewalks, lowering the speed limit for electric scooters to 15 miles per hour, and to consider reducing the age to ride an e-scooter to 12 years of age.

Adjournment

The Workstudy closed at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mark Joselyn, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk