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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meeting Date: November 10, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert, Public Safety Committee Chair
Edward Gray, Public Safety Committee Member

Department(s): Governing Body

Requested Motion

Receive as information the Public Safety Committee's November 5, 2026, meeting report, including the Committee's recommendation for Town staff to prepare minor e-bike ordinance amendments for consideration at the December 17, 2026, Town Council Meeting.

Approval Recommended?

Informational Only.

Item Details

The Public Safety Committee, consisting of Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert (Chair) and Councilmember Edward Gray, met on Thursday, November 5, 2026, to continue its review of public safety policies and matters referred by the Town Council. The Committee adopted its October 1, 2026, meeting minutes without objection and received a presentation from Assistant Town Attorney Seth Kandl regarding recent changes to North Carolina's electric bicycle (e-bike) legislation, existing Town regulations, and potential ordinance amendments.

Electric Bicycle (E-Bike) Regulations: Effective December 1, 2026, changes to North Carolina law establish three classifications of e-bikes and provide municipalities with additional authority to regulate their operation. Staff presented three potential approaches: maintaining existing regulations, adopting minor amendments to clarify current ordinance provisions, or developing a comprehensive regulatory framework. Following discussion, the Committee recommended that Town staff proceed with drafting potential ordinance amendments consistent with the "Minor Action" approach. These amendments would focus on incorporating an e-bike definition, clarifying that existing references to bicycles include qualifying e-bikes, and addressing the applicability of current restrictions on motorized vehicles in parks and greenways. This approach would provide greater regulatory clarity while allowing the Town to monitor

implementation of the new state law and determine whether additional measures are warranted. The proposed amendments are anticipated to return to the full Town Council for consideration on December 17, 2026.

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program: Although not discussed during the November 5 meeting, the ALPR Program remains an ongoing Committee referral from the Town Council. During its October 1 meeting, the Committee requested additional information concerning external data-sharing policies, internal data management and accountability, program effectiveness, technology and vendor alternatives, and community privacy concerns. These areas of review are intended to inform future recommendations regarding the program, particularly ahead of the current Flock Safety contract's expiration on January 31, 2027. The ALPR Program is scheduled to return to the Committee on December 3, 2026, with a potential Town Council Work Session on December 15, 2026, to facilitate further discussion and policy direction.

Attachments

- TR1-A1: Public Safety Committee Agenda Packet – November 05, 2026