

**CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: February 04, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Travis Grimm - Chief of Police

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Traffic Enforcement in Gated and Private Communities

Background:

The Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD) currently does not have jurisdiction to conduct traffic enforcement on private streets or within gated communities unless a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed between the community and the City. Conway Isles has already expressed interest in joining this program. This presents an opportunity to explore similar partnerships with the City's other gated communities: Winward Condos, Sienna Place, The Highlands, Belle Vista, and Brighton Park.

These gated communities are the only ones within the City requiring such agreements for traffic enforcement. Non-gated communities do not need an MOU, as traffic enforcement falls under the existing jurisdiction of the BIPD. Any proposed MOU with a gated or private community must be brought before the City Council for review and approval before execution.

Staff Recommendation and Council Discussion Points:

Staff recommends approving outreach to Conway Isles and the other gated communities to offer the opportunity to sign an MOU for traffic enforcement. This initiative will improve traffic safety and compliance within these private communities.

Suggested Motion:

"I move to authorize the Police Department to engage with Conway Isles and the other gated communities in the City, including Winward Condos, Sienna Place, The Highlands, Belle Vista, and Brighton Park, to explore and formalize Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for traffic enforcement on private streets, subject to City Council approval."

Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: There is no immediate fiscal impact. Agreements with gated communities may involve negotiated terms for traffic enforcement, including possible cost-sharing for specific patrols.

Attachments: Draft Memorandum of Understanding Template