

STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: John Canepari, Ward 1 Alderman and J. Carter Napier, City Administrator

DATE: 07/20/2026

SUBJECT: Resolution 26-226 | A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED EVALUATION AND THOUGHTFUL ENHANCEMENT OF TENNESSEE'S ELECTRIC BICYCLE LAWS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 26-226, expressing the City of Spring Hill's support for the continued evaluation and thoughtful enhancement of Tennessee's electric bicycle laws and respectfully requesting Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly consider targeted legislative improvements that enhance public safety while preserving Tennessee's longstanding commitment to individual responsibility and limited government regulation.

BACKGROUND:

During recent discussions regarding electric bicycle (e-bike) regulations, a discussion was raised regarding increasing e-bike use and public safety. As part of those discussions, the Board reviewed the recent regulatory approach of the state of New Jersey.

While New Jersey's framework contains several measures intended to improve safety, it also represents a significantly more regulated model than Tennessee has historically embraced. Tennessee recently updated its electric bicycle statutes, providing an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of those changes before considering broader reforms.

Rather than recommending adoption of another state's regulatory system, this resolution respectfully encourages Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly to continue evaluating Tennessee law and consider targeted enhancements, including improved enforcement tools for reckless operation, clarification regarding modified e-bikes, expanded public education, continued collection of crash and enforcement data, and other reasonable measures that improve public safety while preserving Tennessee's legislative philosophy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with adoption of this Resolution.



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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

None



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