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**Presiding Judge of the
Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
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Dear Honorable Judge Maria Hernandez,

The City of Stanton received the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled "E-bikes Friend or Foe". As required by California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City of Stanton is responding to the findings and recommendations included in the report.

Note: The original Grand Jury findings are repeated below in italics. The City's responses are in bold, with additional explanation and commentary in regular typeface. References to the "City" refer to the City of Stanton, California.

Findings

F1 The majority of Orange County's 34 cities do not have ordinances or policies in place, which makes it difficult to address the safe operation and regulation of E-bikes leading to confusion.

The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

The City lacks knowledge and information sufficient to reach this conclusion. The City does not know what ordinances or policies related to the operation and regulation of E-bikes the majority of Orange County cities have.

F2 Due to the increasing incidence of E-bike injuries and deaths, there is a need for consistent and accurate tracking by law enforcement and first responders, which does not exist now.

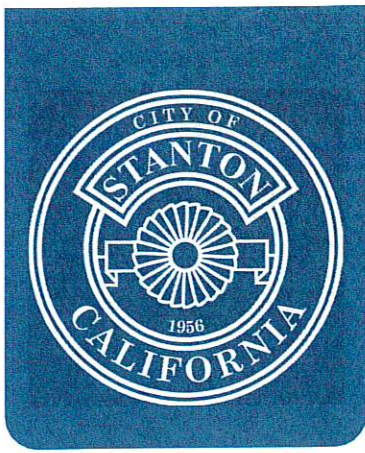
The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

The City lacks knowledge and information sufficient to reach this conclusion. The City is not fully informed as to the existing, if any, tracking by law enforcement and first responders of E-bike-related injuries and deaths.

F3 Training and education on E-bike use and safety varies from city to city causing confusion amongst bike riders.

The respondent agrees with the finding.





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Recommendations

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R1 *Each Orange County city should have specific policies that define the rules of the road for use of E-bikes in their communities by December 1, 2024.*

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

The City will assign its Public Safety Committee to research and review existing E-bike policies from Orange County cities, and will request a draft policy to be prepared for presentation to the City Council with proposed adoption by December 1, 2024.

R2 *Each Orange County city should have a mechanism in place to report accidents, injuries and deaths involving E-bikes by December 1, 2024.*

The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer of head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.

Rather than initially creating a stand-alone solution, the City will assess what other Orange County cities utilize to report the requested data.

R3 *Each Orange County city should research and develop outreach and education programs regarding the safe operation of E-bikes for their residents by December 1, 2024.*

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

The City will research and develop outreach and education programs in partnership with the OCSJ by December 1, 2024.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager, at (714) 890-4277 or via email at HShinheydorn@StantonCA.gov.

Respectfully,


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