



To: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

From: Jeffrey B. Spence, Chief of Police
Tim Becker, Director of Public Safety
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Joann Bury, Director of Finance
Priya D. Tamilarasan, Esq., City Attorney

Date: July 2, 2026

Re: Dept. of Public Safety – Request for Council Action (July 7, 2026, COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: TRAFFIC CODE REVISION – PROPOSED BICYCLE HELMET ORDINANCE

The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests Council to issue an ordinance amending Part 3 [TRAFFIC CODE]; Title 9 [Pedestrians, Bicycles and Motorcycles]; Chapter 373 [Bicycles and Motorcycles] of the Gahanna Codified Ordinances by adding Section 373.11 [Riding Bicycles; Helmets] as described in ATT-A.

By adopting the proposed Section 373.11, the ordinance would create a standardized helmet requirement for all bicycle riders under the age of 18, regardless of the type or classification of bicycle. The proposed amendment further includes a parental responsibility clause which states that parents of riders would be subject to the issuance of a citation should they aid, abet, cause, encourage, or permit such conduct as stipulated in the ordinance.

The proposed ordinance intentionally is written to closely mirror the code currently in place in the City of New Albany, thereby creating a level of consistency among neighboring communities.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed:	Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver:	N/A
Vendor Name:	N/A
Vendor Address:	N/A
Already Appropriated:	N/A
Supplemental/Transfer:	N/A

Attachments:

PD-ATT-A SECTION 373.11 RIDING BYCYCLES: HELMETS [PROPOSED]