

Code & License Appeals Board
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
3:00 pm
Hybrid Forfeiture Hearing
Council Chambers
Minutes

Board Members Attending: D. Reed, J. Kelly – in person and B. Waller, M Cianciosi - virtually

Others Attending: M. Mayfield, Esq., L. Kelleher, SGT C. Menges, A. Schreiner – in person and BCTV, WFMZ - virtually

Mr. Cianciosi called the hearing to order at 3:05 pm. The Board members and staff present introduced themselves.

Mr. Cianciosi asked Ms. Mayfield to conduct the hearing.

Public Comment

Ms. Kelleher stated that there was no one registered to provide public comment. There were no members of the public present in Council Chambers or attending virtually.

Appeal Hearing

Ms. Mayfield entered the following into the record:

1. City Code Chapter 576 Part 13, Motorized Devices and ATVs, as amended
2. City Code Chapter 23 Part 14 Code and License Appeals Board
3. The agenda with:
 - a. The meeting notice that ran in the Reading Eagle
 - b. The sample letter mailed to the potential owners of the seized vehicles
 - c. The appeal form
 - d. The list of owners contacted by mail
 - e. The list of the 55 vehicles seized – showing that 15 are shown in strikeout as they were released to the owner who is now in compliance with the ordinance

Ms. Mayfield stated that there are no citizens present to make an appeal for the seizure and potential forfeiture in Council Chambers and Ms. Kelleher stated that there are no citizens present virtually.

Ms. Kelleher administered the oath to SGT Menges and Ms. Schreiner.

Ms. Mayfield asked SGT Menges to highlight the purpose of the ordinance and the seizure process conducted by the Police Department.

SGT Menges stated that the ordinance was drafted to attempt to eliminate the use of illegal dirt

bikes and ATVs which create public safety hazards on City streets. Illegal vehicles are those vehicles that are not registered with PennDOT or the PA DCNR. He explained that officers pursue and seize these vehicles when it is safe to do so. The owner and rider are then notified of the process that can be used to reclaim the vehicle. If the vehicle is not reclaimed, it is eligible for forfeiture and destruction.

Ms. Schreiner stated that only 15 of the 55 vehicles seized were reclaimed as the owner could provide proof of ownership, registration, etc. No response was received from the remaining owners. She described the multi-step process used to check the registration and ownership of the vehicle using the VIN, along with three databases and the notices that are mailed via certified and 1st class mail. None of the notices mailed 1st class were returned. She stated that there were no requests to appeal the forfeiture of the 6 vehicles listed.

In response to a question from Mr. Cianciosi, SGT Menges explained that there are occasions when a rider is pursued by an officer, the rider drops the vehicle and flees. If the vehicle does not have a VIN, the vehicle cannot be traced to a prior owner.

Appeals

There were no appeals filed.

Forfeiture

Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Cianciosi, to approve the forfeiture and destruction/sale of the seized vehicles that are on the list attached to the agenda and to these hearing minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Cianciosi, to authorize Ms. Mayfield to draft and send the decision for the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

In response to a question from Ms. Waller, SGT Menges explained that the ordinance was recently amended to allow the City's towing contractor with the ability to sell a dirt bike or ATV that was seized by the Police Department to someone that resides a minimum of 300 miles from Reading, if the vehicle(s) is approved by the Traffic Sergeant. He explained that this will allow the towing contractor to reclaim some of his expenses for towing and storage fees.

Ms. Waller moved, seconded by Mr. Cianciosi, to adjourn the hearing at 3:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

Incident Number	Make	Model	Color	VIN	Date Seized	Location	NCIC Ran	DCNR Ran	Car Fax Ran	Letters Sent	Certified
2024-024619	YAMAHA	ZUMA	BLACK	HZ2TBCND4R1007420	6/25/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/22/2024	12/3/2024
2024-024974	HONDA	CRF450	RED	JH2.....75M306316	6/27/2024	MATOS				10/22/2024	10/30/2024
2024-025026		MOPED 200M	BLACK	L2BB9NCC1PB402006	6/28/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024		
2024-025223	RAZOR 200	SCOOTER 500CC	WHITE	H0DTAEFN3PX049929	6/29/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024		
2024-025223	SCHWINN	50CC	SILVER	LD5TCBPA551003141	6/29/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/22/2024	10/30/2024
2024-025223	YAMAHA	CHUMAS 150CC	RED	L5YTCKBD3P1142064	6/29/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024		
2024-025284	SUZUKI	RM65	YELLOW	JKBKXEBCX3A000908	6/29/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/22/2024	12/6/2024
2024-025295	TAIZHOU/ZHILONG	CLICK	BLACK	HZ2TBCNF6P1004484	6/29/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/22/2024	10/30/2024
2024-025309	ZHILONG	CLICK	BLACK	HZ2TBCNF2P1004367	6/29/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/22/2024	
2024-025944	YONGFU	YN50QT-B	BLACK	LL0TCAPH3NYS00147	7/3/2024	MATOS	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	10/21/2024		
2024-028173	KAWASAKI	KX450F	GREEN	JKAKXGFCXEA022971	7/18/2024	MATOS					
2024-028189	FLY 7	SCOOTER	BLACK	202100003331	7/18/2024	MATOS				10/23/2024	
2024-028196	YAMAHA	FTR-230	BLUE	9C6CG28Y3G0014119	7/18/2024	MATOS					
2024-028806	JIANSU	BAODIAO	BLACK	L2BB9NCB7FB320044	7/22/2024	MATOS	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	11/14/2024 11/18/2024
2024-028929	HONDA	CRF	RED	JH2KE03C1RK600678	7/23/2024	MATOS					
2024-029076	YAMAHA	YZ-450F	WHITE	JYACJ26C2LA001457	7/24/2024	MATOS					
2024-029212	KTM	DUKE	ORANGE	VBTU9408NM830451	7/25/2024	MATOS					
2024-029311	SUZUKI	DR-Z 400 SML	BLACK	JS1SK44A192100780	7/26/2024	MATOS					
2024-029340	ZHEJIANG	RIYA	BLACK	LEHTCB130HR000069	7/26/2024	MATOS	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	10/24/2024	12/11/2024 12/16/2024
2024-029383	TAOTAO	50CC	BLACK	L9NTCBAEXL1011758	7/26/2024	MATOS	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	10/23/2024		
2024-029434	BAODIAO	PRO 50CC	BLACK	L2BB9NCC9NB103151	7/27/2024	MATOS	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	11/13/2024 11/26/2024
2024-029530	JN MULLON	UNICYCLE	BLACK	SNA03216810038299	7/27/2024	MATOS	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	11/25/2024
2024-030012	AXIS	M200	BLACK	LWGPCMLC2MA8C5455	7/30/2024	MATOS	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	11/13/2024 11/15/2024
2024-030199	TAIZHOU/ZHILONG	4 STROKE	RED	L5YTCKBD9P1142067	7/31/2024	MATOS	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024		
2024-031358	YAMAHA	R6	BLUE	JYARJ16E4FA033773	8/8/2024	MATOS					
2024-031563	YAMAHA	VINO CLASSIC	SILVER	LPRSA30A76A105552	8/9/2024	MATOS	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	11/13/2024 12/16/2024
2024-031753	SUZUKI	DRZ-400SM	BLACK	JS1SK44A6J2102173	8/10/2024	MATOS					
2024-031868	SSR MOTORSPORTS	125CC	BLACK		8/11/2024	MATOS				10/29/2024	11/13/2024
2024-032107	YAMYA	MOPED	BLACK	LGMMVG1A5L1000030	8/12/2024	MATOS	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	
2024-032125	YAMAHA	310CC	GRAY	MH3RH20Y7PK010154	8/12/2024	MATOS					
2024-032254	E-MONSTER	E-BIKE	RED	LGMMVG1A2L2020830	8/13/2024	MATOS	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/6/2024	12/19/2024

2024-032358	DONGFANG	DF50SST	ORANGE	LXDTCARA9M1095714	8/14/2024	MATOS	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/6/2024	12/31/2024
2024-032366	TALARIA	MOTORCYCLE	RED	CTL4000R0000649	8/14/2024	MATOS	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	N/A	1/21/2025	1/31/2025
2024-032522	YAMAHA	TRANS PRO 200	BLACK	LLPTGKHA3P1080097	8/15/2024	MATOS	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/6/2024	12/19/2024 12/30/2024
2024-032847	HONDA	NAVI	GREEN	3H1JK0705ND010768	8/17/2024	MATOS					
2024-033008	YAMAHA	MOPED	BLACK	3YJ2605573	8/18/2024	MATOS				12/6/2024	12/16/2024
2024-033265	FENGYUAN	ROMA	BLACK	H0DTAEFN4PX049891	8/20/2024	MATOS					
2024-033494	CHONGQIN	HUANSONG	BLACK	LWGPCMLC4MA212757	8/21/2024	MATOS	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/6/2024	12/31/2024
2024-033835	YAMAHA	RAPTOR	BLUE	JY4AM01Y43C044503	8/24/2024	MATOS	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024		
2024-034370	ZHEJIANG	TEYIN	BLUE	LUJTCLPR4PA020173	8/27/2024	MATOS					
2024-034560	SUZUKI		RED	LC6PAGA19M000513	8/28/2024	MATOS	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024	12/6/2024	12/31/2024
2024-035343	WUXI TENGHUI	FLY E BIKE	RED/BLACK	R41TC4133NB000379	9/2/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/10/2024	12/19/2024
2024-035484	CAN-AM	MOTORCYCLE	BLACK/GOLD	3JB2FEG45PJ001797	9/3/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024		
2024-035702	TEYIN	SCOOTER	BLUE	LUJTCLPR4PA020173	9/4/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/10/2024	1/15/2025
2024-036356	YAMAHA	YZ125	WHITE	JYACE34C7RA012704	9/8/2024	MATOS	1/28/2025	1/28/2025	1/28/2025	1/28/2025	
2024-036366	SUZUKI	DIRT-BIKE	BLACK	JS1SK44A292101758	9/8/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024		
2024-036838	QIPAI	KP-MINI	BLACK	LXAPKRP64NX000280	9/11/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024		
2024-037430	BAODIAO	50 CC	BLACK	L2BB6BCHXPB118067	9/14/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024		
2024-037920	KTM	DUKE 390	BLACK	MD2JPJ402KC201474	9/17/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/10/2024	12/19/2024
2024-037932	ZHEJIANG	KING YUE	BLACK	L4STCKDK472201149	9/17/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/10/2024	1/31/2025
2024-038646		DIRT BIKE	WHITE	KX065AE048013	9/21/2024	MATOS	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	N/A		
2024-039709	FLYWING	E-BIKE	BLACK	FLY20210500001711	9/28/2024	MATOS	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	1/21/2025	2/14/2025
2024-041155	BAJA	4-WHEELER	RED		10/7/2024	MATOS					
2024-042188	KAWASAKI	KX250-L	BLACK/GREEN	JKAKXMLC22A038838	10/13/2024	MATOS	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	1/21/2025	2/5/2025
2024-043025	MOTOTEC	DIRT BIKE	WHITE	AC3DAERM1LY080579	10/18/2024	MATOS	1/17/2025	1/17/2025	1/17/2025		
2024-043225	ZHILONG	BWS	BLACK	HZ2TBCND7P1002144	10/19/2024	MATOS	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/8/2024	12/10/2024	1/15/2025