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Ms. Maura Weissleder Deputy Town Clerk Town of Yorktown Town Board 363 Underhill Avenue Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Re: Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency

Yorktown Proposed Local Law Change to Chapter 275 "Vehicles &

Traffic"

Town of Yorktown; Westchester County

DEP Log #: 2023-MUL-0629-SQ.1

Dear Ms. Weissleder and Members of the Town Board:

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the Town of Yorktown Town Board's (Board) Notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency and full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the above-referenced project. DEP does not object to the Board acting as Lead Agency for the Coordinated Review of the proposed action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The project site is located in both Muscoot and New Croton Reservoir drainage basins of the New York City's watershed. As Muscoot and New Croton Reservoirs are phosphorous restricted, water quality impacts to the receiving reservoirs from pollutant-laden runoff must be avoided or mitigated.

The proposed action involves a change to Chapter 275 Article IV of the Code of the Town of Yorktown to address the restrictions of use of unregistered self-propelled vehicles or conveyance such as electric bicycles, dirt bikes, and minibicycles among others.

DEP does not maintain any discretionary regulatory authority over the proposed activity. As such, DEP is considered an interested agency pursuant to SEQRA.

Based upon review of the circulated documents, DEP respectfully submits the following comments for the Board's consideration:

1. It is suggested that is the term "electric bike" be utilized instead of "electronic bike" to better align with industry standard terminology.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. You may reach the undersigned at cgarcia@dep.nyc.gov or (914) 749-5302 with any questions or if you care to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Garcia

Cynthia Garcia, Supervisor SEQRA Coordination Section