



Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025

Location: City Hall in Council Chambers

AGENDA

Regular Session

7:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4) ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 5) MINUTES: July 22nd, 2025
August Recess
- 6) PUBLIC HEARINGS OR PRESENTATIONS
- 7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
 - A. Sheriff
 - B. Public Works
 - C. Administrator
 - D. Planning
 - E. Library
 - F. Office
 - G. Council
- 8) CITIZEN COMMENTS (Non-agenda & Agenda items)
 - ★ Council asks that comments be limited to three minutes per audience member. Please state your name and address prior to commenting for the public record.
- 9) LEGISLATIVE:
 - A. **Resolution 2025.13:** Update Machinery, Materials & Human Resource Rates
 - B. **Resolution 2025.14:** Planning Fees
 - C. Arbor Day Proclamation



10) ACTION ITEMS:

- A. City Hall Painting Project
- B. Pioneer Park Playground Project
- C. Rural Economic Alliance Intern

11) DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. *Proposed Ordinance 809*: Public Streetlight Application
- B. *Proposed Ordinance 810*: Public Street Closure Application
- C. Pacific Power Outages Report
- D. Vineyard Machines Warning
- E. July & August Financials

12) COUNCIL QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

13) ADJOURN

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Council Retreat Session

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025

When: Immediately following Council Meeting

Where: Rec Center Meeting Room

What: Council Members Training

Note: There will be no public allowed during this meeting.



July 22nd, 2025

ROLL CALL: Mayor Craven called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilor Chambers, Councilor Hansen, Councilor Winklepleck, and Councilor Solberg present. Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow, and City Administrator Scott McDowell were also present.

ABSENT: Councilor Eversull and Councilor LaCoste were excused.

PUBLIC: Sravya Tadepalli, and Sarah Brown (*The New Era* | *Sweet Home*).

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Mr. McDowell reported that the Public Works Report and an email response from Pacific Power regarding recent power outages have been placed on the dais tonight; Council Retreat will be rescheduled for a time when full Council can be in attendance.

NEW CITIZEN'S COMMENT PROCEDURE: Mayor Craven reviewed the newly implemented procedure for Citizen's Comments, and the signup sheets were distributed.

MINUTES: Councilor Solberg made a motion to approve the June 30th, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Chambers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING | PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Cyber Security Awareness.** McDowell reported that the City's insurance requires Staff to share cyber security awareness information semi-annually. The rise of AI and quantum computing will shake up the cyber security world over the next few years. Staff continue to stay vigilant on many fronts. McDowell reported that cybercrime is expected to skyrocket. Insuring cybercrime is an interesting choice. When criminals find out they could get paid off, it could be an encouraging factor for more incidents. Mr. McDowell stated that your computer is only as good as each end user. Council will continue to stay abreast of the developments to properly safeguard the City's computer infrastructure.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Report | Sergeant Steve Frambes.** Sergeant Frambes reported that the numbers for June were very low due in large part to an unusually high number of accidental death incidents. The Office is stretched thin when death investigations are involved due to cross-training on specialization areas. Frambes is hoping the rest of summer will return to normal call levels. Incidents in town included a knife fight, and a suicide attempt stopped by a Deputy who administered Narcan.
2. **Public Works (PW).** This report is on the desk tonight.
3. **Administration.** Administrator Scott McDowell reported the Superintendent Frink is enjoying a night off due to a light Council agenda.

The City's Standard & Poor's (S&P) final rating review has been postponed. McDowell is hopeful that the City will retain or improve its stellar rating of AA-.

McDowell reminded Council of the three local events, Stand By Me Day, Antique Faire, and Festival of Tents happening soon.



Connect Linn County, a new local non-profit, will be doing dinner at the park on Wednesdays starting tomorrow, July 23rd, 2025, until August 20th, 2025. The community is invited and donations are accepted.

McDowell reported that it is time for several agreements to be reviewed; they will likely come to Council in September. McDowell will soon be installing two new computers, one in the library and one at City Hall. The City will also soon be migrating to the new website with Civics Plus. McDowell will present it to Council when complete.

4. **Planning.** No comments.
5. **Library.** No comments.
6. **Office.** No comments.
7. **Council Comments.** Mr. McDowell referred to the email from Scott Salazar, Pacific Power, found on Council's desk tonight. He recommends reviewing the email, and opening a discussion at the September Council meeting.

McDowell reported that the Communication Committee met last Monday, June 14th, 2025, and will be meeting again before making any recommendations to Council at the September meeting.

Councilor Winklepleck reported that he, Mayor Craven, and Councilor Solberg met with the American Legion to discuss recognizing our hometown veterans. The American Legion will produce a list of eligible veterans for this honor and Mr. McDowell will order banners soon. The project will likely start with the first six light poles in the downtown area, and proceed from there.

8. **Citizen Comments.** No comments.

LEGISLATIVE:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Authorize City Hall Painting Project.** Mr. McDowell stated that the project will clearly stay within the budget parameters, and match the Rec Center paint. Project completion is expected in late summer or early fall.

Councilor Hansen moved to authorize Staff to proceed with the City Hall painting project agreement. Councilor Solberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Canal Company Outcome.** Members of the Brownsville Canal Company met on Thursday, July 17th, 2025 to discuss general business and to consider operational considerations for the non-profit. No new developments to report currently.
2. **June Financials.** No comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: *Councilor Winklepleck moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Councilor Chambers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*



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September 23rd, 2025

From: S. Scott McDowell
To: Mayor & Council
Re: General Business

Council Retreat immediately following the meeting.

Note: The first section of this report follows the Council meeting agenda and provides an overview of topics to be discussed the night of Council. If an item title is **highlighted in green**, that means the item is part of Council Goals. When you see this symbol, ☒, it means more information will be provided at the meeting.

"Those who seek control over others are often the ones who cannot control themselves."

~ Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor

"Most people are not looking for the truth; they are looking for reassurance."

~ Carl Jung, Swiss Therapist

"Hurt people hurt people. Healed people heal people."

~ Anonymous



AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

The following items follow the order of the Agenda

6) PUBLIC HEARINGS OR PRESENTATIONS

9) LEGISLATIVE:

- A. Resolution 2025.13: Update Machinery, Materials & Human Resource Rates** – Annually, Staff reviews this fee schedule to make recommendations to Council. The resolution reflects the changes recommended by Staff. I have included the last resolution so you can see and compare the changes made by Staff.

What is Council being asked to do?

Review and consider the changes to this resolution. Council may make any changes, edits or otherwise as Council deems necessary.

- B. Resolution 2025.14: Planning Fees** – Annually, Staff reviews the planning fee schedule to make recommendations to Council. The resolution reflects the changes recommended by Staff. I have included the last resolution so you can see and compare the changes made by Staff.





What is Council being asked to do?

Review and consider the changes to this resolution. Council may make any changes, edits or otherwise as Council deems necessary.

- C. **Arbor Day Proclamation** | Last Fall, the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board unanimously voted to discontinue their portion that included the local Arbor Day celebration. The Board's conclusion was that the City already spends the required amount of money and plants trees every year. Staff recommends continuing the passage of the proclamation, so the City is not penalized by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for not belonging to this voluntary program.

10) ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **City Hall Paint Project** – The City received no bids from any of the contractors by the RFP deadline. Staff will republish the RFP late winter, early spring. Council will make the final decision once the proposals are tabulated by Staff.
- B. **Playground Project** – The Park Board and Staff will work on an RFP this Fall. Staff will proceed with the project as planned with the Park Board coming to Council as needed.
- C. **Rural Economic Alliance Intern** – Staff would like authorization to serve as the fiduciary agent for the Linn-Benton Community College intern for the Fall and Spring terms. The other communities in REAL will reimburse the City for their portion of the related expenses. McDowell will also serve as Intern Administrator with LBCC.



11) DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. **Proposed Ordinance 809: Public Streetlight Application** | Staff are recommending a more streamlined process for streetlight requests. Past practice has run new, non-emergency ordinances through the discussion process before a first reading.
- B. **Proposed Ordinance 810: Public Street Closure Application** | Staff are recommending formalizing the street closure process. Past practice has run new, non-emergency ordinances through the discussion process before a first reading.
- C. **Pacific Power Outages Report** | District Manager Scott Salazar provided the enclosed report for Council review. Council decided to review the report at this meeting.
- D. **Vineyard Machines Awareness** | Cooling temperatures mean the wind machines will turn on soon.
- E. **July & August Financials**



UPDATES, INFORMATION & HAPPENINGS



Linn County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report | [G1] – The City is under contract for 200 hours per month. The eighteen-month average looks like this:

LCSO Month-to-Month Comparison (18 months)

Year	Month	Traffic Citations	Traffic Warnings	Hours
2025	August	12	12	202.75
2025	July	22	5	231.5
2025	June	1	11	185
2025	May	6	12	217
2025	April	16	16	229
2025	March	16	13	204.75
2025	February	46	32	208.5
2025	January	30	45	203.25
2024	December	7	17	201.75
2024	November	13	23	200
2024	October	17	16	204.75
2024	September	15	17	202
2024	August	17	17	201.75
2024	July	15	23	296.75
2024	June	33	51	200
2024	May	36	32	200
2024	April	10	22	201.25
2024	March	17	28	209.25
<i>Subtotal</i>		329	392	3799.3
Total Average		18.28	21.78	211.07
		<i>Cites</i>	<i>Warnings</i>	<i>Hours</i>

LCSO Quarterly Meeting ☐ – I am not sure if the City attended the last meeting due scheduling.

From 07.22.2025: Light attendance led to light conversation at the latest edition of the quarterly meeting. Sheriff Duncan shared concerns caused by the Oregon Leave Act. The LCSO is still in labor negotiations. Several cities were short on hours this month due to the amount of personnel resources needed for seven fatalities that happened throughout the County in June. Cities shared events and operational needs for the upcoming months. Overall, everyone present was satisfied with the service received. Sheriff Duncan moved the next meeting to September 10th, 2025 with the consent of the group. Millersburg will be hosting a drone show on the 25th of July and the LCSO will take on the Benton County Sheriff's Office in a charity softball game at Goss Stadium on July 30th.

American Legion | Banners Report | The Banner Committee met with members of the American Legion to identify local heroes to honor as part of a street banner program. The project is currently in the design phase. The City hopes to hang the banner for Veterans Day.





TMDL | Shade Study | Dyer Partnership's Ryan Quigley projects a ball park figure of \$14,500 to complete the shade study recently order by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Computer Upgrades | Staff installed new computers for the City Administrator, Library and the Circulation station. Staff also repaired the backup system with the help of Harris Computers. Librarian Lemhouse replaced several old printers at the Library as well. The City will look to replace the public computers early 2026.

S & P Report ☒ | Caroline Baird contacted the City on August 12th, 2025 to report the City has been downgraded to A+ from AA-. The S & P Reivew Board cited the Rec Center Renovation project and the State of Oregon's policies. Baird said that many Oregon communities were downgraded.

S&P Global

From 07.22.2025: Every three years S & P thoroughg reviews the financial condition of the City and our regions economic forecast. Caroline Baird and Treasure Walker conducted the interview this year. Baird said they would have a decision as to the City's rating by Friday, July 18th. I hope to share this information with Council Tuesday evening.

Recycled Complaints | Councilor Chambers reported that people are still complaining about the playground equipment in Pioneer Park. Council has covered this concern multiple times over the last two years. Public Works Superintendent Frink explained that the slide is on back order, but given the age of the equipment the manufacturer will not fill enough orders to manufacture the piece needed. The City is planning a new playground for 2026. It is also to remember the details of the Pioneer Park Riverbank Erosion and the status of Kirk Avenue. A complaint about the crossing on Bishop Way/Highway 228 recently resurfaced. The ODOT is in charge of any improvements or modifications to those crosswalks. The City has received one complaint since the traffic calming devices were removed a few years ago. It is also important to note that the DOT has a sizeable deficit and has announced the closure of the Sweet Home location which should cause concern for snow removal this winter.

Communications Committee – The Committee met September 8th, 2025 to review several items. Council process and interaction infromation will be provided at the Retreat immediately following the meeting Tuesday. The Committee has not formalized any official policy concepts for Council's consideration to date.

From 07.22.2025: Mayor Craven, Councilor Chambers and Councilor Hansen met with City Administrator McDowell to discuss several issues around the Committee's focus. The session was about sharing ideas and thoughts that could be implemented by Council to better serve the public, the Council and Staff. The meeting mainly served as an information sharing session. The group plans on meeting toward the end of summer to finalize any recommendations that they may choose to render. The group briefly discussed the TMDL Shade Study and are not ready to make any recommendations due to the lack of information to make a proper decision.

REAL Meeting ☒ – The group has offered an agreement to Nate Conroy to work on the Marketing and Strategic Plan. McDowell has worked on behalf of REAL with LBCC to secure an intern to help with the projects as well. It is exciting to see things start to move forward! Kelly Hart has accepted a new position and will no longer be with the City of Lebanon. Kelly has been instrumental in working on REAL issues through the years and she will be deeply missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



From 07.22.2025: McDowell and Hart worked to finalize the agreement with Nate Conroy to further the strategic plan.

From 06.30.2025: Staff worked on contracts with Nate Conroy and RAIN alongside Kelly Hart from Lebanon.

From 05.28.2025: REAL is moving forward with a consulting agreement to help move the strategic plan forward. Cities are in the process of ratifying IGA's to continue this economic development work.

From 04.29.2025: This agreement is between the cities that comprise REAL. The group recently completed their marketing plan, which was part of their strategic goals, 2023-2027.

REAL↑BUSINESS

ACTIVE, PENDING, STALLED & COMPLETED

Active: James Land Lease Agreement – Staff is working with Cozetta James to complete the agreement and reinstall the fencing.

From 07.22.2025: Staff worked with Surveyor John Wise to determine the property line. The City still waiting for the James family to officially sign the agreement.

From 06.30.2025: Staff met with the James family to discuss logistics.

From 05.28.2025: Last summer, the City experienced a hiccup with a land lease the City has had with the James family. Council appointed Councilor Chambers, Public Works Superintendent Frink and City Administrator Scott McDowell to meet with the James family and work on details about creating a new lease. McDowell and City Attorney Ross Williamson have drafted a new agreement to address concerned raised last summer.

From 11.26.2024: Council approved McDowell's request to include Council President Lynda Chambers in a meeting with Cozetta and Joseph James. Frink, Chambers and McDowell met with James' family and are currently exploring what the options look like for resolving this issue.

Active: Rec Center Renovation Project – J.E. John finally glazed the family bathroom windows and painted the window on the front of the building.

From 04.29.2025: Public Works Superintendent ordered the floor scrubber for the maintenance of the new floor. Frink also fixed the low voltage system that was causing so many problems since installed. Bransen Floors made repairs to the carpet squares in the Meeting Room. Frink continues working on chair storage and future table & chair storage solutions.

From 02.25.2025: Staff worked on repairs and logistical issues.

From 01.30.25: Staff reviewed several issues with the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board at their recent meeting. The low voltage fix, and the exterior paint continue to be the two most pressing issues. Staff will continue to streamline the requirements for using the building.



Active: Linn County Housing Rehabilitation Program (LCHRP) – *From 10.24.2023:* The City collaborates with the communities in Linn County to help low-income homeowners to make improvements to their houses using Federal money (HUD). The City has been a member of this organization for over forty years. Cities take turns being the lead recipient and DevNW manages the



funds received. Brownsville had its turn a few years ago. Currently, the City of Lebanon is taking the lead on the current funding request.

Pending: Canal Company Agreement Update – *From 07.22.2025:* Staff provided the maps at the request of President Mike Nehrer for the Canal Company meeting. No City Staff attended the meeting. After Staff members were attacked by people at the meeting who had no facts, the Company showed how much they valued the City's partnership. Several past members of the Board contacted McDowell to discuss next steps and what the future looks like with the agreement currently on the table.

From 05.28.2025: Staff forwarded the operations agreement to the Canal Company but has not heard anything from their leadership.

From 04.29.2025: Brownsville Canal Company President Mike Neher conducted a board meeting on April 10th, 2025. Shortly after opening the meeting, several people took control of the meeting who were not interested in any agreement between the Canal Company and the City. The Board collected membership dues from those wanting to join the Company. The membership voted not to enter into the proposed agreement between the Canal Company and the City. According to Neher a few days after the meeting, certain people were upset about a provision in the agreement regarding assessments. I explained to Neher that paragraph was in the agreement because it is part of the Company's bylaws.



Ultimately, the City has spent too much time and money on this effort through the years. The City does not have a partnership agreement with the Brownsville Canal Company. The City has spent tens of thousands of dollars since 2007 attempting to resolve the long-standing historical battle between the Company and certain people – to no avail. The Brownsville Canal Company plans to send out another mailing and hold a meeting soon.

I am recommending Council authorize the new operations agreement found in the agenda packet. The new agreement will require the Company to bore the costs associated with operating the Company's pumps. The City has paid for the electricity costs for nearly twenty years with no reimbursement. The City has allowed Public Works to operate and maintain the pumps and electrical service at no cost to the Canal Company. Last year, the City paid \$400 to cover the cost of the annual insurance premium. It is long overdue for the Company to pay its own bills.

From 03.25.2025: Staff have been working with the Canal Company Board to prepare for the upcoming vote on whether to enter into an agreement with the City for the financial support needed to operate the Canal/Mill Race. The meeting is scheduled for April 10th, 2025, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

From 03.25.2025: Details continue being ironed out before the next Canal Company meeting. Speculation and heresay continue to swirl.

From 02.25.2025: Setup mailing list. Updated the webpage. Update and prepare the agreement for review with the Board. Met with the Canal Company Board to iron out agreement details and make plans for the next Board meeting. The Company will hold a Board meeting and vote on whether to move forward with the agreement with the City.



Pending: Central Linn School District & Central Linn Recreation Association IGA – Staff met with new interim Superintendent Rob Hess. The two have agreed to modify the agreement this Fall.

From 07.22.2025: The Central Linn Recreation Association has requested several additions to the agreement. Staff will address the items as time allows.



From 06.30.2025: Staff recently met with Central Linn Recreation Association leadership who had several things to add to the agreement. Staff were not pleased with the additions since the agreement took over a year to complete. The City will revisit the additional requests with the new interim superintendent this summer.

From 05.28.2025: The City will meet with the Central Linn Recreation Association Board to discuss the details and operational requirements.

Pending: Alyrica Equipment Report – *From 07.22.2025:* Pending equipment install.

From 06.30.2025: Alyrica has been working on relocating equipment from the City Hall storage room and upgrading their equipment on the roof of the building.

Completed: Insurance Report – *From 07.22.2025:* Staff completed the annual Request For Coverage (RFC) process. All coverages were bound for the upcoming coverage year and Mr. Frink has distributed all insurance cards to covered vehicles in the City's fleet. McDowell cleared up a billing concern with the City bond insurance for McDowell. Flood coverage was also bound for the City Shop.

Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition (SMAC)

Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition (SMAC) ☑ – I will have an update for the meeting.

From 06.30.2025: SMAC will be reassessing several components moving through the summer and fall.

From 05.28.2025: Still working on progressing the two bills. The group has been experiencing serious hurdles.

From 04.29.2025: The group continues having success pushing two bills concerning grant funding and lagoon certification.

From 03.25.2025: The group has been busy providing testimony for the two bills being pushed by SMAC for this legislative session. A formation meeting was held and steps for moving forward were discussed.

From 02.25.2025: Worked on a plan moving forward with the collective group due to Sean Tate recently resigning. Tate will stay on through the current legislative session.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator

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PLANNING AT A GLANCE

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Permits *Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fence, Etc.*

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|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| • Structural | Commercial: Non Structural Wall for Storage Room | 128 Spaulding Ave |
| • Structural | Solar Panel Installation | 231 Putman Ave |
| • Mechanical | Install Gas Furnace & AC | 803 Calapooia Ave |
| • Structural | Rooftop Solar Installation | 308 Averill St |
| • Structural | Rooftop Solar Installation | 620 Washburn St |
| • Mechanical | Exhaust Fan for Bathroom Installation | 719 Kirk Ave |
| • Mechanical | Add Gas Line Stove/Oven | 346 E Washington Ave |
| • Mechanical | Ductless HP | 529 Robe St |
| • Plumbing | Replace Sewer Line to shop | 175 Washburn St |
| • Structural | Voluntary Foundation Repair | 603 Kirk Ave |
| • Fence | | 1107 Oak St |
| • Construction Deck | | 785 Pebble St |
| • Fence | & Retaining Wall | 821 Stonebrook St |

OTHER:

FEMA

09.11.2025

Staff scheduled to attend a virtual public meeting related to this issue. Staff will also likely attend a virtual public meeting on 9.30.2025. Opportunities to provide comment on this issue will be available until October 6th, 2025. Draft EIS & Updated Draft Implementation Plan can be found on the Oregonians for Floodplain Development website.

Oregonians for Floodplain Protection Update: Lawsuit Stayed

Joint court filing of Plaintiffs' & Defendants' until July 29th, 2025 for an opportunity to negotiate.

5.22.2025: No current changes to speak of.

4.29.2025: Oregonians for Floodplain Protection Update: Per Oregonians for Floodplain Protection site, Oregon US District Judge Michael Simon has scheduled a hearing on the preliminary injunction for May 29th, 2025.

Land Use Applications:

Two applications were submitted and Approved with Conditions for a Conditional Change of Use in the OTC Zone. Business locations are 431 N Main Street & 402 N Main Street. Reminder: Exterior changes in the Old Town Commercial Zone require review and approval by city staff prior to commencing work. Interior work that includes plumbing, mechanical, structural, electrical require commercial building permits.

Thank you,



National Flood Insurance Program - Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Updated Draft Implementation Plan

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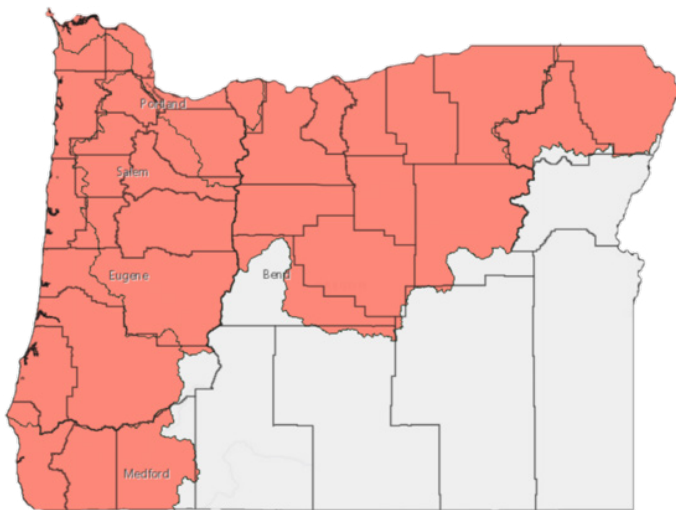


August 2025

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and updated Draft Implementation Plan for National Flood Insurance Program-Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon.

About the Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration

The purpose of the NFIP is to minimize the long-term risks to lives and property from the effects of flooding, while reducing costs of flood damages to taxpayers. Communities that choose to participate in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet minimum standards to gain access to federally underwritten flood insurance and financial assistance.



Oregon Plan Area

FEMA implements the NFIP, which is under review in Oregon for potential changes in implementation procedures to comply with the ESA and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). In 2016, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concluded that the NFIP as implemented in the Oregon plan area would result in jeopardy of listed fish species and the Southern Resident killer whale, result in destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat and adversely affect essential fish habitat (EFH). In response, FEMA worked with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and interested stakeholders to address the integration of ESA and MSA considerations into the implementation of the NFIP in the Oregon plan area, informing the development of the 2021 Draft Oregon Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration, which was updated as part of this EIS.

Environmental Process

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal agencies are required to evaluate the effects of their proposed action prior to making a decision. In March 2023, FEMA initiated the scoping process under NEPA (88 FR 13841) to gather input on the range of alternatives and potential impacts to be studied in the Draft EIS. FEMA has now prepared a Draft EIS to evaluate the potential impacts from the natural and human environment proposed modifications to the implementation of the NFIP in the Oregon plan area.

What is included in the updated Draft Implementation Plan?

FEMA has also released an update to the 2021 plan that incorporates public comments received during the scoping process. The updated Draft Implementation Plan outlines the no net loss standards that communities within the Oregon plan area would need to implement for participation in the NFIP. These net loss standards consist of mitigation ratios to offset impacts on three floodplain

No net loss requires that adverse impacts must be avoided or offset through mitigation so that there is no net change in the habitat function from the authorized existing condition (i.e., from when a floodplain permit application is submitted).

functions, riparian buffer zone (RBZ) requirements, as well as changes in reporting requirements. The RBZ is an area of land bordering rivers, streams, and other water bodies, that serves as an important habitat to fish during flooding events.




How would implementation of the NFIP change in the Oregon plan area?

The no net loss standards would apply to development that:

- Occurs in an Oregon NFIP participating community within the plan area
- Is in the special flood hazard area (SFHA)
- Meets FEMA's definition of development



Development includes all ground disturbance (e.g., buildings, roads, driveways, or culvert).

Floodplain functions	Examples of potentially harmful development activities
 Flood storage	Placement of fill, structures, and/or facilities that occupy space
 Water quality	Adding surfaces, like pavement or roofs, that prevent water from absorbing into the soil
 Vegetation	Removal of trees over 6 inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) or larger near rivers, streams, and other water bodies

No net loss standards apply to three floodplain functions.

Alternatives Under Consideration

Identifying and analyzing alternatives is an essential part of the NEPA decision-making process. Key steps that informed alternatives included:

- FEMA hosted dozens of webinars, workshops, feedback sessions, and meetings, all of which informed the process of developing alternatives that would meet the purpose and need,
- FEMA used a three-part screening evaluation to identify reasonable alternatives that were consistent with purpose and need, were technically and economically feasible, and were different from other alternatives in terms of the implementation and anticipated impacts.

The Draft EIS presents the No Action Alternative and two reasonable Action Alternatives as shown in the table below.¹

	Alternative 1 No Action	Alternative 2 No Net Loss Except for Project-Specific Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compliance	Alternative 3 No Net Loss for All Projects
Meets ESA and MSA requirements	X	✓	✓
No net loss requirements	N/A - No change to NFIP in Oregon	No net loss required for projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That are in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)• That meet the definition of development <i>No net loss (NNL) is not required for projects that have other ESA compliance.</i>	No net loss required for projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That are in the SFHA.• That meet the definition of development.• Regardless of other ESA compliance.
Key benefits and impacts	Adverse impacts to ESA-listed species, designated critical habitat, and EFH.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoids cost and complexity for projects with other ESA compliance.• May result in some impacts to floodplain functions when NNL not required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional protection for floodplain functions.• Likely results in additional mitigation measures for projects with other ESA compliance.

¹ The impacts listed in the table for the No Action Alternative are based on the NMFS Biological Opinion.

Potential Impacts and Benefits

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All three alternatives would result in adverse impacts on resources to varying degrees. The table below indicates the potential adverse and beneficial effects of each alternative.¹

(S) Significant adverse
 (LS) Adverse, less than significant
 (BE) Beneficial effect
 (NI) No impact compared to existing conditions

Resource	No Action Alternative	Alternative 2		Alternative 3	
Short term or long term impacts or benefits		Short Term	Long Term	Short Term	Long Term
Land Development, Use, and Value	(NI)	(S)		(S)	
Economic Impacts	(NI)	(S)		(S)	
Seismicity, Geology, Topography, Soils	(NI)	(LS)	(BE)	(LS)	(BE)
Water Quality	(LS)	(LS)	(BE)	(LS)	(BE)
Wetlands	(NI)	(S)	(BE)	(S)	(BE)
Floodplains	(LS)	(LS)	(BE)	(LS)	(BE)
Vegetation	(S)	(LS)	(BE)	(LS)	(BE)
Terrestrial Wildlife	(S)	(LS)	(BE)	(LS)	(BE)
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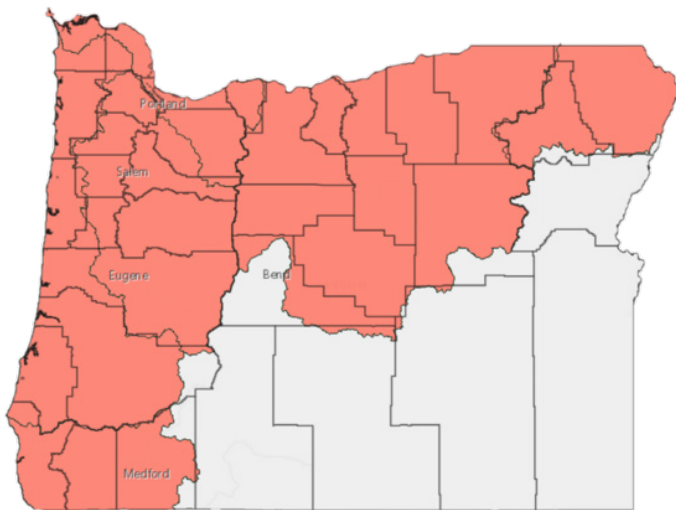


August 2025

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and updated Draft Implementation Plan for National Flood Insurance Program-Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon.

About the Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration

The purpose of the NFIP is to minimize the long-term risks to lives and property from the effects of flooding, while reducing costs of flood damages to taxpayers. Communities that choose to participate in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet minimum standards to gain access to federally underwritten flood insurance and financial assistance.



Oregon Plan Area

FEMA implements the NFIP, which is under review in Oregon for potential changes in implementation procedures to comply with the ESA and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). In 2016, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concluded that the NFIP as implemented in the Oregon plan area would result in jeopardy of listed fish species and the Southern Resident killer whale, result in destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat and adversely affect essential fish habitat (EFH). In response, FEMA worked with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and interested stakeholders to address the integration of ESA and MSA considerations into the implementation of the NFIP in the Oregon plan area, informing the development of the 2021 Draft Oregon Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration, which was updated as part of this EIS.

Environmental Process

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal agencies are required to evaluate the effects of their proposed action prior to making a decision. In March 2023, FEMA initiated the scoping process under NEPA (88 FR 13841) to gather input on the range of alternatives and potential impacts to be studied in the Draft EIS. FEMA has now prepared a Draft EIS to evaluate the potential impacts from the natural and human environment proposed modifications to the implementation of the NFIP in the Oregon plan area.

What is included in the updated Draft Implementation Plan?

FEMA has also released an update to the 2021 plan that incorporates public comments received during the scoping process. The updated Draft Implementation Plan outlines the no net loss standards that communities within the Oregon plan area would need to implement for participation in the NFIP. These net loss standards consist of mitigation ratios to offset impacts on three floodplain


No net loss requires that adverse impacts must be avoided or offset through mitigation so that there is no net change in the habitat function from the authorized existing condition (i.e., from when a floodplain permit application is submitted).

functions, riparian buffer zone (RBZ) requirements, as well as changes in reporting requirements. The RBZ is an area of land bordering rivers, streams, and other water bodies, that serves as an important habitat to fish during flooding events.




How would implementation of the NFIP change in the Oregon plan area?

The no net loss standards would apply to development that:

- Occurs in an Oregon NFIP participating community within the plan area
- Is in the special flood hazard area (SFHA)
- Meets FEMA’s definition of development



Development includes all ground disturbance (e.g., buildings, roads, driveways, or culvert).

Floodplain functions	Examples of potentially harmful development activities
 Flood storage	Placement of fill, structures, and/or facilities that occupy space
 Water quality	Adding surfaces, like pavement or roofs, that prevent water from absorbing into the soil
 Vegetation	Removal of trees over 6 inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) or larger near rivers, streams, and other water bodies

No net loss standards apply to three floodplain functions.

Alternatives Under Consideration

Identifying and analyzing alternatives is an essential part of the NEPA decision-making process. Key steps that informed alternatives included:

- FEMA hosted dozens of webinars, workshops, feedback sessions, and meetings, all of which informed the process of developing alternatives that would meet the purpose and need,
- FEMA used a three-part screening evaluation to identify reasonable alternatives that were consistent with purpose and need, were technically and economically feasible, and were different from other alternatives in terms of the implementation and anticipated impacts.

The Draft EIS presents the No Action Alternative and two reasonable Action Alternatives as shown in the table below.¹

	Alternative 1 No Action	Alternative 2 No Net Loss Except for Project-Specific Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compliance	Alternative 3 No Net Loss for All Projects
Meets ESA and MSA requirements	X	✓	✓
No net loss requirements	N/A - No change to NFIP in Oregon	No net loss required for projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That are in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) • That meet the definition of development <i>No net loss (NNL) is not required for projects that have other ESA compliance.</i>	No net loss required for projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That are in the SFHA. • That meet the definition of development. • Regardless of other ESA compliance.
Key benefits and impacts	Adverse impacts to ESA-listed species, designated critical habitat, and EFH.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoids cost and complexity for projects with other ESA compliance. • May result in some impacts to floodplain functions when NNL not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional protection for floodplain functions. • Likely results in additional mitigation measures for projects with other ESA compliance.

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Potential Impacts and Benefits

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Economic Impacts	(NI)	(S)		(S)	
Seismicity, Geology, Topography, Soils	(NI)	(LS)	(BE)	(LS)	(BE)
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Public Comment Now Open for FEMA Endangered Species Act Impact Statement

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A public comment period is now open, and Comments must be received by October 6.

FEMA's draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will affect National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) communities within the [BiOp area](#), which is about 200 communities in Oregon, or more than 80% of the state. Here are some key supplemental materials:

- [Digital flyer](#)
- [Comment form for the DEIS](#)
- [Information Packet](#) (summary of the Implementation Plan and DEIS)
- [Appendix A of the EIS](#) (Detailed updated draft implementation plan)

Upcoming Public Meeting

- Wednesday, September 30, 6 to 8 p.m., [register through Zoom](#)



Virtual Open House – visit FEMA's [virtual open house](#) to learn more about the DEIS.

Provide Comments – the LOC recommends attending one of FEMA's virtual meetings to learn more and provide comments to FEMA for their DEIS by **October 6** through one of the following:

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To learn more, see [FEMA's website for the BiOp](#).

Contact: Michael Martin, Lobbyist – mmartin@orcities.org

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2025

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE FROM THE LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FOR THE MONTH OF: JULY

TRAFFIC CITATIONS: ----- 22

TRAFFIC WARNINGS: ----- 5

TRAFFIC CRASHES: ----- 0

ARRESTS MADE: ----- 0

COMPLAINTS/INCIDENTS INVESTIGATED:----- 83

TOTAL HOURS SPENT: BROWNSVILLE
231.50 Hours

CONTRACT HOURS = 200 HOURS

**Michelle Duncan,
Sheriff, Linn County**

By: Sgt. Steven Frambes



Library Advisory Board

Librarian's Report

July 2025

Here are a few facts about our Library for the month of July 2025. We have received 46 new books for the library. Volunteers donated 139.5 hours to our library. There were 1,465 materials checked out. 444 adult fiction books; 104 adult non-fiction books; 102 audio books; 333 children's books; 319 junior books; 82 junior reference books and 81 large print books.

There was a total of 265 electronic materials checked out. 185 adult fiction books; 43 adult non-fiction books; and 37 junior books. Of these 54 were eBooks and 211 were eAudiobooks.

In July, we held 10 children's programs with 129 participants. There were 5 programs for adults with 14 participants.

Our Summer Reading Program had some great highs – including rain levels! We handed out over 30 take and make Nature Bingo sets our first week. These reusable games were terrific for a walk around town and on car trips. I imagine these games will live in the back pocket of the car seat at least through the summer! We had 84 adults and kids come to the four Summer Reading Programs at the Library in July. These programs included the amazing Hopscotch on Menafee Path, our fun Kick off Performer at a very wet Pioneer Picnic Anne Louise, a fabulous performer (Kelli Welli) whom we would like to come back for the 2026 Pioneer Picnic SRP Kick off, I-Spy bottles, Library Olympics (we lost them when they saw the splash pool) and the 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleep-over (no children allowed). During Library Olympics kids could ski around the children's room, do a standing book jump (11 books high was the record), make a Fortune Teller, test their sound at Professional Shushing (the Librarian needs more practice) and make some paper bag blocks. We lost them when they came outside and saw the splash pool and bubbles. All kids love water and bubbles. We handed out 112 reading logs and received back 93! That's about an 80% return rate. This translated to 651 days read, 382 hours or more than 22,960 minutes of reading! We had donations of prizes and supplies from the Brownsville Women's Study Club, Friends of the Brownsville Community Library, Dr. and Mrs. Kirt Glenn, Spurlin Farms, Inc, and the City of Brownsville. All in all it was a fun month at the Brownsville Community Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Lemhouse

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Librarian





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Human Resources Per Hour

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Machinery Rates Per Hour

Backhoe \$110.00

Pickup Truck \$60.00

Air Compressor

& Hammer \$75.00

Weed Trimmer \$25.00

Dump Truck \$90.00

6" Trash Pump \$60.00

Lawn Mower \$45.00

Boring Machine \$800 Flat Rate +
\$8.00/linear foot

Materials

Appurtenances Cost + 20%

Examples Include:

▶ Hydrants

▶ Meters

▶ Pipe Sizes Vary

▶ Fittings

▶ Light Poles

Stone

Blacktop

Per Contract

Market Price

Third Party Installations: Shall be cost + 15%. (*Streetlights are subject to the requirements set forth by Council.*)

Administrative Fee: \$75 to be included on each invoice.

SECTION II. That this Resolution be in force and effective immediately and repeals all previous resolutions for this purpose.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Brownsville this 23rd day of September 2025.

Approved:

Attest:

S. Scott McDowell
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Brownsville this 24th day of September 2024.

Attest:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025.14

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

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Administrative Review

Sign Permit	N/C
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NOTE: Signage requested along Highway 228 is subject to Oregon Department of Transportation Regulations.

RV Permit	N/C
Garage Sale Permit	N/C
Sidewalk Permit	N/C
Change of Occupancy or Use**	N/C
OTC Change of Use	\$ 250.00
Manufactured Home Placement Permit	N/C
Old Town Commercial (OTC) Exterior Alteration	N/C
Drainage Ditch Improvement Permit & Review***	N/C
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025.14
Site Plan Review

New Construction Permit* [Primary]	\$ 30.00
Accessory Structure Permit	\$ 30.00
Fence Permit	\$ 30.00
Floodplain Development Fill Permit	\$ 30.00
Special Flood Development Review	\$ 200.00
Residential Site Plan Review [Non-Subdivision]	\$ 200.00
Commercial Site Plan Review	\$ 700.00
Industrial Site Plan Review	\$ 700.00
Special Development Site Plan Review**	\$ 300.00
Property Line Adjustment	\$ 300.00
Manufactured Home Park	\$ 1,200.00
Pre-Application Review Request [Development]	\$ N/C
<i>(Note: City Engineer review fees will be billed to the applicant.)</i>	

* Not charged when civil engineering site plan review is required.

** Indicates that these can be referred to the Planning Commission and additional costs may apply.

*** Engineer will estimate applicable charges.

Planning Commission (Public Hearing)

Conditional Use Permits

Aggregate Mineral Resource Development	Publishing Costs
Home Occupations	\$ 250.00
Residential Conditional Use [Owner Leased]	\$ 250.00
OTC New Construction	\$ 700.00
OTC Secondary Residential	\$ 250.00
Planned Unit Development	\$ 1,200.00 + \$25.00 per lot
Listed Conditional Uses [Excluding Home Occupation & OTC]	\$ 750.00



RESOLUTION NO. 2025.14

Alteration or Expansion of Conditional Use

RESIDENTIAL	\$	400.00
COMMERCIAL	\$	800.00

Alteration or Expansion of Non-Conforming Use

RESIDENTIAL	\$	400.00
COMMERCIAL	\$	800.00

Variances – Public Hearing

Residential Lots	\$	400.00
Commercial Lots	\$	800.00
Partitioning Standards	\$	800.00
Subdivision Standards	\$	800.00

Partitioning or Subdividing of Land

Land Partition	\$	1,000.00
Major Land Partition	\$	1,600.00
Subdivision	\$	1,800.00 + \$35.00 per lot

Planning Commission & City Council (Two Hearings)

Zone Change & Zoning Map Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Zoning Ordinance & Text Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Urban Growth Boundary Amendment	\$	1,800.00



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City Council

Street Vacation	\$	350.00 +
Alley/Easement Vacation	\$	350.00 +
Annexation	\$	1,000.00
Appeal	$\frac{3}{4}$ of the Original Fee	

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Special Development Zone (SDZ) Forestry Permit**	\$	250.00
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Site Plan Review



RESOLUTION NO. 2024.14

New Construction Permit* (<i>Primary, Accessory and/or Fence</i>)	\$ 30.00
Floodplain Development Fill Permit	\$ 30.00
Special Flood Development Review	\$ 200.00
Residential Site Plan Review (<i>Non-Subdivision</i>)	\$ 200.00
Commercial Site Plan Review	\$ 700.00
Industrial Site Plan Review	\$ 700.00
Special Development Site Plan Review**	\$ 300.00
Property Line Adjustment	\$ 300.00
Manufactured Home Park	\$ 1,200.00

Pre-Application Meeting Review Request (*Development*)
(**Note:** *City Engineer review fees will be billed to the applicant.*)

* *Not charged when civil engineering site plan review is required.*

** *Indicates that these can be referred to the Planning Commission and additional costs may apply.*

*** *Engineer will estimate applicable charges.*

Planning Commission (Public Hearing)

Conditional Use Permits

Aggregate Mineral Resource Development	Publishing Costs
Home Occupations	\$ 250.00
OTC New Construction	\$ 700.00
OTC Secondary Residential	\$ 250.00
Planned Unit Development	\$ 1,200.00 + \$25.00 per lot
Listed Conditional Uses (<i>Excluding Home Occupation & OTC</i>)	\$ 750.00

Alteration or Expansion of Conditional Use

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 400.00
COMMERCIAL	\$ 800.00



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Alteration or Expansion of Non-Conforming Use

RESIDENTIAL	\$	400.00
COMMERCIAL	\$	800.00

Variances – Public Hearing

Residential Lots	\$	300.00 +
Commercial Lots	\$	800.00
Partitioning Standards	\$	800.00
Subdivision Standards	\$	800.00

Partitioning or Subdividing of Land

Land Partition	\$	1,000.00
Major Land Partition	\$	1,600.00
Subdivision	\$	1,800.00 + \$35.00 per lot

Planning Commission & City Council (Two Hearings)

Zone Change & Zoning Map Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Zoning Ordinance & Text Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment	\$	1,500.00
Urban Growth Boundary Amendment	\$	1,800.00

City Council

Street Vacation	\$	350.00 +
Alley/Easement Vacation	\$	350.00 +
Annexation	\$	1,000.00
Appeal	$\frac{3}{4}$ of the Original Fee	



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SECTION 2. When more than one land-use action is requested, (such as a variance and a conditional use permit), a separate fee will be charged for each land-use action requested due to separate standards and/or criteria requirements.

SECTION 3. Refunds for fees accompanying an application may be made when the application is withdrawn prior to any substantial review of the application and prior to the publication and issuance of any public notice. Refunds shall be made upon authorization of the City Administrator.

SECTION 4. All fees shall be due and payable at the time of application submittal. An application shall be stamped as "Received" when City staff has determined the application is complete and all fees have been paid.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution be in force and effective immediately and repeals all previous resolutions pertaining to Planning Fees.

Passed and approved by the City Council this 24th day of September 2024.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "SM", written over a horizontal line.

S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "ARC", written over a horizontal line.

Adam R. Craven
Mayor



PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY 2025

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the Nation and the World, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil by wind and water, lower heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide more habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood-based products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our community increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Adam R. Craven of the City of Brownsville, do hereby proclaim **October 18th, 2025**, as **Arbor Day** in the City of Brownsville and I urge citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to plant and care for trees for future generations.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator

Adam R. Craven
Mayor



ORDINANCE NO. 809

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 12.10.45, APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, OREGON

WHEREAS, Title 12 of the Brownsville Municipal Code (BMC) defines Streets & Sidewalks, and;

WHEREAS, Council wishes to add language to direct requests for the addition of public streetlights; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Brownsville ordains as follows:

Section 1. The following Section 12.10.045 is added as follows:

12.10.045 Application for Public Streetlight Installation.

Any citizen can apply for the installation of a public streetlight. The applicant will be responsible for all fees related to the installation and operation of the streetlight, if approved. The Public Works Superintendent and the City Administrator will evaluate the application to ensure it meets the Public Works Standards and assess the need for the streetlight. The Council will set and periodically review all fees associated with the streetlight installation by resolution.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,
this ____th day of November 2025.

Attest:

Approved:

S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator

Adam R. Craven
Mayor



Streetlight Installation Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Proposed Location of Streetlight: _____

Please identify the utility pole number: _____

Describe the Public Safety need or state reasons for the installation:

Applicants will be responsible for all permits, fees, and installation costs associated with the installation of a new streetlight.

Signature: _____



ORDINANCE NO. 810

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 12.10.46, APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET CLOSURE TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, OREGON

WHEREAS, Title 12 of the Brownsville Municipal Code (BMC) defines Streets & Sidewalks, and;

WHEREAS, Council wishes to add language to direct requests for the closure of a public street; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Brownsville ordains as follows:

Section 1. The following Section 12.10.046 is added as follows:

12.10.046 Application for Public Street Closure.

Any citizen can apply for the closure of a public street. The applicant will be responsible for any related fees related to the closure including providing an application, providing an insurance certificate naming the City additionally insured at the prescribed coverage amounts required and shall collect signatures from effected neighbors notifying them of the potential closure, if approved. The Council may set and periodically review all fees associated with the street closure requests by resolution.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,
this ____th day of November 2025.

Attest:

Approved:

S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator

Adam R. Craven
Mayor



Street Closure Application

Today's Date: _____

Organization: _____

Full Address: _____

Purpose of Closure: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Street(s) to be closed: _____

Date(s) to be closed: _____

For all street closures, 1) it is your responsibility to contact all residents and business owners in the immediate area to determine if they have any special concerns; please use the format provided below, 2) attach a map of the immediate area with the residences/businesses marked that were contacted, 3) attach a map showing how you propose to reroute traffic or use traffic control that may be needed, 4) include an insurance certificate naming the City of Brownsville as additionally insured in the amounts as required by the City, and 5) make arrangement with City Staff for Street Closure Signs and any related devices.

All applications must be received sixty (60) in advance of the event.

Email completed forms and additional documents to admin@ci.brownsville.or.us.

Business/Residence	Address	Contacted		Concerns	Email to send permit
		Yes	No		

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

☐ **Approved** ☐ **Not Approved** Date: _____ Permit #: _____

If not approved, reason: _____

From: Salazar, Scott (PacifiCorp)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 4:29 PM
To: admin@ci.brownsville.or.us
Subject: RE: [INTERNET] Brownsville, OR | Council
Attachments: BrownsvilleOutagesJan2024Jul2025.csv; 255MainBrownsvilleJan2024Jul2025Outage.csv

Hi Scott,

Attached is a list of the outages for the circuit that serves Brownsville. The outage duration, causes, and customers impacted (CI) differ based on what outage the council is interested in. Please let me know if they are interested in taking a deeper dive on anything that stands out to them. Overall, I can't point to any underlying cause.

I'm also including the same report run specifically for the 255 Main Street address so you can see that not every outage impacts everyone on the circuit.

Let me know if the council would like any additional information.

Best,

Scott Salazar
Regional Business Manager
[Book time with Salazar, Scott \(PacifiCorp\): Office Hours](#)
525 Wilco Road
Stayton, Oregon 97383
(Desk) 971-242-6245



From: admin@ci.brownsville.or.us <admin@ci.brownsville.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 7:04 AM
To: Salazar, Scott (PacifiCorp)
Subject: [INTERNET] Brownsville, OR | Council

THIS MESSAGE IS FROM AN EXTERNAL SENDER.

Look closely at the **SENDER** address. Do not open **ATTACHMENTS** unless expected. Check for **INDICATORS** of phishing. Hover over **LINKS** before clicking. [Learn to spot a phishing message](#)

Outage #	Interrupted	Restored (Outage)	Duration (Minutes)	CI	Circuit	Cause Category	Cause
CPCC1682445	01/09/2024 6:05	01/09/2024 7:19	73.8	2	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1684957	01/13/2024 13:38	01/13/2024 22:02	503.6	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1686685	01/14/2024 17:13	01/15/2024 17:21	1447.8	36	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1687069	01/14/2024 12:49	01/14/2024 16:56	246.8	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1688102	01/16/2024 3:17	01/16/2024 14:29	671.5	2	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1687917	01/14/2024 6:52	01/15/2024 18:28	2135.8	2	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1688338	01/16/2024 10:15	01/16/2024 12:14	118.4	22	4M850	WEATHER	ICE
CPCC1686399	01/13/2024 23:32	01/16/2024 12:14	3642.2	16	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691089	01/16/2024 21:15	01/17/2024 16:58	1182.7	183	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691087	01/16/2024 21:15	01/17/2024 16:26	1151.2	264	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691090	01/16/2024 21:15	01/17/2024 17:54	1238.9	44	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1689316	01/16/2024 21:14	01/17/2024 16:19	1144.8	323	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1688329	01/16/2024 10:03	01/16/2024 12:14	130.5	15	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1691093	01/16/2024 21:14	01/17/2024 21:16	1442.5	134	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691088	01/16/2024 21:19	01/18/2024 12:32	2352.1	47	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1691445	01/16/2024 16:17	01/18/2024 18:39	3022.7	44	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1691302	01/16/2024 17:50	01/18/2024 16:41	2811	20	4M850	WEATHER	ICE
CPCC1691125	01/16/2024 21:14	01/18/2024 8:17	2103.9	35	4M850	WEATHER	ICE
CPCC1691092	01/16/2024 21:16	01/18/2024 12:47	2371	114	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1691816	01/18/2024 21:49	01/19/2024 0:00	130.6	1	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1691712	01/18/2024 19:01	01/18/2024 23:19	257.8	1	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1692009	01/19/2024 10:03	01/19/2024 10:50	47.1	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691909	01/19/2024 5:16	01/19/2024 10:49	333.1	5	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1691722	01/18/2024 19:16	01/19/2024 15:43	1226.8	2	4M850	WEATHER	SNOW, SLEET AND BLIZZARD
CPCC1691758	01/18/2024 19:40	01/19/2024 12:01	980.9	5	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691114	01/16/2024 19:58	01/19/2024 16:05	4087.7	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1691163	01/17/2024 18:33	01/19/2024 9:57	2363.7	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1693155	01/23/2024 9:27	01/23/2024 11:49	141.7	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1693525	01/25/2024 9:45	01/25/2024 10:23	37.5	4	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1693576	01/25/2024 13:53	01/25/2024 14:17	23.8	1	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1697572	02/12/2024 11:32	02/12/2024 15:29	237.3	2	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1703347	03/04/2024 8:40	03/04/2024 13:11	271.7	4	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1712395	04/15/2024 9:55	04/15/2024 12:01	125.4	1	4M850	ANIMALS	ANIMALS
CPCC1715732	05/05/2024 6:17	05/05/2024 12:11	353.6	1	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1719359	05/19/2024 17:19	05/19/2024 18:11	52.1	4	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1719650	05/21/2024 12:41	05/21/2024 13:07	25.1	3	4M850	ANIMALS	ANIMALS
CPCC1720739	05/24/2024 13:30	05/24/2024 15:18	108.1	2	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN



CPCC1720899	05/26/2024 5:24	05/26/2024 6:47	82.5	1204	4M850	ANIMALS	BIRD MORTALITY (NON-PROTECTED SPECIES)
CPCC1728570	06/21/2024 19:26	06/22/2024 5:57	630.6	43	4M850	INTERFERENCE	VEHICLE ACCIDENT
CPCC1731285	07/02/2024 10:26	07/02/2024 11:24	57.2	90	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1731301	07/02/2024 11:40	07/02/2024 14:05	144	90	4M850	TREES	TREE - TRIMMABLE
CPCC1734747	07/09/2024 16:05	07/09/2024 20:24	259.6	1	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1735800	07/12/2024 2:35	07/12/2024 2:35	0	0	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1735813	07/12/2024 2:36	07/12/2024 6:07	211.8	792	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1735839	07/12/2024 4:28	07/12/2024 11:17	408.7	12	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1736374	07/13/2024 8:26	07/13/2024 9:30	64.2	90	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1736800	07/14/2024 13:35	07/14/2024 20:04	389.4	1	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	B/O EQUIPMENT
CPCC1743741	07/27/2024 3:13	07/27/2024 3:47	34.3	1	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER REQUESTED
CPCC1743925	07/27/2024 22:48	07/28/2024 6:34	465.4	792	4M850	INTERFERENCE	VEHICLE ACCIDENT
CPCC1744261	07/29/2024 8:07	07/29/2024 12:36	268.8	22	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1756484	08/20/2024 17:33	08/20/2024 20:07	153.7	792	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1756970	08/22/2024 8:45	08/22/2024 9:07	21.9	1	4M850	ENVIRONMENT	CONTAMINATION
CPCC1759848	08/29/2024 20:26	08/29/2024 21:45	78.7	797	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1759860	08/29/2024 21:23	08/29/2024 22:45	82.5	248	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1763446	09/09/2024 1:54	09/09/2024 3:14	80.4	90	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1767988	09/25/2024 10:21	09/25/2024 11:48	86.7	20	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1768083	09/25/2024 13:36	09/25/2024 16:45	188.7	10	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1770038	10/03/2024 17:53	10/03/2024 20:38	164.4	20	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	B/O EQUIPMENT
CPCC1771132	10/08/2024 8:18	10/08/2024 8:27	8.9	1	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1773925	10/17/2024 20:42	10/18/2024 1:58	315.7	1217	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1777334	11/01/2024 7:40	11/01/2024 10:18	157.6	60	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	B/O EQUIPMENT
CPCC1778034	11/02/2024 19:37	11/03/2024 1:05	328.1	10	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1781158	11/17/2024 12:50	11/17/2024 16:57	247.2	123	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1781166	11/17/2024 12:50	11/17/2024 13:46	55.6	331	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1781627	11/19/2024 11:48	11/19/2024 11:58	9.7	1	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1781632	11/19/2024 12:07	11/19/2024 12:42	34.1	1	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1781959	11/19/2024 17:30	11/19/2024 19:38	128.8	23	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1790221	12/17/2024 23:24	12/18/2024 1:31	127	812	4M850	WEATHER	WIND
CPCC1791175	12/19/2024 9:19	12/19/2024 11:15	116.2	2	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1792134	12/22/2024 21:32	12/22/2024 21:53	20.9	812	4M850	PLANNED	PLANNED NOTICE EXEMPT
CPCC1795525	12/27/2024 21:51	12/27/2024 23:51	120	77	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	B/O EQUIPMENT
CPCC1795992	12/29/2024 15:54	12/29/2024 16:46	51.7	1	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1796905	01/02/2025 11:14	01/02/2025 12:54	100.2	23	4M850	EQUIPMENT FAIL	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1798762	01/13/2025 8:40	01/13/2025 13:45	305	98	4M850	ANIMALS	BIRD MORTALITY (NON-PROTECTED SPECIES)
CPCC1801695	01/23/2025 8:45	01/23/2025 11:37	172.4	1	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1805927	02/03/2025 15:42	02/03/2025 16:14	31.1	4	4M850	ANIMALS	ANIMALS



CPCC1812556	02/15/2025 10:37	02/15/2025 11:16	38.9	1	4M850	ANIMALS	BIRD MORTALITY (NON-PROTECTED SPECIES)
CPCC1815549	02/24/2025 15:00	02/24/2025 19:24	263.5	45	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1815799	02/24/2025 15:47	02/25/2025 7:58	971.8	21	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1817558	02/25/2025 8:47	02/25/2025 11:23	156	21	4M850	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1818358	02/27/2025 8:54	02/27/2025 10:44	109.2	2	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1819146	03/04/2025 9:48	03/04/2025 15:04	315.6	3	4M850	PLANNED	PLANNED NOTICE EXEMPT
CPCC1819657	03/07/2025 8:57	03/07/2025 13:08	251.2	3	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1823968	03/25/2025 14:38	03/25/2025 15:26	47.6	3	4M850	PLANNED	CUSTOMER NOTICE GIVEN
CPCC1828266	04/12/2025 6:46	04/12/2025 9:51	185.4	460	4M850	PLANNED	EMERGENCY DAMAGE REPAIR
CPCC1828265	04/12/2025 6:35	04/12/2025 9:51	195.9	10	4M850	ANIMALS	BIRD MORTALITY (NON-PROTECTED SPECIES)
CPCC1835227	05/22/2025 14:40	05/22/2025 16:49	129.7	3	4M850	ANIMALS	ANIMALS
CPCC1837171	06/02/2025 15:30	06/02/2025 15:31	0.5	0	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1837894	06/05/2025 17:51	06/05/2025 18:56	64.5	1	4M850	INTERFERENCE	VEHICLE ACCIDENT
CPCC1838214	06/07/2025 7:30	06/07/2025 9:10	99.7	1	4M850	ANIMALS	BIRD MORTALITY (NON-PROTECTED SPECIES)
CPCC1850647	07/10/2025 14:07	07/10/2025 14:30	23.2	11	4M850	PLANNED	EMERGENCY DAMAGE REPAIR
CPCC1854731	07/20/2025 10:27	07/20/2025 10:58	31.6	1	4M850	ANIMALS	ANIMALS
CPCC1854678	07/20/2025 8:14	07/20/2025 9:19	64.7	828	4M850	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1854718	07/20/2025 9:27	07/20/2025 10:13	45.7	56	4M850	ANIMALS	ANIMALS

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<i>Outage #</i>	<i>Interrupted</i>	<i>Restored (Outage)</i>	<i>Duration (Minutes)</i>	<i>CI</i>	<i>Cause Category</i>	<i>Cause</i>
CPCC1854678	07/20/2025 8:14	07/20/2025 9:19	64.7	828	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1792134	12/22/2024 21:32	12/22/2024 21:53	20.9	812	PLANNED	PLANNED NOTICE EXEMPT
CPCC1790221	12/17/2024 23:24	12/18/2024 1:31	70.9	812	WEATHER	WIND
CPCC1773925	10/17/2024 20:42	10/18/2024 1:58	85.7	1217	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1759860	08/29/2024 21:23	08/29/2024 22:45	0.5	248	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1759848	08/29/2024 20:26	08/29/2024 21:45	55.7	797	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE
CPCC1756484	08/20/2024 17:33	08/20/2024 20:07	85.7	792	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1743925	07/27/2024 22:48	07/28/2024 6:34	48.4	792	INTERFERENCE	VEHICLE ACCIDENT
CPCC1735813	07/12/2024 2:36	07/12/2024 6:07	104.2	792	EQUIPMENT FAILURE	DETERIORATION OR ROTTING
CPCC1735800	07/12/2024 2:35	07/12/2024 2:35	0	0	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CPCC1720899	05/26/2024 5:24	05/26/2024 6:47	82.5	1204	ANIMALS	BIRD MORTALITY (NON-PROTECTED SPECIES)
CPCC1691087	01/16/2024 21:15	01/17/2024 16:26	1151.2	264	TREES	TREE - NON-PREVENTABLE

Outages at 255 N. Main Street Only



Commissioners hear Planning & Building report

By Alex Paul

Linn County Reporter

ALBANY, Ore. — Linn County issued 281 total building permits in August, Planning & Building Director Steve Wills told Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker at their September 9 meeting.

Wills said 23 of the permits were for dwellings, including two single-family units and three manufactured homes.

There were five commercial permits issued.

Wills said there were 35 permits issued for contracted cities, which included four single-family dwellings.

There were 16 new code enforcement cases opened and seven cases closed in August.

The commissioners approved a conditional use permit for Build Lebanon Trails to construct a multi-use public trail.

Wills said the Greater Albany Public School District has increased its Construction Excise Tax. The tax on new residential property will increase from \$1.63 per square foot to \$1.67 per square foot and the rate for commercial properties will increase from 82 cents per square foot to 84 cents per square foot.

The Linn County Planning & Building Department receives that money from builders and passes it on to the school district, except for a four percent administrative fee.

GAPS uses the funds for capital improvement projects.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a two-year services contract with All Star Cab Company not to exceed \$240,000 to provide transportation for Health Department clients when other transportation options are not available. Costs will be reimbursed through the Oregon Department of Human Services. The Developmental Disabilities program is the primary program that will utilize this service, arranging transportation to work locations and other community activities when public transportation is not available.
- Approved a transfer of \$490,515 within the Health Fund to cover the cost of repairs and maintenance at the Old Armory Building.



- Approved increasing the Health Fund by \$2,133,885 within the Health Services Department for mental health, addiction services and developmental disabilities.
- Amended a Construction Manager General Contractor contract, previously approved by the commissioners, between the Linn County Sheriff's Office and Gerding Builders. It is for the construction of the female housing renovation project at the Linn County Jail. Undersheriff Micah Smith said the City of Albany has approved project plans and building permits have been issued.
- Approved First-Time Youth Wage Grant agreements with Berkey's Blueberries, Boshart Trucking and Malpass Heritage Farms.

Announced that a management staff meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, in the courthouse basement meeting room.

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Linn County Commissioners approve transportation funding

By Alex Paul

Linn County Reporter

ALBANY — Tuesday morning, July 22, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved agreements with area providers who will use Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) for area public transportation services.

Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator Reagan Maudlin said the commissioners approved the 2025-2027 Linn County STIF Plan on January 14 and have also approved an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to receive STIF funding.

Linn County's STIF funding is passed on to subrecipients in local communities for the 2025-2027 biennium.

The commissioners approved the following agreements using STIF Population funding: Albany Paratransit/Call-A-Ride, \$48,000; Lebanon/LINX, \$190,000; Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments vouchers, \$30,212; Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments seniors, \$9,600; Oregon Mennonite Residential Services, \$14,400; Sunshine Industries Unlimited, \$54,000; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home Dial-A-Bus, \$46,486; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Linn Shuttle, \$170,000; Volunteer Caregivers, \$115,200.



The following agreements using STIF Payroll funding were approved:

- Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, bus tracking software: \$49,000.
- City of Albany, Albany Transit System, \$1,276,850.
- City of Albany Loop Expansion Project that will maintain Loop and expansion services that began in December 2021 and operating assistance for the LB Loop, \$872,000.
- Lebanon LINX, maintaining existing program at expansion levels, \$1,598,000.
- Contracted services with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home/Linn Shuttle, an ongoing Linn County commuter project, \$820,000.
- Contracted services with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home/Dial-A-Bus, \$467,000.
- Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments match for Mobility Hub, construction phase, \$82,398.

The commissioners also approved an agreement to receive up to \$75,475 in COVID funding for transportation programs.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Were told by Juvenile Director Torri Lynn that in June, there were four youth from Benton County held for seven days; 26 youth (21males and five females) from Linn County held for 249 days; and one male from Lincoln County held for 22 days. There were 60 referrals in June and there are 173 youth in the probation program. Lynn said the Victim Advocate made 142 contacts. The Tier 1 work crew of 11 youth completed 178 hours of community service and the Tier 2 work crew of 18 youth completed 346.5 hours in 23 project days.
- Approved a personal service contract with Grace Wellness to provide two social workers who support the Time 4 Change program, specializing in Hispanic youth and families. The contract is not to exceed \$80,000 over two years.
- Approved a two-year contract not to exceed \$83,472 with Dr. Daniel Mosher dba Veritas Director Primary Care. Dr. Mosher is the medical director for the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Center, providing medical services two days per week and on-call. He also supervises the Center's Licensed Practical Nurse, who is on-site five days per week.
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for \$25,872 for Individualized Services which is typically used to pay for treatment services that are not covered by other funding sources.
- Approved an amendment to a personal service contract with Karen Cox Counseling, which provides sexual offender mental health treatment services. The county agrees to pay for some new certification requirements and Karen Cox Counseling will provide services for the next five years, or reimburse Linn County on a prorated basis.



- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for \$681,170 for the biennium. The funds are used to provide Diversion Services and Basic Services to aimed at keeping youth out of correctional facilities and to support department infrastructure. Funds help pay for a probation officer position, psychological assessments, drug and alcohol evaluations, mental health evaluations, clothing, clubs and pro-social activities for young people.

Approved a 3.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment for members of the Service Employees International Union and Juvenile Detention Association.

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Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program marks Suicide Prevention Awareness Month with resources and training

By Alex Paul
Linn County Reporter

ALBANY, Ore. — In September, the Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program is joining communities nationwide to shine a light on Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness, break stigma and connect individuals with life-saving resources.

In Oregon, 888 lives were lost to suicide in 2023, making it the second leading cause of death among youth ages 10 to 24 years old. These numbers highlight the urgent need for community education, support and prevention efforts.

"Suicide prevention isn't just the work of professionals, it's something we can all be part of," said Ian Howarth, program manager at Linn County Alcohol & Drug. "Every conversation, every show of support, and every resource shared can help save a life."

Here are six ways our community can take action this month:

1. **Fight Stigma:** Open, honest conversations about suicide break down myths and create a safe space for people to seek help without fear of judgment.
2. **Share Resources:** Suicide Prevention Month serves as a reminder that help is always available. Individuals can call 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline or text TALK to 741741 to connect with the Crisis Text Line—both provide free, confidential support 24/7. The 988 Lifeline is available for those experiencing mental health struggles, emotional distress, concerns related to alcohol or drug use, or anyone who needs someone to talk to. It also offers guidance for people concerned about someone else. Find more local and national crisis resources at linntogether.org/resources/crisis.
3. **Learn the Warning Signs:** People considering suicide often show signs that they may be thinking about or planning to harm themselves. Recognizing these warning signs can help you know when to reach out and connect someone with professional help. Read about warning signs at sprc.org.



4. **Start a Conversation:** Even small actions can send a powerful message of hope to someone who is struggling. A kind word or moment of recognition can open the door to lifesaving conversations. More information is available at samhsa.gov/suicide.
5. **Attend Local Trainings:** Build your skills to help others by taking a mental health or suicide prevention course. Linn County Health Services offers 90-minute QPR Suicide Prevention Training and full-day Mental Health First Aid classes. Find upcoming sessions at linntogether.org/community-training.
6. **Take Part in Community Awareness Events:** Join others in raising awareness and promoting hope. The Lebanon Area Mental Health Alliance Corp will host its Annual Community Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness on Saturday, September 27, 2025, in Lebanon. Learn more or register at lamha.org.

Read more about Suicide Prevention Awareness Month at

samhsa.gov/about/digital-toolkits/suicide-prevention-month.

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Counties seek clarity from Federal Court

By Alex Paul

Linn County Reporter

ALBANY, Ore. — During their September 2 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker agreed to sign onto a joint letter regarding a Complaint for Declaratory Relief filed recently by the Marion County Board of Commissioners in U.S. District Court in Eugene.

The joint letter encourages all the parties in the case to ask the Court to issue a detailed opinion that would provide clarity to help all local governments properly follow federal and state laws.

Marion County is seeking clarification concerning federal immigration subpoenas and asks the Court to resolve the uncertain interpretation and conflicts within and between federal and state laws by declaring whether Marion County is required, prohibited, or allowed to provide responsive records requested by the federal subpoenas.

In its Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Marion County has named Governor Tina Kotek, Director of Homeland Security Director Kristi Noem and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Todd Lyons, in its effort to gain legal clarity.

Linn County Attorney Gene Karandy told the commissioners that 34 of Oregon's 36 county sheriffs have signed onto a similar letter from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association. Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan is among the 34. The sheriffs in Multnomah and Washington counties have not signed on.



Karandy said the need for clarification is two-fold: failure to obey either the federal laws or Oregon's sanctuary laws may potentially subject individuals — such as law enforcement officials — to personal legal liabilities. Furthermore, failure to follow the federal laws may also result in a reduction or suspension of federal funding to local, county, and state governments.

Karandy said the issue is about clarity and liability.

Commissioner Nyquist said clarity is vital to creating a "better working environment for our employees and the safety of our community."

In other business, the commissioners:

- Held a public hearing of a Planning Director's code interpretation to determine whether a 7.13-acre property off Scravel Hill Road, has road access. After a 90-minute hearing, the commissioners decided to leave the written record open for 14 days for further comments; seven days for written responses to comments; and seven days for applicants to submit written rebuttals. The board will review the comments and work toward a decision at the continued hearing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30.
- Approved an agreement between the Linn County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon Department of Transportation. LCSO will use ODOT's radio building and microwave circuit at the Halls Ridge Communication site near Detroit, Oregon. The cost is \$6,879.723 annually, which is built into the current operating budget.
- Agreed to participate in a national opioid settlement agreement among secondary manufacturers. Allocation of proceeds will be determined once all Oregon subdivisions have submitted participation forms.

Approved accepting a 2017 Munson landing craft boat from the Oregon State Marine Board for the Parks and Recreation Department. The boat is valued at \$75,000. The boat has a front deck opening that can be raised or lowered. The deck allows the boat to be moved close to shore or a dock for loading or unloading of materials. Estimated cost to transport the boat to Linn County and prep it for use is about \$3,000. The Marine Board also recently provided the Parks and Recreation Department with a grant for \$12,108 to purchase a trailer for the boat.

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Linn County Clerk's Office is moving

By Alex Paul

Linn County Reporter

ALBANY, Ore. — The Linn County Clerk's Office is moving out of the courthouse.

Beginning Friday, August 29, the clerk's office will be located on the first floor of the Wheelhouse at 421 Water Avenue NE, Suite 1300, Albany.

Linn County Clerk Marcie Richey said the new office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Recording activities and marriage license applications will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Richey said.

Richey has worked in the Linn County Clerk's Office since 1993. She was appointed county clerk in 2023 after the death of long-time county clerk Steve Druckenmiller. She was elected to office in November 2024.

Derrick Sterling is the chief deputy clerk.

The new office includes a large reception area, staff offices, a ballot counting room complete with an area for observers and a vault room to store counted ballots.

The clerk's office joins Linn County Health Services administration and Information Technology (IT) staff in the building that was purchased by the county in December 2023.

Some of District Attorney Doug Marteeny's staff have been working out of the Wheelhouse until remodeled offices are completed in the courthouse.

The county attorney's office and property manager's office will move into the building in the future.

"We're excited about the move," Richey said. "It is a beautiful building and we were included in the layout of the new office space since day one. We believe the new space and the many security measures we have put in place will ensure secure elections now and in the future."



Including Richey, the clerk's office has 10 staff members.

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The clerk's office has numerous responsibilities including issuing marriage licenses; recording deeds, mortgages, liens and mining claims; property value appeals; official storage for minutes of Board of Commissioners meetings; working in conjunction with the Linn County Sheriff's Office on lost and found items and conducting elections, from maintaining voter rolls to mailing and counting ballots.

To contact the Linn County Clerk's office, call 541-967-3831, or visit www.linncountyor.gov/clerk.

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Law Enforcement Levy to be on November Ballot

By Alex Paul

Linn County Reporter

ALBANY — Linn County residents will be asked to vote on a four-year law enforcement tax levy on the November 2025 ballot, replacing the existing levy that will expire in 2026.

Tuesday morning, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved placing a levy of \$3.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation on the ballot.

It would replace the current law enforcement tax levy of \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Current law enforcement tax levy funds are distributed to the Linn County Sheriff's Office, 76%; Juvenile Department, 14% and District Attorney's Office, 10%.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan told the commissioners that high inflation the first two years of the current four-year levy resulted in significant price increases for materials and services. She added that vehicle prices are up about 50%.

"There are also new expectations for Emergency Management and Search and Rescue," Sheriff Duncan said.

She said the process is shifting more toward rescue efforts and with that comes an additional critical medical care component.

Funds would also enhance and promote emergency preparedness and response to wildfires, flooding, severe weather and other catastrophic events, according to written information presented to the commissioners.

The levy would generate an estimated \$184,595,812 over its four years, beginning July 1, 2026.



In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved transferring \$103,104 within the General Fund from non-departmental to General Services. The money will pay for improvements to be made to the Old Armory Building parking lot.
- Approved an amendment to the Muddy Creek (Bowers Drive) Bridge Project, for the Road Department. The amendment updates language, adds right-of-way and construction phases and increases federal funds available from \$337,833.45 to \$2,561,522.31.
- Reappointed Jennifer Stanaway to a three-year term on the 4-H and Extension Service District Budget Committee.
- Reappointed Roger Nyquist and Reagan Knopp to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.
- Appointed Gabriella Valdez to a position on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.
- Appointed Kerry Johnson and Erik Anderson to the Linn County Planning Commission.
- Approved a \$2,750 refund by the Linn County Planning & Building Department to James Sapp and Randal Sapp of Lebanon.
- Approved Pay Plans for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Linn County Juvenile Detention Association. The agreement calls for Cost of Living Adjustments of 3.5% the first year and 3% each of the following two years.

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From: League of Oregon Cities <leagueoforegoncities@orcities.org>
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League of Oregon Cities

Honoring a Legacy: Jim McCauley to Retire as LOC Legislative Director



The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is sharing news that is both heartfelt and bittersweet: Jim McCauley, the LOC's longtime Legislative Director, announced his retirement this week. He will formally conclude his service with the LOC on November 20.

Jim has dedicated his career to strengthening Oregon's cities through advocacy, collaboration, and deep legislative expertise. As a member of the LOC team, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that the voice of cities is heard clearly and effectively in Salem.

Executive Director Patty Mulvihill shares:

"Professionally, I am sad to see him go and to lose his expertise and contributions...I will miss his counsel, collaboration, and willingness to always go above and beyond what is required."

Looking ahead, the LOC will soon begin a robust recruitment process to identify the next Legislative Director. Our goal is to ensure continuity and strength in our advocacy work, while welcoming new leadership that supports Oregon's cities into the future. There will be more details to come on this process at a later date.

Please join us in thanking Jim for his service, and in celebrating a career that has left a lasting impact on Oregon's communities.

Sincerely,
The League of Oregon Cities

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OREGON STATE SENATOR

NEWS FROM BRUCE STARR

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Bi-Weekly Clips: News that Matters to Oregon

Welcome back to another edition of Bi-Weekly Clips. We cut through the noise to bring you news that impacts our state, nation, and daily lives. My predecessor, Brian Boquist, began Bi-Weekly Clips and I'm continuing to compile news that matters.

As always, thank you to our readers for staying informed and engaged - it is critical to our republic and daily lives.

OREGON NEWS

[OPB](#). 7/22/25. **"Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek says she's calling lawmakers back for August special session:** Gov. Tina Kotek said Monday she will bring the Oregon Legislature back into special session in August to address issues that couldn't be wrapped up during the recently concluded 2025 session." *Calling a special session means nothing if leadership refuses to confront the root problem: out-of-control spending by agencies that operate without transparency or fiscal restraint. Until there is meaningful oversight rather than just a grab at Oregonians' wallets, no session—special or otherwise—will deliver real solutions for taxpayers. The solution for our transportation needs must be bipartisan and work for all Oregonians.*

[Newport News Times](#). 7/18/25. **"Oregon employment drops by 4,300 jobs:** Oregon's economy lost 4,300 jobs in June, according to the Oregon Employment Department." *Another month, another economic warning sign. Job losses like this don't happen in a vacuum—they're the result of high costs, regulatory barriers, and policies that make it harder to grow or hire.*

[KOIN](#). 7/20/25. **"CNBC ranks Oregon among most expensive states—here's why:** CNBC's new rankings show Oregon as one of the most expensive places to

live, citing high housing prices, taxes, and insurance costs." *Between rising costs and skyrocketing housing prices, Oregon continues to push out its middle class. If affordability is the goal, lawmakers need to stop driving up the cost of living with misguided policies new taxes, or regulations. We need to get out of the way and allow the market to help our middle class.*

[Oregon City News Online](#). 7/18/25. **"Oregon approves ambitious framework for microgrids:** The Oregon Public Utility Commission adopted a long-term framework for utilities to develop microgrids—localized energy grids that can operate independently during emergencies." *Microgrids offer real potential for energy resilience—but they must come with real accountability. Innovation should lower costs and improve service, not open the door to unchecked utility rate hikes.*

[KOIN](#). 7/22/25. **"Intel layoffs ripple across Oregon economy:** Layoffs at Intel's Oregon campuses have prompted concern from local leaders about the broader economic impact." *When a tech giant like Intel starts cutting jobs, the effects hit hard and fast—especially in small towns, with independent businesses and supplier chains.*

[OregonLive](#). 7/22/25. **"Oregon wasted \$14M meant to expand preschool access for low-income children, audit finds:** An audit by the Oregon Secretary of State found the state spent \$14 million on preschool due to poor planning and oversight—leaving thousands of low-income children without access." *Failing vulnerable kids with this kind of waste is unacceptable. Taxpayer dollars meant for education shouldn't vanish into bureaucracy. These are the types of issues that have made taxpayers lose faith in our government.*

[KGW](#). 7/22/25. **"Oregon family farms outraged over proposed agritourism rules:** Local family farms say proposed state rules on farm-stand events and agritourism would favor big corporate farms while squeezing small producers." *Our small farms don't just feed us—they build community. These rules threaten the pumpkin patches, hayrides, farm dinners and events that support family farms. Let's protect agritourism that sustains rural Oregon—not regulate it into extinction.*

[NBC](#). 7/21/25. **"Cram Fire becomes largest wildfire in the U.S. this year:** The Cram Fire has scorched over 95,000 acres in Central Oregon, making it the nation's largest blaze so far in 2025, with over 73% containment." *This megafire is a warning: our fire seasons are only getting fiercer. We need prevention strategies such as forest management, local microgrids built for resilience, and real support for frontline communities.*

[KOIN](#). 7/12/25. **"Oregon ranks worst state for business in CNBC ranking:** Oregon ranked 50th in CNBC's 2025 Top States for Business list, with the state getting low scores in cost of doing business, infrastructure, and overall economy." *This is the result of years of tax hikes, regulatory red tape, and hostile policies toward employers. Ranking dead last should be a wake-up call to Salem: you can't keep punishing job creators and expect prosperity to follow.*

NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL NEWS

[Fox Business](#). 7/22/25. **"Huge win for American businesses in landmark Indonesia trade deal:** The new trade agreement removes major barriers, slashes tariffs, and boosts U.S. exports in agriculture, tech, and manufacturing." *This is*

what opening markets, cutting red tape, and putting American goods first looks like. Page 59 of 83
This deal delivers real wins for workers, farmers, and businesses alike.

[CNBC](#). 7/22/25. **“Main Street business confidence rises as Trump tariffs reshape economic landscape:** Small business optimism jumped in July, bolstered by reshoring efforts and strengthened domestic demand." *Confidence is up because Americans are finally seeing a level playing field. Prioritizing American industry and manufacturing is paying off—and small businesses are leading the way.*

[Wall Street Journal](#). 7/22/25. **“The U.S. economy is regaining its swagger:** Recent data shows a broad recovery across job growth, consumer spending, and productivity." *It's not a fluke—it's momentum. Pro-growth policies, targeted deregulation, and a clear economic vision are fueling a more resilient American economy.*

[Nasdaq](#). 7/16/25. **“U.S. industrial production climbs 0.3% in June, more than expected:** Industrial output beat forecasts, with gains in mining, manufacturing, and utilities." *When we invest in American production, we see results. A strong industrial base means better jobs, more stability, and national strength.*

[Reuters](#). 7/17/25. **“U.S. retail sales growth steady as job market bolsters spending:** Retail spending held firm in June, buoyed by wage growth and stable employment numbers." *When Americans are working and earning, they're spending. That's how you build sustainable growth—through jobs, not government checks.*

[The Hill](#). 7/19/25. **“Trump touts tech, energy investments at Pittsburgh summit:** President Trump announced expanded funding for AI, clean energy, and next-gen manufacturing as part of his innovation strategy." *We're not just keeping up—we're setting the pace. Strategic investments in American technology and energy secure our future against global competitors.*

[Washington Post](#). 7/16/25. **“Trump backs HALT Act targeting fentanyl crisis:** The HALT Act would impose mandatory sentences for fentanyl trafficking and increase border enforcement." *The message is clear: we are done losing young Americans to the fentanyl crisis. If you peddle poison in our country - our federal government will hold you accountable.*

PARTING THOUGHTS

This month's headlines tell a story we can't ignore: Oregon is stuck in a cycle of high costs, low accountability, and policies that punish rather than empower. From failing to safeguard preschool funds for our most vulnerable children to forcing small farms to fight for survival, our state continues to lose its way—one tax hike, one bureaucratic misstep at a time.

We are told funding would solve everything. Instead, taxpayers are left holding the bag while the state sheds jobs, loses investment, and watches its cities lose value and vitality. It's not always a funding issue—it's that people no longer believe our state will spend money wisely.

At the same time, we're seeing what real results on the national stage. From new trade deals to a rebounding economy, strategic energy investments, and tough action on fentanyl, there's momentum building in the right direction. Policies that prioritize American workers, small businesses, and safe communities are paying off—and Oregon would be wise to put aside politics and take notice.

We need leadership that works for the people, not against their wallets. Let's keep demanding better. Let's keep pushing for policies that are grounded in reality, not rhetoric. Let's keep showing up and doing the work. If not us, then who?

Yours truly,

Senator Bruce Starr
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I am the state senator for District 12, which includes rural Yamhill and Polk counties. The two state representatives within District 12 are [Rep. Anna Scharf](#) and [Rep. Lucetta Elmer](#) - who also produce newsletters and the signups are on their pages.

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Immigration Enforcement: What Oregon Employers Need to Know

You've read the stories and seen the images. You know that immigration enforcement is on the rise.

What can employers do to prepare?

Join the Employment Assistance team for an overview of action items to consider now – before immigration enforcement agents audit your workplace.

We'll be hosting sessions on August 26th and October 1st to cover the intersections of civil rights law and heightened federal immigration action so that you can stay compliant and understand your obligations.

Make sure you have the information you need on:

- Oregon as a sanctuary state and what this means for your business
- Steering clear of national origin discrimination complaints and hiring pitfalls
- Preparing for a potential I-9 audit, including mandatory notification of employees
- What to do during and after an ICE audit or raid

BOLI will provide additional links and resources.

These sessions are free but require advance registration – choose the time that works best for you!

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NEWS RELEASE

DEQ issues six penalties in July for environmental violations

Date: Aug. 29, 2025

Statewide, Ore.— The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued six penalties totaling \$63,634 in July for various environmental violations. A detailed list of violations and resulting penalties is at <https://ordeq.org/enforcement>.

Fines ranged from \$2,600 to \$17,806. Alleged violations included a construction machinery sales facility operating without a required stormwater permit, a plywood mill discharging hydraulic oil to a river and steel, concrete and food products facilities failing to perform required stormwater monitoring.

DEQ issued civil penalties to the following organizations:

- BBC Steel Corp., Canby, \$9,902, stormwater.
- Blaine Machinery, Inc., doing business as Bobcat of Portland, Portland, \$14,939, stormwater.
- Columbia Plywood Corporation, Klamath Falls, \$2,600, wastewater.
- North County Recreation District, Nehalem, \$9,300, stormwater.
- Rolling Frito-Lay Sales, LP, Salem, \$17,806, stormwater.
- The Quikrete Companies, LLC, Aurora, \$9,087, stormwater

Recipients of DEQ civil penalties must either pay the fines to the state treasury or file an appeal within 20 days of receiving notice of the penalty. They may be able to offset a portion of a penalty by funding a supplemental environmental project that improves Oregon's environment. Learn more about these projects at <https://ordeq.org/sep>.

Penalties may also include orders requiring specific tasks to prevent ongoing violations or additional environmental harm.

DEQ works with thousands of organizations and individuals to help them comply with laws that protect Oregon's air, land and water. DEQ uses education, technical assistance, warnings and penalties to change behavior and deter future violations.

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PRESS RELEASE



Date: September 4, 2025
Contact: Tess Seger | tess.seger@sos.oregon.gov

Reminder: Today is the New Deadline for Elected Incumbents Seeking Re-election to a Partisan Office to Register with Their Political Party

SALEM, OR — In 2024, the Oregon Legislature passed [House Bill 4024](#), which made sweeping changes to Oregon's election and campaign finance laws. Among them: **new filing deadlines for current elected office holders — incumbents — seeking re-election.**

Secretary of State Tobias Read is reminding candidates about important changes to the filing deadlines.

"Candidates may not realize that HB 4024 also made changes to candidate filing deadlines, which is why we're working to get the word out. Our democracy is always stronger when Oregonians have the tools and information to participate," said **Secretary Read**.

HB 4024 changes the 180-day party membership deadline:

- An incumbent seeking re-election to the same partisan office must be registered to vote as a member of the applicable major political party **by today, September 4, 2025.**
- Non-incumbent candidates and candidates appointed to the position they hold must be registered as a member of the applicable party by September 11, 2025.

HB 4024 also impacts the candidacy filing deadlines:

- Elected incumbents seeking re-election to the same office must file their declaration of candidacy or nominating petition **at least seven days before** the applicable filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates.
- Incumbent candidates who were appointed to the position to which they are seeking election are subject to the same filing deadline as non-incumbent candidates.

The candidate filing period for the 2026 Primary in May begins September 11, 2025. The deadline to file for an elected incumbent seeking re-election is March 3, 2026, and the deadline to file for non-incumbent candidates is March 10, 2026.

These changes are reflected in the [State Candidate Manual](#); the [County, City and District Candidate Manual](#); and [filing forms](#) created by the Elections Division.

Any candidate with questions about this change may contact the [Oregon Secretary of State's Elections Division](#).

From: Oregon DEQ News <ordeq@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 10:47 AM
To: admin@ci.brownsville.or.us
Subject: DEQ issues \$1 million civil penalty to wood treater in Yamhill County for water quality and other violations



State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

NEWS RELEASE

DEQ issues \$1 million civil penalty to wood treater in Yamhill County for water quality and other violations

Date: Sept. 8, 2025

Sheridan – The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued a \$1 million civil penalty today to Stella-Jones Corp. for numerous violations of environmental regulations for water quality, hazardous waste, and spill response and cleanup at their wood treating facility in Sheridan, a city in Yamhill County.

DEQ issued the \$1,055,825 civil penalty because wood preserving chemicals pose a risk to public health and the environment when not properly managed. Much of the civil penalty – \$877,225 – is for economic benefit, or costs and expenses that the company avoided by not complying with environmental regulations. DEQ regulates wood treatment facilities and other industries around Oregon to ensure compliance with state and federal laws.

Prior to the formal enforcement action issued today, DEQ issued an order requiring corrective action in 2023, which was complied with, and has issued three pre-enforcement notices outlining these violations in the past two years.

“This enforcement not only addresses the company's past violations, but also requires the company to revise its operations plan, conduct additional monitoring, and take other preventative measures to ensure it stays in compliance going forward,” said Erin Saylor, Interim Manager of DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement. “Enforcement of environmental laws is critical to deterring future violations, ensuring a level playing field, and ultimately protecting public health and

the environment. DEQ hopes the magnitude of this enforcement will further these goals and result in long-term compliance at the facility.”

The enforcement action cites 23 violations in total and requires Stella-Jones to address:

- Hazardous waste violations by reporting accurately, paying fees, and addressing the storage of hazardous waste in tanks.
- Water quality violations by taking several actions including increasing monitoring and reporting for certain chemicals, upgrading their stormwater treatment system, and improving their operations relating to preventing overflows of the stormwater treatment system.

Read DEQ’s full [Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order](#).

There’s a parallel state criminal case based on water quality violations. Stella-Jones and the Oregon Department of Justice agreed to a settlement in late August 2025, with the company [pleading guilty to 10 misdemeanor counts](#) of unlawful water pollution for violations of its state-issued water quality permit.

The EPA also recently [reached a settlement agreement](#) with Stella-Jones that includes a \$98,000 civil penalty.

Once Stella-Jones receives the enforcement action from DEQ it has 20 calendar days to potentially file an appeal.

Media contact: Dylan Darling, Western Region public affairs specialist,
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[Read news release online here.](#)

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From: Oregon Department of Revenue <oregondor@public.govdelivery.com>
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Subject: DOR: Don't engage with text message scam

News Release



September 15, 2025

DOR: Don't engage with text message scam

Salem, OR— The Oregon Department of Revenue is warning taxpayers not to engage with text messages that claim to be from the department asking them to update their banking information.

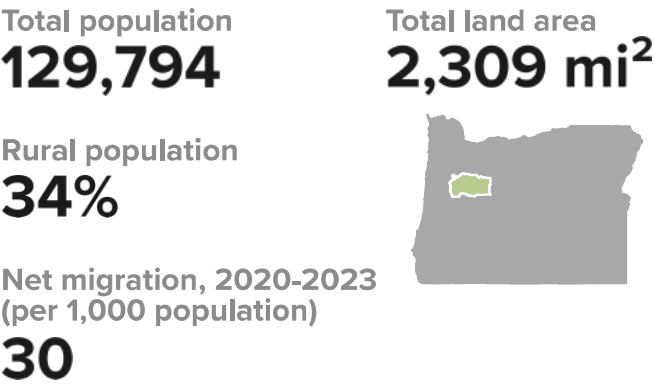
If you get one of these messages, do not reply or click any link in it. The Oregon Department of Revenue will never send unsolicited texts asking for personal data.

Multiple taxpayers have reported receiving the text messages which appear to be part of a phishing scam similar to those reported this month in at least three other states.

The scam text tells taxpayers that their refund has been processed and approved and that to receive their refund they need to click the link provided in the message to update their banking information.

Taxpayers should not click the link or reply to the text, DOR emphasized. Taxpayers can find more information about protecting their private information on our [website](#).

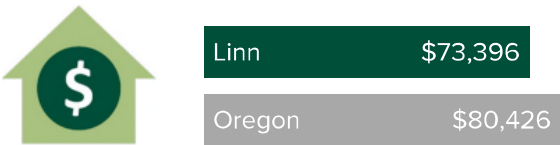
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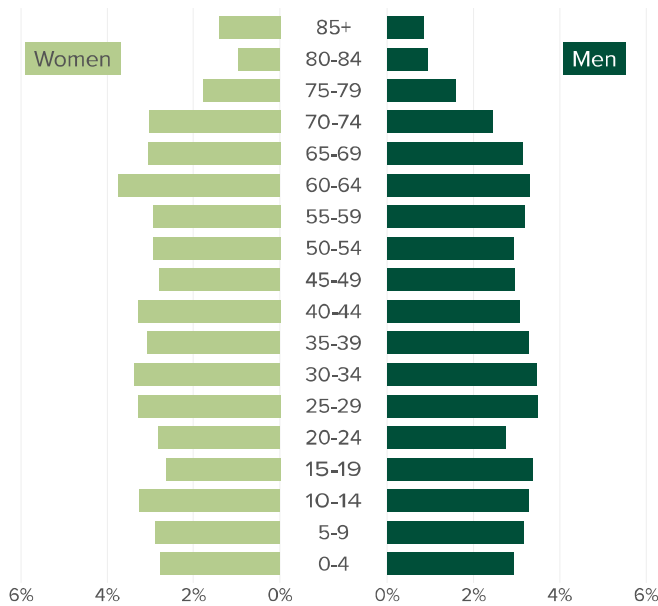
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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



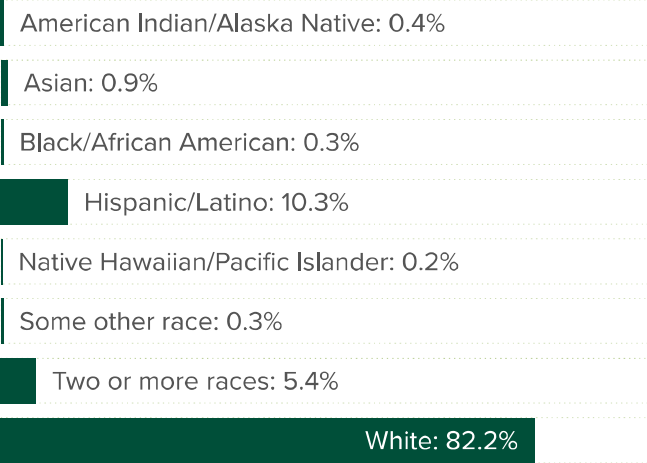
POPULATION BY AGE



HOUSEHOLDS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP



POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY



TOP EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES





Community

	LINN	OREGON	RURAL	URBAN
Food insecurity	13.7%	13.1%		
Child poverty	18.4%	13.6%	18.6%	12.2%
Foster care rate (per 1,000 pop.)	7.2	5.7	7.7	5.1
Index crime (per 1,000 pop.)	22.1	29.4	20.3	32.0
Voter participation	72.7%	75.4%		



Education

3rd grade reading	40.1%	39.0%	35.3%	40.2%
5th grade math	27.6%	31.4%	26.3%	33.1%
9th grade on track	79.0%	84.8%	83.4%	85.3%
5-year high school graduation rate	78.3%	83.8%	82.4%	84.9%
4-year college degree or greater	20.8%	36.2%	26.5%	40.4%



Economy

Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.8%		
Labor force participation rate	60.1%	62.2%	54.5%	65.5%
Change in GDP	1.7%	2.3%	3.5%	2.1%
Property tax (per person)	\$1,551	\$1,953	\$1,502	\$2,083
Rent costs (1 bedroom/1 bath)	\$1,000			



Health

Low weight births	8.3%	7.2%	7.3%	7.1%
Vaccination rate, 2-year-olds	68.9%	68.3%		
Good or better health	81.4%	83.8%		
Mental health (pop. per provider)	379	137		
Tobacco use	24.3%	24.0%		



Infrastructure

Broadband availability	86.2%	90.0%		
Child care (slots per 100 children)	9.4	18.4	15.2	19.4
Electric vehicle charging stations	47	3,789	1,034	2,755
Mobile homes	14.0%	7.2%	15.2%	3.8%
Vehicle miles traveled (per capita)	9,173	5,112	8,565	4,115

From: Smart Cities Dive <newsletter@divenewsletter.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 9:31 AM
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Subject: Aug. 14 - Ohio mandates local government cybersecurity | Michigan promotes advanced air mobility

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Ohio mandate requires local governments to establish cybersecurity programs

The regulation comes amid increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks but offers no new funding to implement the procedures.

Michigan acts to grow advanced air mobility industry in the state

Michigan's chief mobility officer says the state is "taking the same approach we took with the auto revolution" as it works with startups and established companies on projects such as drone delivery.

Tacoma tests AI-enabled curbside recycling cameras

With EPA grant funding, the city is using Prairie Robotics' truck-mounted system to detect contamination at the curb and tailor resident outreach. More cities will follow.

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From: Smart Cities Dive <newsletter@divenewsletter.com>
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Subject: Aug. 11 - Directing unemployed federal workers to city jobs | What NEPA rollbacks mean for cities

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our new subscribers from American City & County!

American City & County is joining forces with Smart Cities Dive to continue its work under the Smart Cities Dive brand. Both publications became part of Informa TechTarget when that company started in December.

On the Smart Cities Dive website, you'll find content from American City & County, including the [Municipal Cost Index](#) and AC&C's long-running awards programs, the Crown Communities Award and the Exemplary Public Service Award. Together, we will continue to deliver award-winning journalism on top local government concerns, including public safety, transportation, housing, climate and resilience, technology and governance and finance.

Our goal is to remain local government leaders' trusted resource for news and information. What issues do you think are most important for the newly combined team to address? Let us know by contacting us at smart.cities.dive.editors@industrydive.com.



Rachel H. Pollack
Managing Editor, Smart Cities Dive
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After federal job cuts, initiative aims to redirect talent to local government roles

Kansas City, Missouri, is the first city to pilot a Spotlight Cities program that matches laid-off federal workers with local government jobs.

What NEPA rollbacks mean for local projects

The Trump administration's elimination of environmental regulations based on the 1970 law could mean faster permitting but reduce cities' recourse for weighing in on federally funded projects in their communities, experts say.

California cities, Nevada State University join forces on climate resilience

Seven public agencies are partnering with Urban Land Institute to develop strategies for extreme heat, disaster preparedness and resilient housing.

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How Louisville boosted recycling—and what other cities can learn

With misinformation and contamination on the rise, Louisville, KY partnered with Recycle Coach to optimize education and equip residents with the tools to recycle right.

Q&A

CEQA reform opens new era for urban development in California, developer says

Sweeping overhaul of environmental reviews eliminates “the major impediment to getting new housing built in the state,” says Sean Burton, CEO of LA-based apartment developer Cityview.

From: Nate Scholz <nate.s@modusmi.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 2:06 PM
To: admin@ci.brownsville.or.us
Subject: Housing Solutions Oregon Communities Need

Hi S. Scott McDowell,

I wanted to follow up because Oregon's homelessness crisis has been weighing on us, and I thought it might be useful to share some perspective from what we're seeing in California.

Across Oregon, the need is clear: HUD counted 22,875 people experiencing homelessness in 2024—a 13.6% increase from the year before. Rural areas are feeling the impact as well; Central Oregon's recent PIT count identified 2,108 unhoused residents, up 17% in a single year. Families and youth remain particularly vulnerable, with Oregon continuing to report the nation's highest rate of unsheltered youth. Public health risks have also grown, as seen with recent outbreaks in Portland.

At Modus, we're not claiming to have all the answers—but we are learning a lot through projects we've been asked to deliver elsewhere. In California, we're building the state's largest modular housing community for the unhoused in Sacramento, while also supporting smaller transitional and recuperative care projects in places like Soledad and Monterey. These projects move quickly, meet compliance standards, and can be adapted to local priorities—whether that's emergency shelter, transitional housing, or ADUs to support families.

Every community's needs are different, and we'd love to learn more about what Brownsville is prioritizing right now. If it would be helpful, I'd be glad to share lessons from our work and hear your thoughts on what approaches might—or might not—translate well in Oregon.

Here's a short video featuring LA Mayor Karen Bass highlighting one of our base unit configurations:
<https://youtu.be/5NEHCptJl3s>

If you think it makes sense, I'd welcome a short call to continue the conversation.

Warm regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 7:31 AM
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Subject: Tariff Revenue Used to Pay Down Debt



National *Write Your Congressman*
ACTION ALERT

Mr Scott McDowell

Tariff Revenue Used to Secure Tomorrow (TRUST) Act

The national debt has surpassed \$37.4 trillion. It exceeds the GDP of the other five largest economies combined.

The TRUST Act ensures revenue from tariffs is directed exclusively toward reducing America's runaway national debt.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, any tariff revenue collected above Fiscal Year 2025 levels will be deposited into a newly established Tariff Trust Fund. By law, those funds may only be used for deficit reduction when the federal government is running a budget deficit.

*Should Congress pass
H.R.5153 the TRUST Act?*

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The Team at Democrat-Herald





Goals 2025-2026

1. Focus on the Fundamentals.

- ★ *Carefully manage Brownsville's treasury.*
- ★ *Foster productive relationships both internally & externally.*
- ★ *Administer civic partnership agreements focusing on deliverables.*
- ★ *Focus on proactively dealing with State preemptions, unfunded mandates, and laws that force unwanted expenditures and requirements on citizens.*

2. Organizational Development.

- ★ *Modify Council Rules and meeting procedures.*
- ★ *Create a communications plan.*
- ★ *Implement social media strategies.*
- ★ *Build positive & effective Council and Staff relations.*
- ★ *Recognize City volunteers and continue developing elected and non-elected officials.*
- ★ *Recognize practical impacts of external relationships that cause harm to City operations.*

3. Capital Improvements Plan.

- ★ *Continue planning for new sewer lagoon and treatment improvements.*
- ★ *Plan for construction of a new playground.*
- ★ *Paint City Hall.*
- ★ *Plan for the Water Treatment Plant project that includes a new reservoir and the replacement of critical distribution lines.*
- ★ *Share with citizens the challenges related to projects such as Kirk Avenue, sidewalks, and riverbank restoration.*

4. Community Development Plan.

- ★ *Refine the Brownsville Municipal Code to reflect actual practice where needed.*
- ★ *Consider adopting rules for storage containers, election signs, and property identification.*
- ★ *Develop a plan to preserve & further the historic aesthetic of Brownsville.*
- ★ *Continue local & regional emergency preparedness efforts.*
- ★ *Support youth activities in partnership with the Central Linn Recreation Association.*



5. Economic Development Plan.

- ★ *Participate in regional efforts and opportunities with partner cities.*
- ★ *Support and implement the Rural Economic Alliance's (REAL) 5-year strategic plan.*
- ★ *Complete and implement the Land Use inventory project.*

6. Water Rights.

- ★ *Explore possible additional water source options.*
- ★ *Continually work on monitoring and perfecting City water rights.*
- ★ *Implement the State required Water Management & Conservation Plan.*

7. Advocacy Plan.

- ★ *Develop the Legislative Advocacy Policy Committee (LAPC) to effectively participate in the State legislative process and in the Federal legislative process when appropriate.*
- ★ *Focus on home rule with other stakeholders, partnerships, and other regional efforts to strengthen City policy positions and authority.*
- ★ *Monitor new laws, tort limits, system development charges, and recreational immunity protections for taxpayers, ratepayers, and to protect local amenities.*
- ★ *Market and promote the Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition (SMAC).*



Council Vision Statement

The Brownsville City Council works collaboratively and effectively with each other, staff, and community partners to preserve the historic character and economic health of our town and to create a high quality of life for our citizens.

A Vision for Brownsville

For a tiny rural Oregon community, Brownsville has a huge presence. It is well known throughout the state for its friendly welcome and for being a safe, clean, and attractive town. It is clear that residents value its historic character and make special efforts to preserve and enhance it. Talk to business owners in the thriving north and south business areas and you will find that it is the creative working relationships between city government and private, county, state, and federal partners that sustain our economic health and well-being. Residents participate in Brownsville's inclusive process of growing and enhancing our high quality of life. Brownsville citizens care about healthy city finances, they expect infrastructure that delivers, and they elect a City Council that works for the benefit of the community. Public spaces are a vital part of Brownsville's sense of place; citizens' and city government's attention to the appearance and cleanliness of parks, streets, and neighborhoods adds to the town's livability.

Tag line

Brownsville: Where People Care, Business Thrives, and History Lives

Who we are?

Brownsville is a City that is proud of its past while constantly improving toward the future for the benefit of our citizens. We are a group of citizens that honor each other by carefully balancing the social contract (Brownsville Municipal Code) to keep peace and order. The Brownsville Municipal Code and Comprehensive Plan help define the role of the City. Organizational transparency is a focus of Council. Council is working closely with Staff, volunteers, civic organizations, appointed officials and the citizenry to execute identified goals and carry out the responsibilities of the City.

Brownsville has a tremendous sense of place and synergy between City Hall and our residents. Active citizens are the true strength of Brownsville as evidenced by the volunteers who give freely of themselves to provide many municipal functions and civic services. Many civic organizations implement their missions actively in our community which provides a quality of life and vibrancy that is uncommon. Community events are planned and designed to invite people into town to share what Brownsville has to offer.

Council recognizes that many civic organizations and the City government are working diligently on implementing organizational development concepts in order to more efficiently provide services. Council recognizes that we are in a transition period between an authoritative model and are collectively moving toward a new, participatory approach within the organization and throughout the community.

What do we want for Brownsville?

Brownsville should honor the past, maintain a healthy present and strive to assure a dynamic future by focusing on fundamental municipal services such as:



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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Treasury Health | 7. Contract Administration |
| 2. Water | 8. Personnel |
| 3. Sewer | 9. Police Protection |
| 4. Capital Improvements | 10. Municipal Court |
| 5. Parks | 11. Library Services |
| 6. Streets | 12. Planning & Zoning |

Organizational Development

1. *Elected & Appointed Officials.* People who understand their role and responsibilities for the City as policy & decision makers. People who have a tremendous amount of pride and caring about the future of Brownsville. People who understand the financial nuances of local government in Oregon. People who understand and respect the significant contributions of Staff. People who are focused on the greater good they can collectively make in the community. People who understand the mission of the City and who can explain City policy and issues with the general public. People who represent Brownsville citizenry as well as City Staff.
2. *Staff.* People who understand their multiple roles and responsibilities. People who love coming to work. People who are interested in creating the best possible work environment that is full of respect and compassion for the citizens and is honest and trusting among all the ranks of the organization. People who don't complain about what they cannot control but people who are interested in creating practical, cost-effective solutions for those issues they can control. People who expect more than the ordinary from themselves and from each other.
3. *Organizational Axiom.* Creating, developing and maintaining effective relationships with individuals, other civic organizations, County, State & Federal government personnel. Understanding that the number one priority of the City is relationship building. The City shall honor relationships and the ordinances and laws of the land. The City shall be ever mindful of the importance of the social contract of government and the order that it strives to preserve for the sake of freedom.
4. *Civil Rights Act of 1964.* The City creates an environment of equal access to opportunities for all individuals in Brownsville. The City is committed to equal access through Federal and State laws, but also through local practice principled in the elimination of bias and barriers that may exist in the community and from developing in the City's organization. Council shall continue to consider implications of new and past policies that may create unnecessary barriers for members of minority groups, women, veterans and vulnerable populations.

NOTES: Council has discussed many organizational theories & objectives as well as identifying important critical thinking models that will serve as a guide for making better decisions. Below are a few of those models:

THE PROCESS OF PROGRESS

1. Recognize & Identify
2. Accept & Agree
3. Strategize & Develop Action Steps



4. Implement & Execute
5. Review Outcomes

LEXIPOL'S 10 FAMILIES OF RISK MODEL

1. External Risks
2. Legal & Regulatory Risks
3. Strategic Risks
4. Organizational Risks
5. Operational Risks
6. Information Risks
7. Human Resources Risks
8. Technology Risks
9. Financial and Administrative Risks
10. Political Risks

How are expectations set in City Government?

- ◆ Laws & Municipal Code
- ◆ Standards
- ◆ Requirements & Rules
- ◆ Memoranda of Understanding
- ◆ Contracts
- ◆ Agreements
- ◆ Employee Handbook
- ◆ Societal Norms
- ◆ Cultural Nuances
- ◆ Public Opinion

**Acceptable
Conduct**
vs.
**Unacceptable
Conduct**

MONTH END FINANCIAL RECAP

		JULY 2025					
		REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	YTD	%	Unexpended	
1	GENERAL	\$ 22,404.06	\$ 103,988.61	\$ 103,988.61	3.18%	\$ 3,168,516.39	1
2	WATER	\$ 55,089.14	\$ 54,720.37	\$ 54,720.37	5.11%	\$ 1,016,879.63	2
3	SEWER	\$ 46,624.87	\$ 55,588.99	\$ 55,588.99	4.27%	\$ 1,246,791.01	3
4	STREETS	\$ 20,298.43	\$ 12,324.64	\$ 12,324.64	2.73%	\$ 439,525.36	4
5	DEBT SERVICE (CLRC BOND)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 58,000.00	
6	WATER BOND	\$ 105.02	\$ 34,482.87	\$ 34,482.87	68.97%	\$ 15,517.13	5
7	SEWER BOND	\$ 12,861.76	\$ 209,742.13	\$ 209,742.13	52.14%	\$ 192,507.87	6
8	SEWER DEBT FEE	\$ 1,402.38	\$ -	\$ 1,402.38	18.70%	\$ -	7
9	BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	\$ 839.69	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 207,200.00	8
10	WATER RESERVE	\$ 3,008.02	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 241,500.00	9
11	HOUSING REHAB	\$ 1,058.23	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 257,500.00	10
12	WATER SDC	\$ 2,460.62	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 124,500.00	11
13	SEWER SDC	\$ 9,018.33	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 940,000.00	12
14	STORMWATER SDC	\$ 3,391.35	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 370,300.00	13
15	BIKEWAY/PATHS	\$ 433.40	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 75,000.00	14
16	LIBRARY TRUST	\$ 39.11	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 9,450.00	15
17	CEMETERY	\$ 673.49	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 101,450.00	16
19	SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	18
20	LAND ACQUISITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 9,985.00	19
21	COMMUNITY PROJECTS	\$ 261.75	\$ 4,982.38	\$ 4,982.38	6.34%	\$ 73,567.62	20
		\$ 179,969.65	\$ 475,829.99	\$ 475,829.99		\$ 8,548,190.01	

Key Bank Account

General Checking	\$ 85,019.22
Oregon State Treasury	
General Account	\$ 6,072,371.76
Community Improvements	\$ 39.06
Project Escrow Holding	\$ 111,012.68
CLRC Renovation Acct	\$ 621.36
TOTAL OST / LGIP	\$ 6,184,044.86

Annual Bond Payment

Water	\$ 46,319.02
Wastewater	\$ 280,030.98
Total	\$ 326,350.00

2025-2026**YTD****% of Total**

Appropriated	\$ 475,829.99	5.27%
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Total Bonded Debt

Rec Center Gap Debt Payment is \$57,996.99

Total Bonded Debt is \$5,958,952 (Principle Only)

Total Bonded Debt is \$8,343,239 (Principle & Interest)

Previous Month Court Revenue \$ 447.50

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		AUGUST 2025		YTD	%	Unexpended	
		REVENUE	EXPENDITURES				
1	GENERAL	\$ 30,111.83	\$ 63,821.60	\$ 167,810.21	5.13%	\$ 3,104,694.79	1
2	WATER	\$ 56,270.00	\$ 33,477.81	\$ 88,198.18	8.23%	\$ 983,401.82	2
3	SEWER	\$ 45,254.99	\$ 20,978.77	\$ 76,567.76	5.88%	\$ 1,225,812.24	3
4	STREETS	\$ 17,746.77	\$ 28,334.30	\$ 40,658.94	9.00%	\$ 411,191.06	4
5	DEBT SERVICE (CLRC BOND)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 58,000.00	
6	WATER BOND	\$ 102.41	\$ -	\$ 34,482.87	68.97%	\$ 15,517.13	5
7	SEWER BOND	\$ 11,945.88	\$ -	\$ 209,742.13	52.14%	\$ 192,507.87	6
8	SEWER DEBT FEE	\$ 1,367.48	\$ -	\$ 2,769.86	36.93%	\$ -	7
9	BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	\$ 818.79	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 207,200.00	8
10	WATER RESERVE	\$ 2,903.96	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 241,500.00	9
11	HOUSING REHAB	\$ 1,031.89	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 257,500.00	10
12	WATER SDC	\$ 358.47	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 124,500.00	11
13	SEWER SDC	\$ 3,762.29	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 940,000.00	12
14	STORMWATER SDC	\$ 1,387.92	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 370,300.00	13
15	BIKEWAY/PATHS	\$ 390.47	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 75,000.00	14
16	LIBRARY TRUST	\$ 38.14	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 9,450.00	15
17	CEMETERY	\$ 1,162.95	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 101,450.00	16
19	SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	18
20	LAND ACQUISITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 9,985.00	19
21	COMMUNITY PROJECTS	\$ 255.23	\$ 720.00	\$ 5,702.38	7.26%	\$ 72,847.62	20
		\$ 174,909.47	\$ 147,332.48	\$ 623,162.47		\$ 8,400,857.53	

Key Bank Account

<i>General Checking</i>	\$ 84,037.07
Oregon State Treasury	
<i>General Account</i>	\$ 6,100,483.36
<i>Community Improvements</i>	\$ 39.21
<i>Project Escrow Holding</i>	\$ 111,446.39
<i>CLRC Renovation Acct</i>	\$ 623.79
TOTAL OST / LGIP	\$ 6,212,592.75

Annual Bond Payment

<i>Water</i>	\$ 46,319.02
<i>Wastewater</i>	\$ 280,030.98
Total	\$ 326,350.00

2025-2026**YTD****% of Total**

Appropriated	\$ 475,829.99	6.91%
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Total Bonded Debt

Rec Center Gap Debt Payment is \$57,996.99
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Total Bonded Debt is \$5,958,952 (Principle Only)

Total Bonded Debt is \$8,343,239 (Principle & Interest)

Previous Month Court Revenue	\$ 605.00
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