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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:30 P.M.

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6:30pm	I	Call to Order/Roll Call – Mayor Burns
	II	Agenda corrections or additions
6:35pm	III	Business from the Audience
6:45pm	IV	Approval of: 10/21/2020 Council Meeting Minutes
	V	BUSINESS
6:50 pm	1.	Hood River/Mosier IGA Utility Billing – City Manager/City Engineer
7:00 pm	2.	Water System Update – City Engineer
7:30 pm	3.	Council Absences Resolution/Ongoing Meetings via Web – City Attorney
8:00 pm	4.	DEQ Letter for WWTP Plan Update – City Manager
8:15 pm	VI.	ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:20 pm	VII.	ADJOURN

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
Mosier Senior Center at 500 Second Ave.
Mosier, Oregon 97040

MINUTES

6:30 call to order

Attendance:

Council: Arlene Burns, Peny Wallace, Lacy Gries, Ron Wright, Witt Anderson, Acacia Berry (late excused), Charlie Cannon (late excused)

Staff: Colleen Coleman City Manager, John Grim City Engineer, Jayme Bennett City Recorder

Wasco County: Scott Hege Wasco County Commissioner, Lisa Gambie Wasco County Clerk

Renee Tkach Friends of the Gorge

Public: Emily Stranz, Mosier Oregon

Agenda corrections or additions: N/A

Corrections to 9/23/2020 Council Mins:

Motion to approve minutes:

1st Lacy Gries

2nd Witt Anderson

all in, no opposition

6:34 passes

Mosier Parks Opening Date: N/A at this time (Renee will present the signage proposal first on the Plateau Trail).

Grim: Rate Study Update

FCSG (rate consultant) made 2 changes to the modeling (regarding growth rate). Reviews the slow to original model, then high growth rate, 1=4 homes per year, with the proposed rate increases modeled each year.

Conclusion: Model not sensitive to population growth within the range we study.

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They added 15 homes of revenue to the model, which reduce the rate impact under all scenarios, which came down to the original model FCSG 13-11-11 now is 11-11-10

Peny: based on the capacity of Mosier – is that considered in the model? The Ceiling/or ability to provide service?

Acacia Berry: Are we recognizing more growth earlier on in this model? Is it high growth for 2029?

John: Good questions - not recognizing growth over time.

Colleen: Good chance of recession and did not want to over project forecast on growth, as much as recognize the recent and current trend.

Review of basis of calculus of rate increases, forecast, all sensitive to amount of growth - Grim suggests resolution that acknowledges increase this year or next, and allows for administration thereof. Based on actuals, which will be a simple process.

Witt: if we do this, are we going to have the tools to do this, are we going to have to go back to FCSG –

colleen: We can do a resolution that allows for the analysis as needed in the future (staff discretion).

Colleen: We could have 10 new homes, or 4 or 0- we have to be diligent and reactionary and analyze the spreadsheet regularly.

Mayor Burns: migration to rural areas is in high demand, flooding out of the cities - working remotely, economic stress appears to be isolated from the housing market at present, if our rates can be reactionary and reflect real growth in real time, also while being kind as much as we possibly can.

Grim: Witt's point is great, we can use the spreadsheet to be flexible and not go back to a consultant, unless it is needed.

Colleen: residents are asking for green space in their neighborhoods, and if our rates can stabilize, how can we facilitate this? Medium growth, resolution gives flexibility to revisit and be reactive as well as proactive.

Charlie cannon- rounding up to the next dollar make sense? Council discussion - however, not a feasible idea, aside from allowing that funding to be a donation etc.

Lisa Gambee Wasco County Clerk: Ballot Box Infrastructure:

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Small town - ballot box security is huge, drive or walk up ballot box is ideal – we cannot supply surveillance or the property that comes with it, though we can supply locked boxes. It would require an everyday committed person from the Mosier area – (paid, not a volunteer position) to check the box at the same time consistently (8PM) - how would ballots get transported, a deputy brings the ballot from Maupin, etc.

You want people to access the box 24/7 and with security - Wasco County can provide support and the idea is to have it accessible day and night.

The Dalles has reported having to empty their ballot box up to 3 times a day now from the turnout. Are you (City of Mosier) interested and are you willing to provide support to ensure the integrity of the election - she will provide the box - via the grant money she received - (Lisa).

Acacia: Is a ballot box like polling or voting locations where you cannot put up signs etc?

Lisa: What you want to ensure is access is not blocked to the ballot box, working with local law enforcement to ensure there is no harassment etc.

Ron: Grant would pay for box and camera; we would provide funding for connectivity etc.?

Peny: How much in advance of an election would the box come up?

Lisa: We open our box for military ballots, and long before general elections.

Council agrees this is a great idea and thanks Lisa for her hard work, support, and dedication.

Renee Tkach: (pronounced tee cash): Update on the Mosier Plateau Trail:

Sharing signage updates and preparation for when Mosier is ready to reopen, reviews signage and shows bilingual and visual representation of signage - walked the site with Colleen and discovered multiple possible optimal locations for wayfinding/safety signage.

Peny Wallace asks for two signs, one at the parking area and one at the identified location on the trail.

Currently there are two points of entry identified, plus one along the way. Mental and physical health at a time of difficult social circumstances balanced with compliance diligence and camaraderie will assist in facilitation of reopening of public spaces.

Charlie Cannon requests pull outs for people on the trail and building out spots on the trail for passing zones also for longevity of the trail.

The master sign is completed and if the City of Mosier is ready, and everyone is agreement, the Friends of the Gorge FOG is wanting to agree with you.

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Emily Stranz (local community member, City of Mosier) - Idea to consider is to have one way walking up and looping around to other part of HWY 30, and in the spring, it would be nice to avoid cross traffic.

Mayor Burns mentioned that the one-way loop idea had been discussed in prior meetings, but wasn't feasible.

Further discussion --trail connectivity and historic hi-way access should be explored, as well as signage, and parking once it gets busy.

Witt: Concerns (regarding trail/access to parks): 1. Spreading event at rock creek park 2. overwhelming Moco and Brenna's (lack of public restrooms etc) and we are now talking about the opening of RCP and the trail. Should we be syncing it with the other park or leaving them as separate? What do we (community of Mosier) want Rock Creek Park to be in the future? More public involvement regarding the future of the park, along with policy development. Do we take the gate down quietly and let people drive in, or walk in?

In the meantime, what are we going to do during the COVID/closing of the access through the creek in the winter?

Consensus from Council was to open both parks this month at the same time. A 'soft opening' with no public announcement should keep attendance low. Rock Creek gate would be opened until further notice.

Council had further discussion around public involvement with the future of Rock Creek Park.

Colleen: Design alternatives analysis would assist the public with these decisions going forward, we can start there.

Council vacations discussion. Manager suggestion to seek permission from other council members to adhere to charter thresh hold. Discussion and request by Council members to have a resolution.

Charlie: Do we need a motion to curb to next mtg and find easy way for seniority and council members let us know regarding schedules? No motion required. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 8:42

**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF HOOD RIVER AND THE CITY OF MOSIER
(Utility Meter Reading and Account Billing)**

Parties to this Inter-governmental Agreement (“Agreement”) are:

Hood River:

City of Hood River
211 Second Street
Hood River, OR 97031

Attn: Will Norris, Ass’t City Manager

Mosier:

City of Mosier
P.O. Box 456
Mosier, OR 97040

Attn: Colleen Coleman, City Manager

This Inter-governmental Agreement is entered into pursuant to ORS 190.010 by and between the CITY OF HOOD RIVER (“Hood River”) and the CITY OF MOSIER (“Mosier”), both of which are units of local government, and shall be effective upon execution by both parties (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

1. The parties are both Oregon municipal corporations. Hood River is situated in Hood River County, Oregon, and Mosier is situated in Wasco County, Oregon; and
2. Mosier owns and operates a municipal drinking water system and sewer system (collectively the “utility”) that includes distribution, collection, and treatment facilities and service to individual customers throughout Mosier. Mosier operates the utility, installs and reads water meters, issues combined sewer/water bills, and collects utility revenues based on utility rates established by the Mosier City Council; and
3. Work associated with aspects of the utility administration has grown beyond the administrative capacity of Mosier’s limited staff resources, and Mosier desires assistance and to obtain efficiencies with the meter reading and account billing components of the utility; and
4. Hood River also owns and operates a public drinking water system and sewer system, and has sufficient administrative experience, expertise, and capacity to assist Mosier in administering its meter reading and utility account billing; and
5. The parties desire that Hood River staff assist Mosier in the administration of the utility through this Intergovernmental Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to ORS 190.010, and based upon the foregoing Recitals, the Parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the responsibilities of each party, whereby Hood River assists in the administration and operation of the utility, and Mosier compensates Hood River for those services.

2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.

2.1 Mosier's Obligations: Mosier shall make its utility billing and account system ready and available for Hood River to administer, and shall facilitate and cooperate with Hood River's administration of the utility by undertaking the following responsibilities:

2.1.1 Mosier shall make available to Hood River, upon request, all of its utility billing records, customer accounts, and all other documents and records associated with Mosier's utility systems in a format readable by Hood River's financial and utility billing software (Caselle). Mosier will provide technical assistance to ensure correct billing methodology set up in Caselle prior to January 1, 2021.

2.1.2 Mosier shall provide to Hood River functional meter reading hardware and software, with Mosier paying the ongoing costs for that software and those systems.

2.1.3 Mosier shall demonstrate a 95% meter radio read rate, or better, prior to Hood River undertaking any responsibilities under this Agreement.

2.1.4 Hood River's obligations under this Agreement are conditioned upon the Mosier City Council's adoption of Hood River's fee schedule (or a fee schedule deemed acceptable by Hood River) for late payments, penalties, fees and interest for such items as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the utility account billing served by Hood River pursuant to this Agreement. Additionally, this Agreement is conditioned upon Mosier City Council revision of its fee schedule to reflect that the cost of new meters, meter box installation, and meter installation shall be deferred to Hood River's cost of providing this equipment and service.

2.1.5 Hood River shall allow Mosier utility customers to make physical utility payments at Mosier City Hall. Mosier shall convey all such payments received to Hood River on a weekly basis at Hood River City Hall, or on such other frequency as the parties mutually agree. Mosier shall provide a Caselle deposit report for each deposit.

2.1.6 Mosier shall continue to be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of all water and sewer piping, infrastructure, and equipment for the utility, except for water meters and pipe connections located inside water meter boxes.

2.1.7 Mosier shall continue to be responsible for all Mosier utility customer cut-offs, collections, liens, and related procedures and enforcement for late or non-payment of utility bills. Hood River shall impose all such late fees, penalties and interest, and post notices (i.e. "Door Hangers"), on past-due utility accounts as part of its utility billing responsibilities.

2.2 Hood River's Obligations: Hood River shall administer Mosier's water meter reading and utility billing by undertaking the following responsibilities:

- 2.2.1 Hood River shall read monthly meter usage, process and issue utility bills, and collect utility revenues from all Mosier utility accounts. Hood River shall also be responsible for imposition of late fees and penalties on accounts for late or non-payment in accordance with the late payment penalty schedule adopted by Mosier, which shall be consistent with Hood River's schedule for late payment fees, penalties and interest.
- 2.2.2 Hood River shall provide Mosier access to related records/data associated with Hood River's billing activities under this Agreement as needed for Mosier's annual audit. Hood River shall prepare and provide to Mosier revenue reports as needed for Mosier City Council presentations, rate studies, or any other purpose that Mosier deems necessary. However, Hood River shall not be responsible for maintaining water usage records longer than 3 years. If Mosier desires records further back than 3 years, Mosier shall be responsible for obtaining those records from Hood River within the first 3 years of their creation and maintaining them in Mosier.
- 2.2.3 Hood River shall be responsible for meter installations. Hood River shall be responsible for any repair/replacement inside water meter boxes and to the meter box itself. Mosier shall maintain and provide the City of Hood River access to a supply of repair and replacement materials located in the City of Mosier. Mosier shall be responsible for the repair and replacement of all water and sewer piping, infrastructure and equipment located outside of water meter boxes and for performing leak investigation.
- 2.2.4 Hood River shall be responsible for the administration of new customer accounts, in addition to move-ins/move-outs. Hood River shall charge new Mosier water customers directly for new water meters and installation of new meters and new meter boxes based on the City of Hood River's cost for providing this service and upon presentment to Hood River of a building permit for new construction
- 2.2.5 Hood River shall remit utility revenue to Mosier on a quarterly basis (ACH or check), less Hood River's costs for work and services performed under this Agreement.
- 2.2.6 Hood River shall make available an on-line utility bill paying system to Mosier utility customers that accepts utility payments, including automatic payment options through Xpress Bill Pay with Hood River branding.
- 2.2.7 Hood River shall provide any needed Caselle license and training to Mosier personnel so that utility payments can be accepted at Mosier City Hall.
- 2.2.8 Hood River shall begin meter reading and billing services under this agreement on January 1, 2021 or upon Mosier City Council's adoption of Hood River's fee schedule and any other tasks that Mosier must complete prior to Hood River's commencement of services under this Agreement, whichever occurs last.

3. COMPENSATION. For services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, Mosier shall pay Hood River \$30,564, on or before January 1st, 2021 for set-up and 2021 Calendar Year meter reading and billing services. Thereafter Hood River will retain 3.7 % of all utility revenues collected for the remainder of the term as compensation for services rendered under this agreement.

4. TERM and TERMINATION. The initial term of this Agreement shall be 5 years from the Effective Date. After the initial 5-year term, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive 1-year terms until terminated as provided herein. The parties may terminate this Agreement at any time by mutual written agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon 120-days prior written notice given to the non-terminating party. Hood River shall be entitled to compensation for all services it provides up to the effective date of termination.

5. ADMINISTRATION. No new or separate legal or administrative entity shall be created by this Agreement.

6. INDEMNIFICATION. Each party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party, its officers, officials, employees, agents, students and volunteers from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits, including all legal and attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any activity allowed pursuant to this Agreement, except for injuries or damages caused by the sole negligence, intentional or criminal act of a party. Each party shall be solely responsible and liable for any claims, injuries or damages, losses or suits arising from or caused by the sole negligence, intentional or criminal act of that party. Neither party shall be liable to the other for incidental or consequential damages.

7. INDEPENDENT STATUS OF THE PARTIES. The parties to this Agreement will be acting in their individual capacities and not as employees, administrators, students, agents, partners, joint ventures, or associates of one another. The employees, administrators, students and agents of one party shall not be considered or construed to be the employees, administrators, students and agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

8. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Both Parties shall obtain and maintain automobile and commercial general liability insurance to cover any property damage, personal injury and death of their respective employees, agents, officials. Both Parties shall either have the other Party named as an "additional insured" on its policy and/or provide a certificate from its insurance carrier demonstrating that the other Party is an additional insured on each Party's policy.

7.1 Mosier's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to Hood River. Any insurance, self-insurance, or insurance pool coverage maintained by Hood River shall be excess of Mosier's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

7.2 The insurance coverage shall not be cancelled by either party, except after 30 days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given by the cancelling Party to the other Party.

9. MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE. The Parties shall separately maintain at least the following amounts and types of insurance:

9.1 Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 per accident.

9.2 Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written with limits no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate limit.

9.3 Worker's Insurance Coverage: Both parties shall be responsible for providing their respective employees Worker's Compensation insurance to meet the statutory requirements for their respective qualified employees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by an authorized representative of each party on the dates set forth below:

CITY OF MOSIER

CITY OF HOOD RIVER

By: _____
Colleen Coleman, City Manager

By: _____
Rachael Fuller, City Manager

Dated _____

Dated _____

Deal Point	Note
Hood River reads monthly meter usage, processes billing, and collects revenues from Mosier Accounts	
Hood River assists and provides access to related records/data as needed for annual audit. Prepares revenue reports as needed for Mosier City Council presentations and/or rate studies	
Hood River provide up to three years of water meter usage data to Mosier on an as requested basis.	Note that we would probably only need this once a year on the average.
Hood River administers new customer accounts and move ins/outs in addition to actual meter installations. Customers charged directly based on City Resolution and upon furnishing a building permit	Under installations we will want to carefully describe the scope of work, e.g. installations are setting new meters per Mosier's standard detail – including the service from the main to the meter?
Sewer repair or maintenance is not part of this contract, but sewer billing is included	
Mosier provides functional meter reading hardware and software, Mosier pays ongoing software costs	
Revenue remitted to Mosier on a quarterly basis (ACH or Check), net of Hood River's costs	
Mosier residents gain access to City of Hood River's online payment and automatic payment options through Xpress Bill Pay (w/ Hood River branding)	
Hood River purchases and installs new/replacement meters and charges Mosier customers directly as set by City of Hood River fee schedule (operating procedures TBD)	
Caselle license and training provided so that payments can be accepted at Mosier City Hall.	
Mosier demonstrates a 95%+ meter radio read rate prior to beginning services	
Mosier will have four months of meters and registers on hand at start of contract	
Mosier manages collection of delinquent accounts (i.e. Mosier does shut offs and/or files liens, Wasco Co Assessor, sends to collection)	
Adopts the City of Hood River's fee schedule for late payments / fees / interest	
Deposits monies accepted at Mosier City Hall w/ City of Hood River on weekly basis by Wednesday evening with Caselle deposit report	
Mosier's new water DRC does not maintain meters, the City of Hood River. Everything in Meter box, <i>but not the Meter Box itself</i> , is handled by the City of Hood River	
TBD - GPS Coord and meter location descriptions. Either provided by Mosier or added by City of Hood River	

City of Hood River Monthly Billing Policies overview:

Monthly Schedule:

- Late notices mailed on the 5th of each month (30 days past due)
- Bills are due 10th of the month
- Meter readings are collected on the 20th of each month (approx. date)
- Billing messages and inserts finalized by the 20th of each month (approx. date)
- Non read meters are re-read on the 21st of each month (approx. date)
- Sewer accounts are read on the 23rd of each month (approx. date)
- Month end billing rereads are read on the 25th of each month (approx. date)
- Door hangers to delinquent accounts via phone call occur on the third Wednesday of each month (approx. date)
- Shut off's for delinquent accounts occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month ***payment in full required to be turned back on.*
- Bills are uploaded to Bend Mailing two business days before end of month
- Bills are mailed to customers last business day of the month.

Other information:

- Terminated accounts – we send a statement to the tenant and a copy to the owner. If not paid by tenant, the owner is ultimately responsible for the amount due. If not paid by the owner, account will go to collections under owner's name.
 - Payment arrangements available by contacting clerk.
 - We ask for 24-hour notice for turn on/off or rereads/check leaks unless there is an active leak that needs immediate attention.
 - We only setup/terminate accounts in the current billing month.
 - One-time leak adjustments are available with proof of repair and form filled out with documentation of repair.
 - To change name, address or phone number, we require a signed Service form to be filled out and turned in (available on our website)

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Delinquent Fee (30 days past due)	\$5.00
Door Hanger fee for delinquent accounts	\$23.00
Shut off fee for delinquent accounts	\$35.00
Processing fee new accounts	\$10.00
Processing fee closed accounts	\$10.00
Water turn on/off after hours	\$92.00

Growth Assumption 3%
 Mosier Utility Revenues \$ 412,000

	Rate	Hours/Units		Accounts	Amt	Notes	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
		One-time	Ongoing									
Hood River City Attorney	\$ 190.00	3				Draft Intergovernmental Agreement	\$ 587.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Communications Consultant	61.00	5				Assist with Mosier communications during transition	314.15	-	-	-	-	
Hood River Finance Director	80.02	15	6			Set-up meetings and ongoing oversight	1,730.77	509.34	524.62	540.36	556.57	
Admin Svcs Officer	73.10	10	6			Business infrastructure set up, ongoing management	1,204.68	465.31	479.27	493.64	508.45	
Payments & Comp. Specialist	54.00		6			Added time to prepare deposits with add'l Mosier Cashier	333.71	343.72	354.03	364.65	375.59	
IT Manager	77.81	7				Assist with data integration, install read equipment in vehicle	561.00	-	-	-	-	
Utility Billing Clerk	38.78	26	60			Five hours per month processing billing, assisting customers	3,434.73	2,468.21	2,542.26	2,618.53	2,697.08	
Hood River Water Lead	73.23	10	6			30min per month	1,206.82	466.13	480.12	494.52	509.36	
Hood River Meter Reading	44.33	26	48			4hrs per month	3,379.04	2,257.56	2,325.29	2,395.05	2,466.90	
Meter Repairs	44.33		6			1 hour every other month	273.98	282.20	290.66	299.38	308.36	
Mailed Billing	0.564			1500		Assumes 50% of address retain monthly mailed statements	871.38	897.52	924.45	952.18	980.75	
Late Notice Mailing	0.564			240		8% of accounts, same as Hood River	139.42	143.60	147.91	152.35	156.92	
Avg. Credit Card Fee	2.0%				206,000	Assumes 50% of customers pay with visa/Mastercard	4,243.60	4,370.91	4,502.04	4,637.10	4,776.21	
Lock box processing	\$ 0.048				1,500	Assumes 50% pay by mailed in check	74.16	76.38	78.68	81.04	83.47	
Caselle License Purchase	\$ 2,000	1				\$2,000 purchase price	2,060.00	-	-	-	-	
Caselle License Ongoing	\$ 600		1			\$50 per month	618.00	636.54	655.64	675.31	695.56	
Caselle Integration	\$ 4,900	1				250 Accounts	5,047.00	-	-	-	-	
Caselle Ongoing Support	\$ 1,656		1			Required to support multiple billing rates	1,705.68	1,756.85	1,809.56	1,863.84	1,919.76	
						10% Overhead (Federal De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate)	2,778.52	1,467.43	1,511.45	1,556.79	1,603.50	
						Meter Reading / Billing Charge	\$ 30,563.74	\$ 16,141.71	\$ 16,625.96	\$ 17,124.74	\$ 17,638.48	
						Mosier Projected Revenues	\$ 424,360.00	\$ 437,090.80	\$ 450,203.52	\$ 463,709.63	\$ 477,620.92	
						Charges as % of Revenue	7.2%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	
						Average Annual % of Mosier's Utility Revenues				\$ 19,618.92	4.8%	
						Option A	\$ 21,218	\$ 21,855	\$ 22,510	\$ 23,185	\$ 23,881	TOTAL \$ 112,649
						Option B	\$ 30,563.74	\$ 16,141.71	\$ 16,625.96	\$ 17,124.74	\$ 17,638.48	\$ 98,095
						Option C	\$ 31,820.79	\$ 16,141.71	\$ 16,625.96	\$ 17,124.74	\$ 17,638.48	\$ 99,352

Hi Colleen. Below is a status report for the water project. Kyle has provided a detailed description of the design work on the Eastside BPS and Telemetry phases in his email below. The Well 5 Site Evaluation and Acquisition status is as follows:

Well 5 Site – Change in Plans

We have been actively engaged in evaluating and acquiring a new site for Well 5 – that being in the watershed – on the Clarkson parcel (same parcel as Well 4). This change in plans was prompted by:

- Changing priorities. The City has made water quality a top priority for the emergency backup well and resiliency is now of lesser importance.
- Uncertainties at the proposed site in town. After further investigation by our design consultants it was discovered that the original site (on 5th Ave.) may not provide an adequate quantity of groundwater. For this reason, a test well is necessary before drilling the production well. In addition, the cost for site development is higher than anticipated due to the steep slopes. Both of these issues together will result in an added cost of approximately \$150,000 total. And there is a risk that after drilling the test well the site may not be suitable. The City does not have the luxury of spending \$150,000 and finding out the site is not viable.

We have found a good location for a new well in the watershed and have been actively pursuing evaluation of the feasibility of drilling a well at this location and acquiring the necessary easements. In summary the site is feasible. We are currently negotiating a purchase agreement with the property owners for the necessary easements. The total additional project cost of moving to this site is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000. These costs include the purchase cost for the easements and additional expenses for site evaluation, site acquisition, environmental assessment, USDA approval, surveying and design engineering, legal and land use. The additional expense was evaluated as part of the Rate Study and therefore the proposed water rate increases include this cost.

The site does present some slight risks including: land use approval (a variance is required which includes a hearing); OHA approval - OHA will not approve the well site until after the well is drilled due to a reduced sanitary control area; USDA approval - USDA must approve an amendment to the water system plan and the environmental report. The easements will not be purchased by the City until all of these approvals have been acquired.

John Grim P.E.
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John,

For reporting to the Council, here is a brief progress report for the Water System Improvements project.

Eastside Booster Pump Station

The BPS design is approaching 90%, but unfortunately, we have not made the progress we planned at this point. In large part this delay has been due to a series of unforeseen issues on another major water system project that is currently under construction and where the client is in the midst of significant management and staffing changes. Because some of the key staff working on the Eastside BPS are also working on this other construction project, this has slowed progress. We are actively working to resolve this with staff and expect to deliver the 90% submittal for review and permitting this month. The following is a brief list of work in progress.

- Wrapping updates to the plans, specifications and construction cost estimate for 90% submittal.
- Preparing application and coordination with Pacific Power for modification of power service for Eastside BPS.
- Finalizing technical memorandum summarizing design.
- Preparing applications for building permit and OHA plan review.

Telemetry Improvements

Design of the telemetry improvements is also approaching 90% and expected to be delivered with the Eastside BPS. After evaluating and discussing the options with the City and Coburn, we are proceeding with a series of upgrades that will allow the City to install a centralized SCADA system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that can be used for remote monitoring and data collection for the water system (and eventually can be expanded to provide similar functionality for the wastewater system). Communication between sites and the WWTP is expected to be provided via multihop ethernet radio. The SCADA computer will be installed behind an internet firewall that will allow for remote VPN connection by multiple authorized users and devices including phones, tablets, and PCs. The following is a brief list of work in progress.

- Coordinating with Branom Instruments to perform a radio survey to confirm radio equipment selection and placement.
- Coordinating with Coburn and preparing plans, specifications and construction cost estimate for 90% submittal.

Well 5

Survey for the Mosier Creek site is mostly complete and we working on developing conceptual plans for well siting and site development. Based on the preliminary survey information it appears more likely than not that the Mosier Creek site will be suitable for Well 5.




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From: Laura Westmeyer lwestmeyer@cablehouston.com 
Subject: Resolution regarding extended absences and City Charter clarification
Date: November 2, 2020 at 4:35 PM
To: colleen T Coleman colleen.coleman@cityofmosier.com

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Colleen,

You asked me to clarify Section 20 of the Mosier City Charter (2010) regarding vacancies on the City Council. A position on the City Council may be declared vacant if the individual holding the seat is absent from the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Mosier for 30 days or more without the consent of the Council. A position may also be declared vacant if an individual is absent from all of the meetings of the City Council within a 60-day period. There are a number of other events that could lead to a vacancy; I am only clarifying the two that are referenced above, which concern obligations regarding out-of-town travel and meeting attendance.

In regard to vacancies due to extended out-of-town absences, the Charter protects an individual seat from being declared vacant so long as the individual receives the consent of a quorum of the City Council for the extended absence. If the Council consents to the individual's absence, a vacancy cannot be declared during the period in which consent was provided. It is my understanding that there are several individuals on the Council who are anticipated to leave town for an extended period of time over the next months. I was asked to prepare a resolution which, if adopted, will function as the Council's consent to those absences. That resolution is attached to this e-mail.

In regard to vacancies due to meeting absences, however, there is no "cure" for being absent from all of the City Council meetings within a 60-day period. In such occurrence, the position may immediately be declared vacant by the City Council. Once vacant, the seat may be filled by any appointee chosen by a majority of the City Council. The reason for this vacancy provision is, in part, because attending meetings where formal action may be taken is one of the primary duties of an individual holding a seat on the City Council. If enough individuals are absent, a quorum cannot be convened, and the City Council cannot do its work. The Council cannot consent to an individual's extended absence from meetings. At this time, however, the City Council is convening meetings virtually, and there is no requirement to attend virtual meetings from a particular location. Members of the City Council may attend virtual meetings from any location, and so long as they attend virtually they will not be considered absent from the meeting for purposes of the vacancy provision of the Charter.

Virtual meetings are allowed as an authorized activity under the City's current state of emergency. It is important to keep the emergency resolution in place to authorize the virtual meetings because the City Code would otherwise require in-person meetings to be physically held within the City of Mosier. Beyond the required local authorization, the State Legislature has authorized virtual meetings under House Bill 4212 (2020), which authorization expires 30 days after the date of the Governor's state of emergency declaration (including any extensions thereof) is no longer in effect. I attached HB 4212 to this e-mail for your reference. This was a legislative codification of one of Governor Brown's previously adopted executive orders which authorized the same activities.

In sum, the attached resolution would authorize any (or all) individual members of the City Council to remain outside of the city limits for an extended period of time without having their position declared vacant. All members of the City Council will still need to attend meetings, which can be remotely, so long as remote meetings continue to be authorized and all members are still subject to the Charter provision regarding meeting attendance.

I'm happy to attend all or a portion of the meeting on Wednesday or answer questions in the meantime.

Thank you,



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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to strategies to protect Oregonians from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; creating new provisions; amending ORS 18.784, 93.810, 194.225, 194.290, 194.305, 194.400 and 458.685; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL GOVERNMENT BODY
PUBLIC MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS**

SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 192.610 to 192.690, the governing body of a public body may hold all meetings by telephone or video conferencing technology or through some other electronic or virtual means. When a governing body meets using telephone or video conferencing technology, or through other electronic or virtual means, the public body shall make available a method by which the public can listen to or observe the meeting. If a governing body meets using telephone or video conferencing technology, or through other electronic or virtual means:

(a) The public body does not have to provide a physical space for the public to attend the meeting; and

(b) If the telephone or video conferencing technology allows the public body to do so, the public body shall record the meeting and make the recording available to the public. This paragraph does not apply to executive sessions.

(2) If the governing body of the public body elects not to use telephone or video conferencing technology or other electronic or virtual means to conduct meetings, all persons attending meetings held in person must maintain social distancing, including maintaining intervals of six feet or more between individuals, wherever possible.

(3) For any executive session at which the media are permitted to attend, whether conducted in person or using electronic or virtual means, the governing body shall provide a means for media to attend the executive session through telephone or other electronic or virtual means.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS 192.610 to 192.690 or any other applicable law or policy, any public testimony or comment taken during a meeting need not be taken in person if the public body provides an opportunity to submit testimony or comment by telephone or video conferencing technology, or through other electronic or virtual means, or provides a means

of submitting written testimony, including by electronic mail or other electronic methods, and the governing body is able to consider the submitted testimony in a timely manner.

(5) Notwithstanding any requirement that establishes a quorum required for a governing body to act, the minimum number of members of a governing body required for the body to act shall exclude any member unable to attend because of illness due to COVID-19.

(6) If the public health threat underlying the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor on March 8, 2020, or compliance with an executive order issued under ORS 401.165 to 401.236 in connection with that emergency, causes a municipal corporation or council of governments to fail to comply with ORS 294.305 to 294.565 or 294.900 to 294.930, the municipal corporation or council of governments may make reasonable expenditures for continued operations within the existing or most recently adopted budget, provided that any failure to comply with ORS 294.305 to 294.565 or 294.900 to 294.930 is cured as soon as is reasonably practicable.

(7) Notwithstanding ORS 221.770, a city may satisfy the requirements of holding a public hearing under ORS 221.770 (1)(b) and (c) by holding the hearing in accordance with this section and by making certification to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services as soon as is reasonably practicable after the city adopts its budget.

(8) As used in this section:

(a) Terms used in this section have the meanings given those terms in ORS 192.610, except that “public body” excludes the state or any board, department, commission, council, bureau, committee, subcommittee, advisory group or other agency of the state.

(b) “Budget” and “municipal corporation” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 294.311.

(c) “Council of governments” has the meaning given that term in ORS 294.900.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2020 special session Act is repealed 30 days after the date on which the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor on March 8, 2020, and any extension of the declaration, is no longer in effect.

GARNISHMENT MODIFICATIONS

SECTION 3. ORS 18.784 is amended to read:

18.784. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, if a writ of garnishment is delivered to a financial institution that has an account of the debtor, the financial institution shall conduct a garnishment account review of all accounts in the name of the debtor before taking any other action that may affect funds in those accounts. If the financial institution determines from the garnishment account review that one or more payments described in subsection (3) of this section were deposited in an account of the debtor by direct deposit or electronic payment during the lookback period described in subsection (2) of this section, an amount equal to the lesser of the sum of those payments or the total balance in the debtor’s account is not subject to garnishment.

(2)(a) The provisions of this section apply *[only]* to payments described in subsection (3)(a) to (f) of this section that are deposited during the lookback period that ends on the day before the day on which the garnishment account review is conducted and begins on:

[(a)] (A) The day in the second calendar month preceding the month in which the garnishment account review is conducted, that has the same number as the day on which the period ends; or

[(b)] (B) If there is no day as described in *[paragraph (a) of this subsection,]* **subparagraph (A) of this paragraph**, the last day of the second calendar month preceding the month in which the garnishment account review is conducted.

(b) **The provisions of this section apply to payments described in subsection (3)(g) of this section that are deposited during the lookback period that ends on the day before the day on which the garnishment account review is conducted and begins on March 8, 2020.**

(3) The provisions of this section apply only to:

(a) Federal benefit payments;

- (b) Payments from a public or private retirement plan as defined in ORS 18.358;
- (c) Public assistance or medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025, payments from the State of Oregon or an agency of the State of Oregon;
- (d) Unemployment compensation payments from the State of Oregon or an agency of the State of Oregon;
- (e) Black lung benefits payments from the United States Department of Labor; *[and]*
- (f) Workers' compensation payments from a workers' compensation carrier[.]; **and**
- (g) **Recovery rebate payments made under section 2201(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136) deposited in an account of the debtor at any time, unless:**

(A) The writ of garnishment is issued to collect:

- (i) **A judgment in a criminal action that requires the defendant to pay restitution; or**
- (ii) **A civil judgment against a person who has been convicted of a crime if the civil judgment is based on the same underlying facts as the conviction; and**

(B) The writ of garnishment contains the following statement: "This Garnishment Has Been Issued to Collect a Criminal Money Judgment that Awards Restitution or a Civil Judgment Based on a Criminal Offense."

(4) The provisions of this section apply only to a payment that a financial institution can identify as being one of the types of payments described in subsection (3) of this section from information transmitted to the financial institution by the payor.

(5) A financial institution shall perform a garnishment account review only one time for a specific garnishment. If the same garnishment is served on a financial institution more than once, the financial institution may not perform a garnishment account review or take any other action relating to the garnishment based on the second and subsequent service of the garnishment.

(6) A financial institution may not conduct a garnishment account review under this section if a Notice of Right to Garnish Federal Benefits from the United States Government or from a state child support enforcement agency is attached to or included in the garnishment as provided in 31 C.F.R. part 212. If a Notice of Right to Garnish Federal Benefits is attached to or included in the garnishment, the financial institution shall proceed on the garnishment as otherwise provided in ORS 18.600 to 18.850.

(7) The provisions of this section do not affect the ability of a debtor to claim any exemption that otherwise may be available to the debtor under law for any amounts in an account in a financial institution.

SECTION 4. ORS 18.784, as amended by section 3 of this 2020 special session Act, is amended to read:

18.784. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, if a writ of garnishment is delivered to a financial institution that has an account of the debtor, the financial institution shall conduct a garnishment account review of all accounts in the name of the debtor before taking any other action that may affect funds in those accounts. If the financial institution determines from the garnishment account review that one or more payments described in subsection (3) of this section were deposited in an account of the debtor by direct deposit or electronic payment during the lookback period described in subsection (2) of this section, an amount equal to the lesser of the sum of those payments or the total balance in the debtor's account is not subject to garnishment.

(2)~~[(a)]~~ The provisions of this section apply **only** to payments described in subsection (3)~~[(a) to (f)]~~ of this section that are deposited during the lookback period that ends on the day before the day on which the garnishment account review is conducted and begins on:

~~[(A)]~~ **(a)** The day in the second calendar month preceding the month in which the garnishment account review is conducted, that has the same number as the day on which the period ends; or

~~[(B)]~~ **(b)** If there is no day as described in ~~[subparagraph (A) of this paragraph,]~~ **paragraph (a) of this subsection**, the last day of the second calendar month preceding the month in which the garnishment account review is conducted.

[(b) The provisions of this section apply to payments described in subsection (3)(g) of this section that are deposited during the lookback period that ends on the day before the day on which the garnishment account review is conducted and begins on March 8, 2020.]

(3) The provisions of this section apply only to:

(a) Federal benefit payments;

(b) Payments from a public or private retirement plan as defined in ORS 18.358;

(c) Public assistance or medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025, payments from the State of Oregon or an agency of the State of Oregon;

(d) Unemployment compensation payments from the State of Oregon or an agency of the State of Oregon;

(e) Black lung benefits payments from the United States Department of Labor; **and**

(f) Workers' compensation payments from a workers' compensation carrier[; and].

[(g) Recovery rebate payments made under section 2201(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136) deposited in an account of the debtor at any time, unless:]

[(A) The writ of garnishment is issued to collect:]

[(i) A judgment in a criminal action that requires the defendant to pay restitution; or]

[(ii) A civil judgment against a person who has been convicted of a crime if the civil judgment is based on the same underlying facts as the conviction; and]

[(B) The writ of garnishment contains the following statement: "This Garnishment Has Been Issued to Collect a Criminal Money Judgment that Awards Restitution or a Civil Judgment Based on a Criminal Offense."]

(4) The provisions of this section apply only to a payment that a financial institution can identify as being one of the types of payments described in subsection (3) of this section from information transmitted to the financial institution by the payor.

(5) A financial institution shall perform a garnishment account review only one time for a specific garnishment. If the same garnishment is served on a financial institution more than once, the financial institution may not perform a garnishment account review or take any other action relating to the garnishment based on the second and subsequent service of the garnishment.

(6) A financial institution may not conduct a garnishment account review under this section if a Notice of Right to Garnish Federal Benefits from the United States Government or from a state child support enforcement agency is attached to or included in the garnishment as provided in 31 C.F.R. part 212. If a Notice of Right to Garnish Federal Benefits is attached to or included in the garnishment, the financial institution shall proceed on the garnishment as otherwise provided in ORS 18.600 to 18.850.

(7) The provisions of this section do not affect the ability of a debtor to claim any exemption that otherwise may be available to the debtor under law for any amounts in an account in a financial institution.

SECTION 5. (1) The amendments to ORS 18.784 by section 4 of this 2020 special session Act become operative on September 30, 2020.

(2) The amendments to ORS 18.784 by section 3 of this 2020 special session Act apply to garnishments issued on or before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDING EXTENSIONS AND ELECTRONIC APPEARANCES

SECTION 6. (1)(a) Notwithstanding any other statute or rule to the contrary, during the time in which any declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor related to COVID-19, and any extension of the declaration, is in effect, and continuing for 60 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect, and upon a finding of good cause, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may extend or suspend any time period or time requirement established by statute or rule that:

(A) Applies in any case, action or proceeding after the case, action or proceeding is initiated in any circuit court, the Oregon Tax Court, the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court;

(B) Applies to the initiation of an appeal to the magistrate division of the Oregon Tax Court or an appeal from the magistrate division to the regular division;

(C) Applies to the initiation of an appeal or judicial review proceeding in the Court of Appeals; or

(D) Applies to the initiation of any type of case or proceeding in the Supreme Court.

(b) The Chief Justice may extend or suspend a time period or time requirement under this subsection notwithstanding the fact that the date of the time period or time requirement has already passed as of the effective date of this 2020 special session Act.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 133.060 (1), during the time in which any declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor related to COVID-19, and any extension of the declaration, is in effect, and continuing for 90 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect, the date specified in a criminal citation on which a person served with the citation shall appear may be more than 30 days after the date the citation was issued.

(b) During the time in which any declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor related to COVID-19, and any extension of the declaration, is in effect, and continuing for 60 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect, the presiding judge of a circuit court may, upon the motion of a party or the court's own motion, and upon a finding of good cause, postpone the date of appearance described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for all proceedings within the jurisdiction of the court.

(3)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 136.290 and 136.295, and subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, during the time in which any declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor related to COVID-19, and any extension of the declaration, is in effect, and continuing for 60 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect, the presiding judge of a circuit court may, upon the motion of a party or its own motion, and upon a finding of good cause, order an extension of custody and postponement of the date of the trial beyond the time limits described in ORS 136.290 and 136.295.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, for a defendant to whom ORS 136.290 and 136.295 applies, the presiding judge may not extend custody and postpone the defendant's trial date if, as a result, the defendant will be held in custody before trial for more than a total of 180 days, unless the court holds a hearing and proceeds as follows:

(A) If the defendant is charged with a violent felony, the court may deny release upon making the findings described in ORS 135.240 (4), notwithstanding the fact that a court did not previously make such findings; or

(B) If the defendant is charged with a person crime, the court may set a trial date that results in the defendant being held in custody before trial for more than a total of 180 days, but not more than a total of 240 days, if the court:

(i) Determines the extension of custody is based upon good cause due to circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, public health measures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic or a situation described in ORS 136.295 (4)(b) caused by or related to COVID-19; and

(ii) Finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that there is a substantial and specific danger of physical injury or sexual victimization to the victim or members of the public by the defendant if the defendant is released, and that no release condition, or combination of release conditions, is available that would sufficiently mitigate the danger.

(c) The result of a hearing held pursuant to this subsection does not affect the ability of a party to request a modification of the release decision under ORS 135.285.

(d) This subsection does not authorize a defendant to be held in custody before trial for a period longer than the maximum term of imprisonment the defendant could receive as a sentence under ORS 161.605 and 161.615.

(e) If the court proceeds under paragraph (b)(B) of this subsection, the defendant shall continue to be eligible for security release and the court may maintain, lower or raise the security amount at the hearing.

(f) As used in this subsection:

(A) “Good cause” means situations described in ORS 136.295 (4)(b), circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or public health measures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

(B) “Person crime” means a person felony or person Class A misdemeanor, as those terms are defined in the rules of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

(C) “Release decision” has the meaning given that term in ORS 135.230.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding any other statute or rule to the contrary, during the time in which any declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor related to COVID-19, and any extension of the declaration, is in effect, and continuing for 90 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect, the Chief Justice may direct or permit any appearance before a court or magistrate to be by telephone, other two-way electronic communication device or simultaneous electronic transmission.

(b) If an appearance is set to occur by electronic means as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, a presiding judge may instead order that the appearance be in person if, upon the request of a party, the presiding judge determines that there is a particular need for an in-person hearing or that a party has a constitutional right to an in-person hearing.

(5) The Chief Justice may delegate the exercise of any of the powers described in this section to the presiding judge of a court.

(6) Nothing in this section affects the rights of a defendant under the Oregon and United States Constitutions.

SECTION 7. (1) If the expiration of the time to commence an action or give notice of a claim falls within the time in which any declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor related to COVID-19, and any extension of the declaration, is in effect, or within 90 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect, the expiration of the time to commence the action or give notice of the claim is extended to a date 90 days after the declaration and any extension is no longer in effect.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to:

(a) Time periods for commencing an action established in ORS chapter 12;

(b) The time period for commencing an action for wrongful death established in ORS 30.020;

(c) The time period for commencing an action or giving a notice of claim under ORS 30.275; and

(d) Any other time limitation for the commencement of a civil cause of action or the giving of notice of a civil claim established by statute.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Time limitations for the commencement of criminal actions;

(b) The initiation of an appeal to the magistrate division of the Oregon Tax Court or an appeal from the magistrate division to the regular division;

(c) The initiation of an appeal or judicial review proceeding in the Court of Appeals; or

(d) The initiation of any type of case or proceeding in the Supreme Court.

SECTION 8. (1) Sections 6 and 7 of this 2020 special session Act are repealed on December 31, 2021.

(2) The repeal of section 6 of this 2020 special session Act by subsection (1) of this section does not affect the release status of a defendant determined under section 6 (3) of this 2020 special session Act.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

SECTION 9. ORS 446.265 and sections 10 and 11 of this 2020 special session Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 197.

SECTION 10. (1) As used in this section and section 11 of this 2020 special session Act, “emergency shelter” means a building that provides shelter on a temporary basis for individuals and families who lack permanent housing.

(2) A building used as an emergency shelter under an approval granted under section 11 of this 2020 special session Act:

(a) May resume its use as an emergency shelter after an interruption or abandonment of that use for two years or less, notwithstanding ORS 215.130 (7).

(b) May not be used for any purpose other than as an emergency shelter except upon application for a permit demonstrating that the construction of the building and its use could be approved under current land use laws and local land use regulations.

SECTION 11. (1) A local government shall approve an application for the development or use of land for an emergency shelter on any property, notwithstanding ORS chapter 195, 197, 215 or 227 or ORS 197A.300 to 197A.325, 197A.405 to 197A.409 or 197A.500 to 197A.521 or any statewide land use planning goal, rule of the Land Conservation and Development Commission, local land use regulation, zoning ordinance, regional framework plan, functional plan or comprehensive plan, if the emergency shelter:

(a) Includes sleeping and restroom facilities for clients;

(b) Will comply with applicable building codes;

(c) Is located inside an urban growth boundary or in an area zoned for rural residential use as defined in ORS 215.501;

(d) Will not result in the development of a new building that is sited within an area designated under a statewide land use planning goal relating to natural disasters and hazards, including floodplains or mapped environmental health hazards, unless the development complies with regulations directly related to the hazard;

(e) Has adequate transportation access to commercial and medical services; and

(f) Will not pose any unreasonable risk to public health or safety.

(2) An emergency shelter allowed under this section must be operated by:

(a) A local government as defined in ORS 174.116;

(b) An organization with at least two years’ experience operating an emergency shelter using best practices that is:

(A) A local housing authority as defined in ORS 456.375;

(B) A religious corporation as defined in ORS 65.001; or

(C) A public benefit corporation, as defined in ORS 65.001, whose charitable purpose includes the support of homeless individuals and that has been recognized as exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code on or before January 1, 2017; or

(c) A nonprofit corporation partnering with any other entity described in this subsection.

(3) An emergency shelter approved under this section:

(a) May provide on-site for its clients and at no cost to the clients:

(A) Showering or bathing;

(B) Storage for personal property;

(C) Laundry facilities;

(D) Service of food prepared on-site or off-site;

(E) Recreation areas for children and pets;

(F) Case management services for housing, financial, vocational, educational or physical or behavioral health care services; or

(G) Any other services incidental to shelter.

(b) May include youth shelters, veterans’ shelters, winter or warming shelters, day shelters and family violence shelter homes as defined in ORS 409.290.

(4) An emergency shelter approved under this section may also provide additional services not described in subsection (3) of this section to individuals who are transitioning from

unsheltered homeless status. An organization providing services under this subsection may charge a fee of no more than \$300 per month per client and only to clients who are financially able to pay the fee and who request the services.

(5) The approval of an emergency shelter under this section is not a land use decision and is subject to review only under ORS 34.010 to 34.100.

SECTION 12. Sections 10 and 11 of this 2020 special session Act are repealed 90 days after the effective date of this 2020 special session Act.

SECTION 12a. The repeal of sections 10 and 11 of this 2020 special session Act by section 12 of this 2020 special session Act does not affect an application for the development of land for an emergency shelter that was completed and submitted before the date of the repeal.

SECTION 13. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 203.082 (2), a political subdivision may allow any person to offer any number of overnight camping spaces on the person's property to homeless individuals who are living in vehicles, without regard to whether the motor vehicle was designed for use as temporary living quarters. A religious institution offering camping space under this section shall also provide campers with access to sanitary facilities, including toilet, handwashing and trash disposal facilities.

(2) A local government may regulate vehicle camping spaces under this section as transitional housing accommodations under ORS 446.265.

SECTION 14. Section 13 of this 2020 special session Act is repealed 90 days after the effective date of this 2020 special session Act.

SECTION 15. Section 16 of this 2020 special session Act is added to and made a part of ORS 458.600 to 458.665.

SECTION 16. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Low-barrier emergency shelter" means an emergency shelter, as defined in section 10 of this 2020 special session Act, that follows established best practices to deliver shelter services that minimize barriers and increase access to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

(b) "Navigation center" means a low-barrier emergency shelter that is open seven days per week and connects individuals and families with health services, permanent housing and public benefits.

(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services may award grants to local governments to:

- (a) Plan the location, development or operations of a navigation center;
- (b) Construct, purchase or lease a building for use as a navigation center;
- (c) Operate a navigation center that has been constructed, purchased or leased under paragraph (b) of this subsection; or
- (d) Contract for the performance of activities described in this subsection.

SECTION 17. Section 16 of this 2020 special session Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.

NOTE: Section 18 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

NOTARIAL ACTS

SECTION 19. Section 20 of this 2020 special session Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 194.

SECTION 20. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Communication technology" means an electronic device or process that:
 - (A) Allows a notary public and a remotely located individual to communicate with each other simultaneously by sight and sound; and
 - (B) When necessary and consistent with other applicable law, facilitates communication with a remotely located individual who has a visual, hearing or speech impairment.
- (b) "Foreign state" means a jurisdiction other than the United States, a state or a federally recognized Indian tribe.

(c) “Identity proofing” means a process or service by which a third person provides a notary public with a means to verify the identity of a remotely located individual by a review of personal information from public or private data sources.

(d) “Outside the United States” means a location outside the geographic boundaries of the United States, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands and any territory, insular possession or other location subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(e) “Remotely located individual” means an individual who is not in the physical presence of the notary public who performs a notarial act under subsection (3) of this section.

(2) A remotely located individual may comply with ORS 194.235 by using communication technology to appear before a notary public.

(3) A notary public located in this state may perform a notarial act using communication technology for a remotely located individual if:

(a) The notary public:

(A) Has personal knowledge under ORS 194.240 (1) of the identity of the remotely located individual;

(B) Has satisfactory evidence of the identity of the remotely located individual by a verification on oath or affirmation from a credible witness appearing before and identified by the notary public as a remotely located individual under this section or in the physical presence of the notary public under ORS 194.240 (2); or

(C) Has obtained satisfactory evidence of the identity of the remotely located individual by using at least two different types of identity proofing;

(b) The notary public is reasonably able to confirm that a record before the notary public is the same record in which the remotely located individual made a statement or on which the individual executed a signature;

(c) The notary public, or a person acting on behalf of the notary public, creates an audiovisual recording of the performance of the notarial act; and

(d) For a remotely located individual who is located outside the United States:

(A) The record:

(i) Is to be filed with or relates to a matter before a public official or court, governmental entity or other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; or

(ii) Involves property located in the territorial jurisdiction of the United States or involves a transaction substantially connected with the United States; and

(B) The act of making the statement or signing the record is not prohibited by the foreign state in which the remotely located individual is located.

(4) If a notarial act is performed under this section, the certificate of notarial act required by ORS 194.280 and the short form certificate provided in ORS 194.285 must indicate that the notarial act was performed using communication technology.

(5) A short form certificate provided in ORS 194.285 for a notarial act subject to this section is sufficient if it:

(a) Complies with rules adopted under subsection (8)(a) of this section; or

(b) Is in the form provided in ORS 194.285 and contains a statement substantially as follows: “This notarial act involved the use of communication technology.”

(6) A notary public, a guardian, conservator, trustee or agent of a notary public, or a personal representative of a deceased notary public shall retain the audiovisual recording created under subsection (3)(c) of this section or cause the recording to be retained by a repository designated by or on behalf of the person required to retain the recording. Unless a different period is required by rule adopted under subsection (8)(d) of this section, the recording must be maintained for a period of at least 10 years after the recording is made.

(7) Before a notary public performs the notary public’s initial notarial act under this section, the notary public shall notify the Secretary of State that the notary public will be performing notarial acts with respect to remotely located individuals and identify the technologies the notary public intends to use. If the Secretary of State has established standards

under subsection (8) of this section or ORS 194.360 for approval of communication technology or identity proofing, the communication technology and identity proofing used by the notary public must conform to those standards.

(8) In addition to adopting rules under ORS 194.360, the Secretary of State may adopt rules under this section regarding the performance of a notarial act. The rules may:

(a) Prescribe the means of performing a notarial act involving a remotely located individual using communication technology;

(b) Establish standards for communication technology and identity proofing;

(c) Establish requirements or procedures to approve providers of communication technology and the process of identity proofing; and

(d) Establish standards and a period for the retention of an audiovisual recording created under subsection (3)(c) of this section.

(9) Before adopting, amending or repealing a rule governing the performance of a notarial act with respect to a remotely located individual, the Secretary of State shall consider:

(a) The most recent standards regarding the performance of a notarial act with respect to a remotely located individual promulgated by national standard-setting organizations and the recommendations of the National Association of Secretaries of State;

(b) Standards, practices and customs of other jurisdictions that have laws substantially similar to this section; and

(c) The views of governmental officials and entities and other interested persons.

SECTION 21. ORS 194.225 is amended to read:

194.225. (1) A notarial officer may perform a notarial act authorized by this chapter or by law of this state other than this chapter.

(2) A notarial officer may not perform a notarial act with respect to a record to which the officer or the officer's spouse is a party, or in which either the officer or the officer's spouse has a direct beneficial interest. A notarial act performed in violation of this subsection is voidable.

(3) **A notarial officer may certify that a tangible copy of an electronic record is an accurate copy of the electronic record.**

SECTION 22. ORS 194.225, as amended by section 21 of this 2020 special session Act, is amended to read:

194.225. (1) A notarial officer may perform a notarial act authorized by this chapter or by law of this state other than this chapter.

(2) A notarial officer may not perform a notarial act with respect to a record to which the officer or the officer's spouse is a party, or in which either the officer or the officer's spouse has a direct beneficial interest. A notarial act performed in violation of this subsection is voidable.

[(3) A notarial officer may certify that a tangible copy of an electronic record is an accurate copy of the electronic record.]

SECTION 23. ORS 194.290 is amended to read:

194.290. (1) The official stamp of a notary public must:

[(1)] (a) Include the notary public's name, jurisdiction, commission expiration date and other information required by the Secretary of State by rule; and

[(2)] (b) Be a legible imprint capable of being copied together with the record to which it is affixed or attached or with which it is logically associated.

(2) The official stamp of a notary public is an official notarial seal for all purposes under the laws of this state.

SECTION 24. ORS 194.290, as amended by section 23 of this 2020 special session Act, is amended to read:

194.290. [(1)] The official stamp of a notary public must:

[(a)] (1) Include the notary public's name, jurisdiction, commission expiration date and other information required by the Secretary of State by rule; and

[(b)] (2) Be a legible imprint capable of being copied together with the record to which it is affixed or attached or with which it is logically associated.

[(2) The official stamp of a notary public is an official notarial seal for all purposes under the laws of this state.]

SECTION 25. ORS 194.305 is amended to read:

194.305. (1) A notary public may select one or more tamper-evident technologies to perform notarial acts with respect to electronic records. A person may not require a notary public to perform a notarial act with respect to an electronic record with a technology that the notary public has not selected.

(2) Before a notary public performs the notary public's initial notarial act with respect to an electronic record, a notary public shall notify the Secretary of State that the notary public will be performing notarial acts with respect to electronic records and identify the technology the notary public intends to use. If the Secretary of State, by rule, has established standards pursuant to ORS 194.360 for approval of technology, the technology must conform to the standards. If the technology conforms to the standards, the Secretary of State shall approve the use of the technology.

(3) A county clerk may accept for recording a tangible copy of an electronic record containing a notarial certificate as satisfying any requirement that a record accepted for recording be an original, if the notarial officer executing the notarial certificate certifies that the tangible copy is an accurate copy of the electronic record.

SECTION 26. ORS 194.305, as amended by section 25 of this 2020 special session Act, is amended to read:

194.305. (1) A notary public may select one or more tamper-evident technologies to perform notarial acts with respect to electronic records. A person may not require a notary public to perform a notarial act with respect to an electronic record with a technology that the notary public has not selected.

(2) Before a notary public performs the notary public's initial notarial act with respect to an electronic record, a notary public shall notify the Secretary of State that the notary public will be performing notarial acts with respect to electronic records and identify the technology the notary public intends to use. If the Secretary of State, by rule, has established standards pursuant to ORS 194.360 for approval of technology, the technology must conform to the standards. If the technology conforms to the standards, the Secretary of State shall approve the use of the technology.

[(3) A county clerk may accept for recording a tangible copy of an electronic record containing a notarial certificate as satisfying any requirement that a record accepted for recording be an original, if the notarial officer executing the notarial certificate certifies that the tangible copy is an accurate copy of the electronic record.]

SECTION 27. A tangible copy of an electronic record containing a notarial certificate that is accepted for recording by a county clerk before the effective date of this 2020 special session Act satisfies any requirement that the record be an original, if the notarial officer executing the notarial certificate certifies that the tangible copy is an accurate copy of the electronic record.

SECTION 28. ORS 93.810 is amended to read:

93.810. The following are subjects of validating or curative Acts applicable to this chapter:

- (1) Evidentiary effect and recordation of conveyances before 1854.
- (2) Evidentiary effect and recordation of certified copies of deeds issued by the State Land Board before 1885 where the original deed was lost.
- (3) Defective acknowledgments of married women to conveyances before 1891.
- (4) Foreign instruments executed before 1903.
- (5) Deeds of married women before 1907, validity; executed under power of attorney and record as evidence.
- (6) Conveyances by reversioners and remainderpersons to life tenant.
- (7) Decrees or judgments affecting lands in more than one county.
- (8) Irregular deeds and conveyances; defective acknowledgments; irregularities in judicial sales; sales and deeds of executors, personal representatives, administrators, conservators and guardians; vested rights arising by adverse title; recordation.

- (9) Defective acknowledgments.
- (10) Title to lands from or through aliens.
- (11) An instrument that is presented for recording as an electronic image or by electronic means and that is recorded before June 16, 2011.

(12) A tangible copy of an electronic record containing a notarial certificate that is accepted for recording by a county clerk before the effective date of this 2020 special session Act.

SECTION 29. ORS 93.810, as amended by section 28 of this 2020 special session Act, is amended to read:

93.810. The following are subjects of validating or curative Acts applicable to this chapter:

- (1) Evidentiary effect and recordation of conveyances before 1854.
- (2) Evidentiary effect and recordation of certified copies of deeds issued by the State Land Board before 1885 where the original deed was lost.
- (3) Defective acknowledgments of married women to conveyances before 1891.
- (4) Foreign instruments executed before 1903.
- (5) Deeds of married women before 1907, validity; executed under power of attorney and record as evidence.
- (6) Conveyances by reversioners and remainderpersons to life tenant.
- (7) Decrees or judgments affecting lands in more than one county.
- (8) Irregular deeds and conveyances; defective acknowledgments; irregularities in judicial sales; sales and deeds of executors, personal representatives, administrators, conservators and guardians; vested rights arising by adverse title; recordation.
- (9) Defective acknowledgments.
- (10) Title to lands from or through aliens.
- (11) An instrument that is presented for recording as an electronic image or by electronic means and that is recorded before June 16, 2011.

[(12) A tangible copy of an electronic record containing a notarial certificate that is accepted for recording by a county clerk before the effective date of this 2020 special session Act.]

SECTION 30. ORS 194.400 is amended to read:

194.400. (1) The fee that a notary public may charge for performing a notarial act may not exceed \$10 per notarial act, **except that a notary public may charge a fee not to exceed \$25 per notarial act for a notarial act performed under section 20 of this 2020 special session Act.**

(2) A notary public may charge an additional fee for traveling to perform a notarial act if:

- (a) The notary public explains to the person requesting the notarial act that the fee is in addition to a fee specified in subsection (1) of this section and is in an amount not determined by law; and
- (b) The person requesting the notarial act agrees in advance upon the amount of the additional fee.

(3) If a notary public charges fees under this section for performing notarial acts, the notary public shall display, in English, a list of the fees the notary public will charge.

(4) A notary public who is employed by a private entity may enter into an agreement with the entity under which fees collected by the notary public under this section are collected by and accrue to the entity.

(5) A public body as defined in ORS 174.109 may collect the fees described in this section for notarial acts performed in the course of employment by notaries public who are employed by the public body.

SECTION 31. ORS 194.400, as amended by section 30 of this 2020 special session Act, is amended to read:

194.400. (1) The fee that a notary public may charge for performing a notarial act may not exceed \$10 per notarial act, *except that a notary public may charge a fee not to exceed \$25 per notarial act for a notarial act performed under section 20 of this 2020 special session Act*.

(2) A notary public may charge an additional fee for traveling to perform a notarial act if:

(a) The notary public explains to the person requesting the notarial act that the fee is in addition to a fee specified in subsection (1) of this section and is in an amount not determined by law; and

(b) The person requesting the notarial act agrees in advance upon the amount of the additional fee.

(3) If a notary public charges fees under this section for performing notarial acts, the notary public shall display, in English, a list of the fees the notary public will charge.

(4) A notary public who is employed by a private entity may enter into an agreement with the entity under which fees collected by the notary public under this section are collected by and accrue to the entity.

(5) A public body as defined in ORS 174.109 may collect the fees described in this section for notarial acts performed in the course of employment by notaries public who are employed by the public body.

SECTION 32. (1) Sections 19, 20 and 27 of this 2020 special session Act are repealed on June 30, 2021.

(2) The amendments to ORS 93.810, 194.225, 194.290, 194.305 and 194.400 by sections 22, 24, 26, 29 and 31 of this 2020 special session Act become operative on June 30, 2021.

NOTE: Section 33 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

ENTERPRISE ZONE TERMINATION EXTENSIONS

SECTION 34. Section 35 of this 2020 special session Act is added to and made a part of ORS 285C.050 to 285C.250.

SECTION 35. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 285C.245 (2):

(a) An enterprise zone that would otherwise terminate on June 30, 2020, shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

(b) If this section takes effect after June 30, 2020, the sponsor of an enterprise zone that terminated on June 30, 2020, may rescind the termination and the enterprise zone shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 285C.250 (1)(a), the sponsor of an enterprise zone described in subsection (1) of this section may redesignate the enterprise zone under ORS 285C.250 on any date before January 1, 2021. The redesignation may not take effect before December 31, 2020.

(3) All other deadlines that relate to the termination date and redesignation of an enterprise zone described in subsection (1) of this section shall be interpreted as relating to December 31, 2020.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT MODIFICATIONS

SECTION 36. ORS 458.685 is amended to read:

458.685. (1) A person may establish an individual development account only for a purpose approved by a fiduciary organization. Purposes that the fiduciary organization may approve are:

(a) The acquisition of post-secondary education or job training.

(b) If the account holder has established the account for the benefit of a household member who is under the age of 18 years, the payment of extracurricular nontuition expenses designed to prepare the member for post-secondary education or job training.

(c) If the account holder has established a savings network account for higher education under ORS 178.300 to 178.360 on behalf of a designated beneficiary, the funding of qualified higher education expenses as defined in ORS 178.300 by one or more deposits into a savings network account for higher education on behalf of the same designated beneficiary.

(d) The purchase of a primary residence. In addition to payment on the purchase price of the residence, account moneys may be used to pay any usual or reasonable settlement, financing or

other closing costs. The account holder must not have owned or held any interest in a residence during the three years prior to making the purchase. However, this three-year period shall not apply to displaced homemakers, individuals who have lost home ownership as a result of divorce or owners of manufactured homes.

(e) The rental of a primary residence when housing stability is essential to achieve state policy goals. Account moneys may be used for security deposits, first and last months' rent, application fees and other expenses necessary to move into the primary residence, as specified in the account holder's personal development plan for increasing the independence of the person.

(f) The capitalization of a small business. Account moneys may be used for capital, plant, equipment and inventory expenses and to hire employees upon capitalization of the small business, or for working capital pursuant to a business plan. The business plan must have been developed by a financial institution, nonprofit microenterprise program or other qualified agent demonstrating business expertise and have been approved by the fiduciary organization. The business plan must include a description of the services or goods to be sold, a marketing plan and projected financial statements.

(g) Improvements, repairs or modifications necessary to make or keep the account holder's primary dwelling habitable, accessible or visitable for the account holder or a household member. This paragraph does not apply to improvements, repairs or modifications made to a rented primary dwelling to achieve or maintain a habitable condition for which ORS 90.320 (1) places responsibility on the landlord. As used in this paragraph, "accessible" and "visitable" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 456.508.

(h) The purchase of equipment, technology or specialized training required to become competitive in obtaining or maintaining employment or to start or maintain a business, as specified in the account holder's personal development plan for increasing the independence of the person.

(i) The purchase or repair of a vehicle, as specified in the account holder's personal development plan for increasing the independence of the person.

(j) The saving of funds for retirement, as specified in the account holder's personal development plan for increasing the independence of the person.

(k) The payment of debts owed for educational or medical purposes when the account holder is saving for another allowable purpose, as specified in the account holder's personal development plan for increasing the independence of the person.

(L) The creation or improvement of a credit score by obtaining a secured loan or a financial product that is designed to improve credit, as specified in the account holder's personal development plan for increasing the independence of the person.

(m) The replacement of a primary residence when replacement offers significant opportunity to improve habitability or energy efficiency.

(n) The establishment of savings for emergency expenses to promote financial stability and to protect existing assets. As used in this paragraph, "emergency expenses" includes expenses for extraordinary medical costs or other unexpected and substantial personal expenses that would significantly impact the account holder's noncash assets, health, housing or standard of living if not promptly addressed.

(2)(a) *[If an emergency occurs,]* An account holder may withdraw all or part of the account holder's deposits to an individual development account for *[a purpose not described in subsection (1) of this section. As used in this paragraph, "emergency" includes making payments for necessary medical expenses, to avoid eviction of the account holder from the account holder's residence and for necessary living expenses following a loss of employment.]* **emergency expenses as defined in subsection (1)(n) of this section, without regard to whether the account was established for emergency savings.**

(b) The account holder must reimburse *[the account]* **an account established for a purpose listed under subsection (1)(a) to (m) of this section** for the amount withdrawn under this subsection *[within 12 months after the date of the withdrawal. Failure of an account holder to make a timely reimbursement to the account is grounds for removing the account holder from the individual*

development account program]. Until the reimbursement has been made in full, an account holder may not withdraw any matching deposits or accrued interest on matching deposits from the account **except under this subsection.**

(3) If an account holder withdraws moneys from an individual development account for other than an approved purpose, the fiduciary organization may remove the account holder from the program.

(4)(a) If the account holder of an account established for the purpose set forth in subsection (1)(c) or (j) of this section has achieved the account's approved purpose in accordance with the personal development plan developed by the account holder under ORS 458.680, the account holder may withdraw, or authorize the withdrawal of, the remaining amount of all deposits, including matching deposits, and interest in the account as follows:

(A) For an account established for the purpose set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section, by rolling over the entire withdrawal amount, not to exceed the limit established pursuant to ORS 178.335, into one or more of the savings network accounts for higher education under ORS 178.300 to 178.360, the establishment of which is the purpose of the individual development account; or

(B) For an account established for the purpose set forth in subsection (1)(j) of this section, by rolling over the entire withdrawal amount into an individual retirement account, a retirement plan or a similar account or plan established under the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Upon withdrawal of all moneys in the individual development account as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the account relationship shall terminate.

(c) The rollover of moneys into a savings network account for higher education under this subsection may not cause the amount in the savings network account for higher education to exceed the limit on total contributions established pursuant to ORS 178.335.

(d) Any amount of the rollover that has been subtracted on the taxpayer's federal return pursuant to section 219 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be added back in the determination of taxable income.

(5) If an account holder moves from the area where the program is conducted or is otherwise unable to continue in the program, the fiduciary organization may remove the account holder from the program.

(6) If an account holder is removed from the program under subsection [(2),] (3) or (5) of this section, all matching deposits in the account and all interest earned on matching deposits shall revert to the fiduciary organization. The fiduciary organization shall use the reverted funds as a source of matching deposits for other accounts.

NOTE: Sections 37 through 39 were deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SECTION 40. (1) As used in this section:

(a) **"COVID-19" means a disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).**

(b) **"Encounter" means an interaction between a patient, or the patient's legal representative, and a health care provider, whether that interaction is in person or through telemedicine, for the purpose of providing health care services related to COVID-19, including but not limited to ordering or performing a COVID-19 test.**

(c) **"Health care provider" means:**

(A) **An individual licensed or certified by the:**

(i) **State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;**

(ii) **State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;**

(iii) **State Board of Licensed Social Workers;**

(iv) **Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;**

- (v) Oregon Board of Dentistry;
- (vi) State Board of Massage Therapists;
- (vii) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
- (viii) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- (ix) Oregon Board of Optometry;
- (x) State Board of Pharmacy;
- (xi) Oregon Medical Board;
- (xii) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;
- (xiii) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy;
- (xiv) Oregon Board of Psychology; or
- (xv) Board of Medical Imaging;

(B) An emergency medical services provider licensed by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 682.216;

(C) A clinical laboratory licensed under ORS 438.110; and

(D) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015.

(d) “Telemedicine” means the delivery of a health service through a two-way communication medium, including but not limited to telephone, Voice over Internet Protocol, transmission of telemetry or any Internet or electronic platform that allows a provider to interact in real time with a patient, a parent or guardian of a patient or another provider acting on a patient’s behalf.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Requiring a health provider to:

(A) Collect encounter data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written language, English proficiency, interpreter needs and disability status in accordance with the standards adopted by the authority under ORS 413.161; and

(B) Report the data in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 433.004 for the reporting of diseases.

(b) Prescribing the manner of reporting.

(c) Ensuring, to the extent practicable, that the data collected and reported under this section by health care providers is not duplicative.

(d) Establishing phased in deadlines for the collection of data under this section, beginning no later than October 1, 2020.

(3) The authority may provide incentives to health care providers and facilities to help defer the costs of making changes to electronic health records or similar systems.

(4) Data collected by health care providers under this section is confidential and subject to disclosure only in accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations, 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, ORS 192.553 to 192.581 or other state or federal laws limiting the disclosure of health information.

SECTION 41. Section 40 of this 2020 special session Act may be enforced by any means permitted under the law by:

(1) A health professional regulatory board specified in section 40 of this 2020 special session Act with respect to a provider under the jurisdiction the board.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services with regard to health care facilities under each agency’s respective jurisdiction.

(3) The authority with regard to emergency medical services providers licensed under ORS 682.216 and clinical laboratories licensed under ORS 438.110.

SECTION 41a. Section 40 of this 2020 special session Act is amended to read:

Sec. 40. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “COVID-19” means a disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

(b) “Encounter” means an interaction between a patient, or the patient’s legal representative, and a health care provider, whether that interaction is in person or through telemedicine, for the

purpose of providing health care services related to COVID-19, including but not limited to ordering or performing a COVID-19 test.

(c) "Health care provider" means:

(A) An individual licensed or certified by the:

(i) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;

(ii) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(iii) State Board of Licensed Social Workers;

(iv) Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;

(v) Oregon Board of Dentistry;

(vi) State Board of Massage Therapists;

(vii) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;

(viii) Oregon State Board of Nursing;

(ix) Oregon Board of Optometry;

(x) State Board of Pharmacy;

(xi) Oregon Medical Board;

(xii) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;

(xiii) Oregon Board of Physical Therapy;

(xiv) Oregon Board of Psychology; or

(xv) Board of Medical Imaging;

(B) An emergency medical services provider licensed by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 682.216;

(C) A clinical laboratory licensed under ORS 438.110; and

(D) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015.

(d) "Telemedicine" means the delivery of a health service through a two-way communication medium, including but not limited to telephone, Voice over Internet Protocol, transmission of telemetry or any Internet or electronic platform that allows a provider to interact in real time with a patient, a parent or guardian of a patient or another provider acting on a patient's behalf.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Requiring a health provider to:

(A) Collect encounter data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written language, English proficiency, interpreter needs and disability status in accordance with the standards adopted by the authority under ORS 413.161; and

(B) Report the data in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 433.004 for the reporting of diseases.

(b) Prescribing the manner of reporting.

(c) Ensuring, to the extent practicable, that the data collected and reported under this section by health care providers is not duplicative.

[(d) Establishing phased in deadlines for the collection of data under this section, beginning no later than October 1, 2020.]

(3) The authority may provide incentives to health care providers and facilities to help defer the costs of making changes to electronic health records or similar systems.

(4) Data collected by health care providers under this section is confidential and subject to disclosure only in accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations, 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, ORS 192.553 to 192.581 or other state or federal laws limiting the disclosure of health information.

SECTION 41b. (1) Section 41 of this 2020 special session Act becomes operative on December 31, 2020.

(2) The amendments to section 40 of this 2020 special session Act by section 41a of this 2020 special session Act become operative on December 31, 2021.

SECTION 42. Section 43 of this 2020 special session Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance Code.

SECTION 43. An insurer transacting insurance in this state may not consider any information collected and reported under section 40 of this 2020 special session Act to:

- (1) Deny, limit, cancel, rescind or refuse to renew a policy of insurance;
- (2) Establish premium rates for a policy of insurance; or
- (3) Establish the terms and conditions of a policy of insurance.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

SECTION 44. Section 45 of this 2020 special session Act is added to and made a part of ORS 677.495 to 677.535.

SECTION 45. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 677.495 to 677.535, a physician assistant may, without entering into a practice agreement, perform services and provide patient care within the physician assistant's scope of practice in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.

(2) A physician assistant may perform services and provide patient care as described in subsection (1) of this section only in compliance with guidelines and standards established by one or more supervising physicians.

(3) A physician assistant who performs services and provides patient care under this section is exempt from any chart review and onsite supervision requirements described in ORS 677.495 to 677.535 or rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board pursuant to ORS 677.495 to 677.535.

(4) The board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 46. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Physician assistant":

(A) Has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.495; and

(B) Means a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant in another state or territory of the United States.

(b) "Telehealth" means the use of electronic and telecommunications technologies to provide health care services.

(2) A physician assistant may use telehealth to perform services for and provide patient care to a patient who is located across state lines from the physician assistant if the services and patient care are within the physician assistant's scope of practice.

(3) The Oregon Medical Board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 47. Sections 45 and 46 of this 2020 special session Act are repealed on the date on which the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor on March 8, 2020, and any extension of the declaration, is no longer in effect.

CAPTIONS

SECTION 48. The unit captions used in this 2020 special session Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2020 special session Act.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

SECTION 49. This 2020 special session Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 special session Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House June 26, 2020

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF MOSIER, OREGON**

Resolution No. _____

**Resolution Consenting to Extended Absences of Members of the City Council
from the City Limits of the City of Mosier**

WHEREAS, the Mosier City Charter (2010) requires the consent of the City Council for any individual member of the City Council to leave the limits of City of Mosier jurisdiction for a period of thirty days or more;

WHEREAS, the Mosier City Charter allows a vacancy to be declared on the City Council in the event of the absence of any individual member of the Council from all meetings of the City Council within a sixty-day period;

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier is currently under a state of emergency due to the public health and financial threats posed by the novel and infectious coronavirus contagion COVID-19, as declared by Resolution No. 2020-03 adopted on March 18, 2020, and subsequent addenda which have extended the state of emergency;

WHEREAS, under such state of emergency, the Mosier City Council is not holding in-person public meetings but is rather holding virtual meetings by video and audio means whereby the public, city staff, and members of the City Council may remotely attend meetings of the City Council;

WHEREAS, several members of the Mosier City Council are anticipated to be absent from the city limits of the City of Mosier for a period of thirty days or more in the upcoming months;

WHEREAS, the members of the Mosier City Council anticipated to have extended absences from the city limits are anticipated to attend meetings remotely from their location and to attend all or some of the City Council meetings within any given sixty-day period regardless of whether they are in an extended absence or are located within the city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOSIER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. **Authorization for Extended Absences from the City Limits.** The Mosier City Council hereby consents to the extended absence of any individual member(s) of the City Council from the city limits, from the period of the Effective Date of this Resolution through June 30, 2021. An “extended absence” for purposes of this Resolution means a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or more.

Section 2. Declaration of Vacancies During Extended Absences. The Mosier City Council shall not declare a position on the City Council to be vacant due solely to the extended absence of any individual member(s) of the City Council whose extended absence was authorized under this Resolution.

Section 3. Reservation of Right to Declare Vacancies for Extended Meeting Absences. If any individual member of the City Council is absent from all meetings of the City Council within any given sixty-day period, regardless of whether the individual is located within the city limits or is in an authorized extended absence, the Mosier City Council shall have the right to declare the seat vacant and appoint a new member of the City Council to assume the position as authorized by the City Charter.

Section 4: Effective Dates. This Resolution is effective as of the date of adoption and will remain in effect until June 30, 2021.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE MOSIER CITY COUNCIL

BY: _____ TITLE: _____

Attest: BY: _____ TITLE: _____

October 27, 2020

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Subject: City of Mosier Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Facilities Plan Amendment – 1st Submittal for DEQ Review - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. 101495

Dear Greg and Justin:

The City of Mosier has completed an amendment to its WWTP Facilities Plan. The City Council has approved the enclosed plan and will adopt it by resolution upon approval by DEQ. The Plan amendment was prepared by RH2 Engineering, Inc. The Plan was amended to address the following primary issues:

- The need for outfall improvements and the relationship of these improvements to conditions in the City's current NPDES permit.
- Solids handling problems and solutions.
- Nutrient removal objectives.
- Carbon footprint reduction goals.
- Short term asset replacement planning and associated financial planning.

The evaluation of outfall improvements was initiated for several reasons; including the location of the outfall in proximity to recreational river uses and a condition in the City's current NPDES permit which requires an outfall inspection by 12/31/21 and a mixing zone study by 7/1/2024. The City believes these issues may result in a requirement to extend the outfall further into the Columbia River. This improvement was evaluated in the enclosed Plan along with the alternative of Indirect Discharge. The Plan demonstrates that indirect discharge is a superior alternative. Not only is it less expensive; it has less impact on the environment. For instance; it will eliminate disturbance of the river bed during construction of an outfall extension. And, studies have shown that hyporheic discharge provides additional treatment by means of microbiological activity and reduced temperature impacts.

The City agrees that an outfall inspection should be conducted in 2021 to verify the integrity of the outfall pipe and the need for any repairs. The City would like DEQ to consider a deferral of the mixing zone study, as conditioned in our NPDES permit. The basis for this deferral request is the City's plan to

construct an indirect discharge improvement as described in the enclosed Plan in lieu of extending the outfall further into the river. The City believes a deferral is justified because the City intends to eliminate the outfall as a normal point of discharge. The City is willing to consider incorporation of a new condition in the next NPDES permit update – that being the requirement to construct the indirect discharge improvements beginning in 2030.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this Plan amendment. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincere Regards,

Arlene Burns, Mayor