



CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

6:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION –Jim Williams, Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Minutes** Consider approving the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2026, and the Special City Council Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Chamber of Commerce Liaison	(City Councilor Barb Hilty)
Community Relations: Community Center Liaison	(City Councilor Dee Copley)
Community Relations: Rogue River School District #35	(City Councilor Mark Minegar)
Community Relations: Jackson County Fire District #1	(City Councilor Grace Howell)
Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon	(City Administrator Ryan Nolan)
Finance Committee	(City Councilor Sherrie Moss)
Planning Commission Liaison	(City Councilor Barb Gregory)
Tree City Committee Liaison	(City Councilor Dee Copley)
Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation	(Mayor Pam VanArsdale)
Rogue Valley Council of Governments	(Mayor Pam VanArsdale)
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization	(Mayor Pam VanArsdale)

PUBLIC INPUT: *Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 2 Text Amendment** Consider approving a legislative land use item, Text Amendment 2026-01, amending the text of the municipal code adding a Commercial-Residential Zoning District and adding Commercial Design Standards in the Commercial Zoning District.



We are an AA/EOE and comply with Section 504 of the Rehab. Act of 1973

"Home of the National Rooster Crowing Contest"



ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

- 3 Ordinance** Consider adopting an ordinance, Ordinance 26-449-O, adopting text creating a Commercial-Zoning District, adding Commercial Design Standards in the Commercial Zoning District, and amending the City's zoning map converting sixty-one properties from the Commercial Zone to the Commercial-Residential Zone, and converting two properties from the Commercial Zone to the Public Zone.
- 4 Resolution** Consider approving a resolution, Resolution 26-1479-R, amending the Committee Rules of the City of Rogue River, adding a Tree City Liaison position.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660 (2)(a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q): {As/If Required}

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

- 5 Park** Consider approving a request to hang a temporary banner in Rooster Park from the Chamber of Commerce thanking firefighters for recent firefighting efforts.
- 6 Park Use** Consider approving a request for Rooster Park Pavilion to include amplified music, on September 19, 2026.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- 7 Tree City** Consider accepting the August 13, 2026, Tree City Committee minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT:

MAYOR COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

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If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please sign in before the start of the meeting.

ROGUE RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting which was called to order by Mayor Van Arsdale at 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION Pastor Lucas Bradburn, Creekside Bible Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor VanArsdale led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Grace Howell
City Councilor Mark Minegar
City Councilor Barb Hilty
City Councilor Barb Gregory
Mayor Pam VanArsdale

STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Nolan, City Administrator
Dave Rash, Police Chief
Diane Oliver, City Recorder

MEDIA PRESENT:

Chrissy Ewald, Daily Courier

AUDIENCE: Jerry Gay, Rogue River resident, April Harrison, Rogue River's new Superintendent, Colleen Roberts, Jackson County Commissioner, Dee Copley, Rogue River resident, Trent Carpenter, President and CEO of Southern Oregon Sanitation.

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes Consider approving the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2026, and the Special City Council Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2026.

Move by: Councilor Hilty, to approve with corrections on June 25th minutes, seconded by Councilor Howell

Vote: All ayes, none opposed,

City Council Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2026, and the Special City Council Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2026, are approved with corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Chamber of Commerce Liaison: City Councilor Barb Hilty reports that meeting was held on July 16th. Work is continuing to be done on the digital map. Stickers should be available soon. The Grange is getting the front porch and steps are being rebuilt. The work should be done on October 3rd. June 17th, 2027, will be the annual awards chamber banquet at Del Rio Winery in Gold Hill. Our next meeting is on August 6th at WBCP at 213 E Main Street in Rogue River.

Community Relations; Community Center Liaison: No Report as this position is vacant.

Rogue River School District #35: Councilor Mark Minegar reports that due to technical issues at the school meeting, there was not a report to give.

The mayor introduced April Harrison, Rogue River's new Superintendent, who was in the audience, and thanked her for joining us. April spoke about being thankful that this council has a member who attends the school meetings, and thought she would join our meeting, and thanked us for the support. She's excited to serve this community.

Community Relations; Jackson County Fire District #. 1: City Councilor Grace Howell reports that the meeting on July 8th was well attended. The Solar Grant has been awarded to True South Solar. There will be 180 Panels, and 13 poles. She provided a visual so the council could see where they would be placed on the ground. The new ambulance is in use as the other truck is being repaired. They are recruiting a new chief, and hope to have one at the end of July. There are ten properties being considered for annexation into Fire District 1 due to access. These properties fall within seven miles of JCFD1. The department received a Wildfire Season Grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal in the amount of \$35,000.00 to be used for staffing, and summer firefighting. There were twenty-six fire calls, and ninety-two ambulance calls.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECISO): Ryan Nolan reports that there was an inner governmental meeting on July 21st where a new chair was elected, Police Chief Jenn Snook from the city of Talent. Ryan believes it will be a good thing to have someone from a small jurisdiction representing which tends to have the most challenges with funding.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Sherrie Moss reports that between June 19th and July 18th, 2026, the finance committee met four times, issuing a total of eighty-seven checks, and ten electronic payments totaling \$283, 135.60.

Planning Commission Liaison: Councilor Barb Gregory has no update due to cancelled meeting.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): Mayor Pam Van Arsdale reports there was an interesting presentation from some local governments talking about transportation issues and challenges. Road's need repairing, and there's not enough money to do it. The mayor shared some interesting statistics with the council. Jackson County has nine hundred and fourteen miles of County roads to maintain. Of that number seven hundred and sixty of them are paved, and the rest are gravel. They have seventeen thousand four hundred traffic signs, and three hundred thirty-two bridges. Medford has a population of nearly ninety-one thousand, they 27.7 square miles, with two hundred and eighty-eight miles of streets! What a job to maintain all the roads! Grants Pass has a utility fee to help pay for street maintenance that increases with by the CPIU. They did try to pass a gas tax with no luck. They also have a storm water utility fee they collect on their bills. They get a lot of help being part of the MPO like we do.

The mayor introduced Jackson County Commissioner Colleen Roberts who joined us this evening. Mayor Pam VanArsdale thanked her for her commitment to Jackson County Roads. Steve Lambert is an excellent employee.

In the meeting they also discussed competitive transit grant applications, they have three applications, one for a low emission bus replacement, a low emission bus refurbishment, and to restore one of their routes. Their number one priority would be to get the low emission bus refurbishment done because they can't use federal money for that. Josephine County Transit is working on two projects, one for a fleet maintenance vehicle, especially to run around and charge vehicles when needed, and to help when buses break down. They also discussed the Connect Oregon Applications, established in 2005 by the legislature to invest in non-highway modes of transportation. The program currently funds aviation, rail, and marine projects.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Pam Van Arsdale reports they did not have a meeting.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): Mayor Pam Van Arsdale reports there was no meeting, not enough for an agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660 (2)(a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q): None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660 (2) (a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q): {As/If required}

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

Reservoir

Convene as the Contract Review Board to consider bids for 1-million-gallon drinking water reservoir. Loree the city Engineer joined us via zoom and answered questions from the council and based on the bids, they were all over budget.

Move to reject all reservoir bids due to all being over budget.

Motion by Councilor Sherrie Moss, seconded by Councilor Grace Howell

Discussion and questions were asked and answered by the engineer and staff on the motion

Vote: Councilor Gregory, yes
Councilor Moss, yes
Councilor Hilty, yes
Councilor Minegar, yes
Councilor Howell, yes

Motion passes unanimously; All bids are rejected for the reservoir project due to being over budget.

While the city engineer was in the meeting via zoom, the council asked many questions on how we are to move forward. Since Loree Pryce meets with staff once a week, Ryan will provide an update at each workshop.

Grant

Consider accepting a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$1,617,876 from the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to seismically retrofit the City's Police Station.

Ryan Nolan provided an explanation as to why we need this grant, and how the building would not survive an earthquake because of the age, and how it was built. Nolan, city administrator, recommends to council we accept this grant.

Move: To accept a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$1,617,876 from the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to seismically retrofit the City's Police Station.

Motion: By Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Gregory

Discussion and questions on the motion

**Vote: Councilor Gregory, yes
Councilor Moss, yes
Councilor Hilty, yes
Councilor Minegar, yes
Councilor Howell, yes**

Motion passes unanimously, the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$1,617,876 from the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to seismically retrofit the City's Police Station is approved

Franchise

Council is considering authorizing the mayor to provide written consent to Southern Oregon Sanitation to sell more than 50% of their stock to Waste Connections US Holdings, Inc. (as required by solid waste franchise agreement with the City).

Move: To approve the mayor to provide written consent to Southern Oregon Sanitation to sell more than 50% of their stock to Waste Connections US Holdings, Inc. as required by solid waste franchise agreement with the City.

Motion: By Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Gregory

Discussion on the motion, Trent Carpenter, President and CEO of Southern Oregon Sanitation answered questions of council.

Vote: all ayes, none opposed, the mayor will provide written consent to Southern Oregon Sanitation to sell more than 50% of their stock to Waste Connections US Holdings, Inc. as required by solid waste franchise agreement with the City.

Appointment

Consider approving the mayor's appointment to Council Position #1 as she has recommended Dee Copley.

Move: To approve the mayor's appointment to Council Position #1 Dee Copley

Motion: By Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Gregory

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, **Dee Copley is appointed to council position #1.**

Dee Copley introduced herself to the audience and council and thanked them.

Oliver, City Recorder swore Dee Copley into office

Appointment

Consider approving the mayor's appointment Dee Copley to the Rogue River Community Center Liaison position

Move: To approve the mayor's appointment Dee Copley to the Rogue River Community Center Liaison position.

Motion: By Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Minegar

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, **Dee Copley is appointed to the Rogue River Community Center Liaison.**

Appointment

Considering approving the mayor's recommendation to appoint Dee Copley as the Tree City committee liaison

Move: To approve the mayor's appointment for Dee Copley to serve as the Tree City committee Liaison position.

Motion: By Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Howell

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, **Dee Copley is appointed as the Tree City committee Liaison.**

PARK USE

Consider approving the request for Rooster Park Pavilion to include amplified music, on August 22, 2026, from **Brenda Goron**.

Move: To approve the request for Rooster Park Pavilion to include amplified music, on August 22, 2026, for Music in the Park

Motion: By Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Minegar

Discussion on the motion, we will send her the park rules. What time is dusk?

Motion dies

Amendment to the motion by Councilor Hilty, that the departure time be no later than 9:00PM.

Seconded by: Councilor Minegar

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, the amendment to the motion is approved, the time of departure from the park will be no later than 9:00PM, the park reservation is approved.

CITIZEN-REQUESTED ITEMS:

Park Use Consider approving a park use request from the **Ammerman Family Reunion** for the reservation of Rooster Park on October 10, 2026, from 11:00AM to 7:00PM for 75 people

Move: To approve a park use request from the Ammerman Family Reunion for the reservation for Rooster Park on October 10, 2026, from 11:00AM to 7:00PM for 75 people

Motion by: Councilor Gregory, seconded by Councilor Howell.

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, **the park request from the Ammerman Family Reunion for Rooster Park on October 10, 2026, from 11:00AM to 7:00PM for 75 people has been approved**

Park Use

Consider approving a request to place permanent signage honoring veterans in Rooster Park

Because the artwork is not done, we will continue this item to a future workshop.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Tree City Consider accepting July 9th, 2026, Tree City Meeting minutes

Move to: Accept the Tree City meeting minutes of July 9th, 2026

Motion by: Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Minegar.

Discussion on the motion, Ryan will be meeting with the TCUSA to go over the volunteer process.

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, Tree City minutes of July 9, 2026, minutes are approved.

PERMISSION TO ADD AGENDA ITEM:

Move to: Approve adding an item to the city council agenda

Motion: By Councilor Howell, seconded by councilor Hilty

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, the added agenda item is approved

Added Park Use Item:

Consider approving the late request to add an item to the agenda for a park use application from **Grace Baptist Church** for Rooster Park Pavilion on both August 7th, 2026, and August 21st, 2026, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM both Friday evenings for a night of worship.

Staff passed the application out to City Council

Move: To approve the request of Grace Baptist Church to use Rooster Crow Park on August 7th, 2026, and August 21st, 2026, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM for amplified music.

Motion: By councilor Hilty, seconded by councilor Howell.

Discussion on the motion

Amended motion: By Councilor Hilty to include that the reservation is for the Rooster Park Pavilion only on August 7th, 2026, and August 21st, 2026, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM for amplified music.

Second: By Councilor Howell

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, the park reservation is approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ryan Nolan City Administrator spoke about having a backup plan in the unfortunate event National Night Out needs to move indoors due to the smoke. The School District has agreed to let us use the elementary school's cafeteria. NNO should be a great event on August 4th, 2026.

Ryan did get those who were interested in the LOC annual conference signed up. The next event will be in Yoncalla Oregon for the small city's meeting on September 10th at the Grand Hotel. The contact list has been updated, and it was handed out to the councilors.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT: Councilor Howell mentioned the Petion 28 (IP28) also known as the Peace Act has failed.

MAYOR COMMENTS: The mayor thanked everyone for joining us this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion duly made (Howell), seconded (Gregory)

No discussion on the motion

Vote: All ayes, none opposed

The meeting adjourned at 7:06PM

Mayor Pam VanArsdale _____ Date _____

ATTEST:

Diane Oliver
City Recorder

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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11:00 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER: 11:00AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Copley, Minegar, Gregory (On-line) Moss, Hilty, Howell, and Mayor Pam Van Arsdale

STAFF: Nolan City Administrator, Chick Finance Director, and Oliver Recorder

PRESS: Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Consider approving Resolutions 26-1480-R, 26-1481-R, and 26-1482-R Resolutions stating the Councils support for Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund Grant requests. The grant applications seek support for a planning grant related to a downtown traffic circulation study, a planning grant related to improving the water treatment system, and a backup power capital construction project focused on the water treatment plant.

Move to approve Resolution 26-1480-R, 26-1481-R, and 26-1482-R Resolutions stating the Councils support for Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund Grant requests. The grant applications seek support for a planning grant related to a downtown traffic circulation study, a planning grant related to improving the water treatment system, and a backup power capital construction project focused on the water treatment plant.

Motion by: Councilor Barb Hilty, second by Councilor Sherri Moss

Discussion on the motion

Vote: Copley yes, Minegar yes, Hilty yes, Gregory yes, Moss yes, Howell yes

Resolutions 26-1480-R, 26-1481-R, and 26-1482-R are all approved.

Transfer Consider approving Resolution 26-1483-R, a resolution transferring funds from

the general fund contingency to the general fund capital line item to support the purchase of one police vehicle.

Move to approve Resolution 26-1483-R, a resolution transferring funds from the general fund contingency to the general fund capital line item to support the purchase of one police vehicle.

Motion by: Councilor Howell, seconded by Councilor Mark Minegar

Discussion on the motion

Motion Amended: by Councilor Howell to include the purchasing amount to be \$40,000.00.
Second by Councilor Mark Minegar

No other discussion

Vote: Copley yes, Minegar yes, Hilty yes, Gregory yes, Moss yes, Howell yes

Resolution 26-1483-R, a resolution transferring \$40,000.00 worth of funds from the general Fund contingency to the general fund capital line item to support the purchase of one police vehicle is approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councilor Barb Hilty attended the Chamber meeting this morning and they would like to honor the Police, Fire Department, and Public works for the efforts during the Fielder Mountain Fire by hanging a banner over Depot Street.

There was a discussion about this

The mayor called for a vote to add this item to the agenda.

Vote all ayes, none opposed, it is unanimous, agenda item added to the agenda.

Added Item: Consider approving the Chamber of Commerce request to hang a banner over Depot Street to honor the Fire Department, Police and Public Works Department.

Moved to: approve the Chamber of Commerce request to hang a banner over Depot Street honoring the Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments for their help during the Fielder Mountain Fire.

Motion By: Councilor Barb Hilty Second by: Councilor Howell

No discussion

Vote: all ayes, none opposed, the banner is approved.

There being no other business, the mayor called for a motion to close the special council meeting.

Move to: close the special council meeting

Motion by: Councilor Grace Howell, second by Councilor Dee Copley

Vote: all ayes, none apposed, the meeting is closed at 11:12AM

Mayor Pam VanArsdale _____ Date _____

ATTEST:

Diane Oliver
City Recorder

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CITY OF ROGUE RIVER
TITLE 17 DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENT
ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTER 17.32 (C-R COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT), INTEGRATION OF REVISED DESIGN STANDARDS INTO CHAPTER
17.30 (C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) AND THE ADDITION OF HARMONY AND
NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE DEFINITIONS TO CHAPTER 17.05 (PURPOSE AND
DEFINITIONS)

APPLICANT: City of Rogue River

APPLICATION: The proposal is an ordinance amending the Rogue River Municipal Code (RRMC) to create a new zoning district, Chapter 17.32 (C-R Commercial-Residential District), to incorporate design standards into the existing C-1 Commercial District (Chapter 17.30), and to establish formal definitions within Chapter 17.05 (Purpose and Definitions) for Harmony and Neighborhood Scale to govern dimensional alignment, massing ratios, material standards, and operational limits in transitional areas.

SUMMARY: The amendments establish a new C-R Commercial-Residential District designed to support compatible mixed-use development, introduce design standards to the existing C-1 Commercial District to promote pedestrian-oriented development and reinforce Rogue River's historic river-town character, and incorporate measurable regulatory criteria into Chapter 17.05 ensuring that new developments maintain strict architectural alignment, appropriate height and massing ratios, regional material adherence, continuous street walls, and limited building sizes, heights, traffic volumes, and site layouts.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve Text Amendment 2026-01.

BACKGROUND:

Throughout this term, the Rogue River Planning Commission met in a public workshop setting to review land use concepts, identify regulatory needs for both the existing commercial core and transitional areas, and draft language for code improvements.

Overall, the goals for this code update were to:

- I. Facilitate the strategic evolution of areas transitioning from residential to commercial use by establishing the new C-R District.
- II. Provide a bridge between commercial activity and existing residential neighborhoods through compatible mixed-use standards.
- III. Enhance the C-1 Commercial District design standards to better reflect the city's character as a historic river town.
- IV. Foster human-scale, pedestrian-oriented environments in both districts through clear,

objective, and high-quality design criteria.

- V. With the changes incorporated into the documents shown in Exhibits A and B, Planning Commission find that these proposed changes will enable the City of Rogue River to more efficiently regulate development, preserve community character, and support the city's long-term planning goals.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND APPLICABLE CRITERIA

Planning commission review and recommendation, and city council approval, of an ordinance amending the zoning map, development code, or comprehensive plan shall be based on all of the following criteria:

- A. If the proposal involves an amendment to the comprehensive plan, the amendment must be consistent with the statewide planning goals and relevant Oregon Administrative Rules;

FINDING: The proposal is consistent with statewide planning goals. Specific to Goal 10 (Housing) the text amendment encourages the availability of adequate housing types to meet the diverse needs of the community. The creation of Chapter 17.32 (C-R Commercial – Residential District) directly supports Goal 10's mandate to provide housing opportunities for all income levels by permitting a broad spectrum of housing options, including middle housing, multiple-family dwellings, single-room occupancy (SRO) units, and affordable housing, outright within commercial-residential zones. Furthermore, incorporating clear and objective pathways for residential conversions, emergency shelter provisions, and accessory dwelling units ensures that the code facilitates necessary housing and homeless solutions consistent with state statutes..

- B. The proposal must be consistent with the comprehensive plan (the comprehensive plan may be amended concurrently with proposed changes in zoning);

FINDING: The proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The creation of the C-R District and the updated design standards for the C-1 District support orderly land use planning by providing clear and objective standards for mixed-use and commercial development, preserving community character, and establishing a factual basis for future land use decisions consistent with Comprehensive Plan Goal 2.

- C. The city council must find the proposal to be in the public interest with regard to community conditions; the proposal either responds to changes in the community, or it corrects a mistake or inconsistency in the subject plan or code; and

FINDING: The proposal is in the public interest. It responds to changing community conditions by creating a zoning framework for areas transitioning between residential and commercial use and by updating C-1 design standards to support pedestrian-oriented development, visual compatibility, and preservation of the city's historic river-town character. Furthermore, the incorporation of measurable regulatory definitions for Harmony and Neighborhood Scale into Chapter 17.05 directly supports the public interest by establishing clear, objective, and quantifiable standards for height alignment, massing ratios, material adherence, and operational limits. The amendments also correct gaps in the existing code by adding clearer standards for

mixed-use development, building placement, architectural design, landscaping, and site design.

D. The amendment must conform to RRMC § 17.125.050, Transportation planning rule compliance.

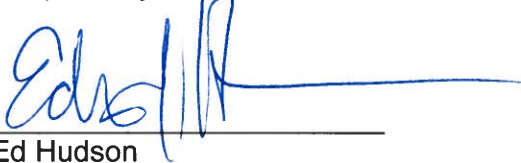
FINDING: The amendment conforms to RRMC 17.125.050. The proposal amends development code text by creating a new C-R District and adding design standards to the C-1 District; it does not approve a specific development, change a transportation facility, or by itself authorize development that would significantly affect an existing or planned transportation facility. Future development applications will remain subject to applicable transportation and site design review requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission can find that this application complies with the City of Rogue River Comprehensive Plan Goal 2 and the requirements for a Municipal Code text amendment as outlined in Chapter 17.125.010.

Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve this text amendment, adopt the new Chapter 17.32 as found in Exhibit 'A', and approve the amendments to Chapter 17.30 as found in Exhibit 'B', approve the amendments to Chapter 17.05 as found in Exhibit 'C' and adopt an amendment to the zoning map of the City of Rogue River as shown in Exhibit 'D'.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ed Hudson
Planning Commission Vice-Chair

Chapter 17.30

C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Sections:

17.30.010 Purpose.

17.30.020 Permitted uses.

17.30.030 Accessory uses.

17.30.040 Conditional uses.

17.30.050 Special use standards.

17.30.060 Area, width, height, and yard requirements.

17.30.070 General requirements.

17.30.080 Signs and lighting premises.

17.30.090 Off-street parking.

17.30.100 Hydrologist, soil engineer, engineer, and/or geologist.

17.30.010 Purpose.

This district is designed to encourage, stabilize, improve, and protect the characteristics of the Rogue River commercial core and to promote the establishment of new and complementary commercial and service land uses. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.020 Permitted uses.

All uses are subject to Chapter [17.115](#) RPMC, Site Design Review.

A. Residential Uses.

1. Accessory uses and structures;

2. Residential care home;

3. Residential care facility;

B. Public and Institutional Uses.

1. Community service, includes governmental offices;

2. Clinic, outpatient only;

3. Mortuary;

4. Nonprofit member organization offices;
5. Transportation facilities; includes construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities located within right-of-way controlled by a public agency, consistent with the transportation system plan;
6. Utility structures and facilities, city-planned projects; i.e., utilities identified by an adopted city master plan or development review approval.

C. Commercial Uses.

1. Personal service establishments such as beauty and barber shops, laundromat, cleaning and laundry shops and business, financial and professional offices and banks;
2. Retail stores such as hardware stores, garden shops, drug stores, antique shops, clothing stores, and grocery stores;
3. Indoor restaurant, bakery, cafe, coffee shop, or other eatery, including bars and taverns;
4. Light service shops such as picture framing studio, and tailoring;
5. Technical services such as copy shops, appliance and computer repair, and makerspaces;
6. Medical clinics, including dentist, optician, outpatient, and urgent care. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.030 Accessory uses.

The following uses are permitted as accessory to an existing use in the C-1 district:

A. Public and Institutional Uses.

1. Club, lodge, fraternal organization;
2. Public parks and open space, including playgrounds, trails, nature preserves, athletic fields, courts, swim pools, boat ramps, and similar uses.

B. Industrial and Employment Uses.

1. Freight terminals, including loading docks, storage, warehousing, wholesale distribution, cold storage; except self-service storage or mini-storage warehouses.

C. Other Uses.

1. Solar panels (for incidental use).

2. Metal cargo or shipping or other such containers are allowed only with a conditional use permit. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.040 Conditional uses.

The following uses and accessory uses are permitted when authorized in accordance with Chapters [17.100](#) and [17.115](#) RRMC:

A. Public and Institutional Uses.

1. Automobile parking, public off-street parking;
2. Emergency services; includes police, fire, ambulance;
3. Hospital, including acute care center;
4. Public works utilities storage yards; includes vehicle and equipment storage, maintenance, and repair;
5. Railroad facilities;
6. Religious institutions and houses of worship;
7. School, preschool-kindergarten;
8. School, secondary;
9. School, trade, technical, or vocational;
10. Utility structures and facilities, regional projects; project is not part of an adopted city master plan or development review approval;
11. Wireless communication facilities.

B. Commercial Uses.

1. Amusement, entertainment, and commercial recreation; includes theaters, bowling alleys, miniature golf, concert venues, arcades, similar uses;
2. Artisanal and light manufacture uses in commercial zones – includes carpentry;
3. Automotive fuel stations;
4. Automotive electric vehicle charger;
5. Automotive repair and service, includes fueling station, car wash, tire sales and repair or replacement, painting, and other repair for automobiles, motorcycles, aircraft, boats, RVs, trucks, etc.;

6. Automotive sales and rental; includes motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, and trucks;
7. Outdoor restaurant, bakery, cafe, coffee shop, or other eatery, including bars and taverns;
8. Drive-through service;
9. Hotels, motels, and similar overnight accommodations;
10. Lumber yard and similar sales of building or contracting supplies, or heavy equipment;
11. Marijuana dispensary, including medical, recreational, or test laboratory;
12. Recreational vehicle park;
13. Veterinary clinic;
14. Mobile vendor/food truck site.

C. Industrial and Employment Uses.

1. Artisanal and light manufacture uses;
2. Machine shop, and sales, service and repair of light machinery including lawn mowers, weed eaters, and chainsaws. (Does not include large automotive or vehicle repair);
3. Metal/shipping cargo container;
4. Special trade contracting facilities, such as floor laying, masonry, stone, plumbing, electrical, metal work, roofing, heating and air conditioning, cabinet making, and carpentry. [Ord. 24-427-O § 2; Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.050 Special use standards.

The following uses are permitted when found to be in compliance with their relevant special standards criteria, contained in Chapter [17.105](#) RRMC and/or their specific standards within this chapter.

A. Residential Uses.

1. Single-Family Dwelling, Attached or Detached.

- a. Single-family detached dwellings are permitted within the C-1 zone so long as the dwelling's square footage does not exceed the square footage of an accompanying nonresidential use on the same parcel;

b. The detached dwelling may not be located along the same frontage used for the nonresidential use.

c. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the dwelling from having a form of access such as a doorway, pathway, or staircase along the commercial frontage, so long as the entrance is clearly marked or secured for resident use only.

2. Accessory Dwelling Unit.

a. Accessory dwelling units may be sited in the C-1 zone provided they adhere to all of the provisions of RRM C [17.105.120](#).

3. Multifamily Dwelling.

a. New multifamily dwellings shall not be located on the ground floor of a nonresidential use;

b. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude multifamily units from having a form of access to the ground floor such as a staircase or elevator, so long as the entrance is clearly marked or secured for resident use only.

4. Home Occupations.

a. Home occupations may occur within the C-1 zone provided they adhere to all of the provisions of RRM C [17.65.140](#).

B. Commercial Uses.

1. Mobile vendors, subject to the same standards throughout all zones, as stated in RRM C [17.65.160](#);

2. Seasonal and Occasional Uses.

a. Seasonal and occasional uses when set up and removed within 45 days of the specified holiday season or event. Such use shall not last for more than calendar days, shall not encroach upon any traffic maneuvering, ingress or egress ways, and shall not cover more than 50 percent of the required off-street parking area for the commercial use. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.055 Commercial Design Standards.

A. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of these standards is to ensure that development in the C-1 District enhances Rogue River's unique character as a historic river town. These standards promote a human-scale environment that is pedestrian-friendly, preserves

visual links to the Rogue River, and utilizes materials reflecting the natural beauty of the Valley of the Rogue ecosystem.

B. Applicability and Compliance Thresholds.

1. Applicability. The site design standards listed in this section shall apply to all real property development, layout, and construction within the C-1 Commercial District. Compliance with these standards is mandatory under any of the following conditions:

- a. New Development:** All new construction, structural development, or site preparation requiring a development or building permit on previously vacant or cleared parcels.
- b. Substantial Modification of Existing Structures:** Any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or improvement of an existing primary structure, where the cumulative cost of the work equals or exceeds 51 percent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction or repair.
- c. Substantial Site or Layout Alteration:** Any modification, expansion, or reconfiguration of the exterior site layout, including but not limited to parking areas, on-site circulation, or outdoor storage, that alters 51 percent or greater of the total developed site area or total impervious surface area currently existing on the parcel.

2. Exemptions. Normal maintenance, internal remodeling that does not alter the footprint or exterior facade, or minor repairs under the 51 percent threshold shall not trigger a requirement to retroactively bring the entire site into compliance with these design standards.

3. Cumulative Improvement Threshold and Look-Back Period.

- a. Aggregation of Applications:** For the purposes of determining compliance with the 51 percent threshold requirements, all applications for development on the subject property shall be aggregated. Any improvements or development activities occurring within a period of five years from the date of the initial application shall be cumulatively calculated to determine whether the 51 percent threshold has been met.
- b. Binding Effect:** The provisions of this section shall run with the land. All obligations imposed herein shall be binding upon the property owner and all successors in interest. The five-year cumulative assessment period shall continue to apply to the property regardless of changes in property ownership or the entity status of the applicant.

C. Building Placement & Streetscape.

To maintain a walkable, historic Main Street presence by ensuring new developments orient toward the sidewalk, emphasize prominent intersections, and foster an active, pedestrian-friendly public realm. Developers shall incorporate at least three (3) of the following seven (7) elements:

1. **Pedestrian-Oriented Front Setbacks:** In lieu of standard landscaping, front setback areas may be utilized for outdoor dining, pedestrian plazas, sculptures, or water fountains to enhance the active public realm.
2. **Pedestrian Pocket Plaza & Corner Emphasis:** On corner lots, a prominent corner entrance or architectural feature, such as chamfered/rounded edges, decorative molding, or public art, shall be integrated with an outdoor pedestrian pocket plaza of at least 200 square feet. This integrated space must feature **river inspired** seating and be designed to accommodate community interaction or public art displays.
3. **Staggered Streetscape:** To avoid uniform, blocky developments, proposed building heights must vary from adjacent structures to create visual interest. Compliance shall be achieved by incorporating a minimum 1 percent variation in overall building height, or through a stepped parapet design that varies the roofline by at least 1 percent relative to the adjacent structure's maximum height.
4. **Hard-Surfaced Amenities:** At least 50 percent of the area within 10 feet of the adjacent public right-of-way line shall be hard-surfaced with decorative materials (excluding standard asphalt) for use by the public.
5. **Screening with Low Hedges:** Limit the height of hedges in front setback areas to 4 feet or less if they exceed 50 percent of the total street frontage width to maintain visibility.
6. **Minimum Street Wall Coverage:** To create a consistent, pedestrian-friendly street wall, a minimum of 50 percent of the building's ground-level facade must be constructed within 10 feet of the front property line.
7. **Trailer Placement:** To encourage the provisioning of trailer parking while maintaining a continuous, historic streetscape, spaces designated for trailers or recreational vehicles (RVs) are permitted and encouraged, provided they are located to the side or rear of the principal structure and the development meets all required parking requirements for the primary use. Trailer parking, loading, or open storage areas shall not be placed within the front yard setback or directly between the primary building facade and the street right-of-way, and must be screened from the public

sidewalk by a decorative 4-foot hedge or a masonry wall integrated with native vegetation.

D. Architectural Character, Massing & Detailing.

To break up large building footprints using architectural forms inspired by regional Craftsman and Mountain Lodge styles. Developers shall incorporate at least three (3) of the following five (5) elements:

1. **Facade Articulation & Rhythm:** No street-facing facade shall exceed 40 horizontal feet without a significant architectural break, such as a minimum 2-foot-deep offset, vertical column, or texture.
2. **Storefront Transparency:** To ensure a welcoming, active sidewalk environment, at least 60 percent of the ground-floor wall area facing a public street or plaza must consist of clear windows or glass doors. Windowsills shall be no more than 3 feet above exterior grade.
3. **Mountain Lodge Roof Forms:** Rooflines must utilize gabled or hipped roof forms with overhanging eaves consistent with Craftsman influences. If a flat roof is used, it must feature a traditional Main Street style parapet wall with a decorative cornice.
4. **Heavy Timber Accents:** To reflect the aesthetic of Pacific Northwest outdoor lodges, buildings must incorporate structural or decorative heavy timber elements (minimum 6"x6" posts) at the primary entrance or for porch supports.
5. **Community Heritage Art:** Incorporate a permanent art piece, such as a mural, decorative weather vane, or sculpture, depicting local history and culture, such as the National Rooster Crow, migrating salmon, the historic gold-mining era, or the region's rich timber industry heritage. When a weathervane is utilized, it shall have a minimum length or height of 1 inch for every foot of building roof width, with a minimum allowable size of 24 inches.

E. Materials, Colors & The Valley Palette.

To blend the built environment seamlessly into the natural landscape of the Rogue Valley ecosystem. Developers shall incorporate at least two (2) of the following **five (5)** elements:

1. **River-Themed Landscaping:** Landscaping shall prioritize native species. The use of river rock in bioswales and planter beds is encouraged to mirror the nearby Rogue River shoreline.

2. **The Valley Palette:** Exterior body finishes are restricted to a maximum of three colors found within the local ecosystem: Bark & Earth (deep umbers/burnt siennas), Foliage (moss greens/Madrone reds), or River (slate greys/Blue-Heron silvers). Bright primary colors are permitted for signage and small accents only.
3. **Material Transitions (No False Fronts):** Primary facade materials must turn the corner onto side elevations for a minimum length of 12 inches to prevent a flat, two-dimensional appearance.
4. **Regional Accents:** Promote materials native to the region, such as stone or timber cladding, to emphasize architectural character. Where stone or masonry is utilized as an accent on portico supports, chimneys, or building foundations, it is encouraged to extend to a height of up to 44 inches from the finished grade. This standard is intended to provide human-scale contrast and visual interest while ensuring compatibility with building egress requirements.
5. **Exterior Material Diversity:** Buildings shall incorporate at least two complementary, fire-resistant siding materials. Acceptable materials include lap siding, cedar shingles, stone, brick, or high-quality cementitious products (e.g., fiber-cement siding) that provide a textured, natural finish. Vinyl and T1-11 siding are prohibited.

F. Site Design & Natural Landscape Harmony.

To emulate the natural topography and forest canopy of the neighboring State Park. Developers shall incorporate at least two (2) of the four standard design elements listed in subsections (1) through (4) below.

If an applicant demonstrates that unique site constraints make compliance with the standard elements unfeasible, they may instead utilize the alternative compliance pathways detailed in subsection (5).

1. **Native Canopy Buffers:** To screen parking areas from the street view, developers shall install a tiered landscape buffer utilizing native Southern Oregon trees and flora. Plantings shall prioritize Oregon White Oak, Ponderosa Pine, and Vine Maple, and must comply with the approved species and installation specifications set forth in the City of Rogue River Street Tree Ordinance (RRMC Chapter 12.20).
2. **Visual River Links:** Properties located between a public right-of-way and the Rogue River must maintain an unobstructed view corridor (covering at least 15 percent of the side or rear yard) to preserve scenic glimpses of the water from the street.
3. **Natural Feature Protection:** Existing significant natural site features, such as small streams, wetlands, and large heritage trees, must be preserved and integrated into the architectural layout rather than using culverts, clearing, and fill.

4. **Visible Stormwater Features:** Incorporate a highly visible green stormwater amenity into the front site design, such as a landscaped rain garden or a bioswale with a stone-lined overflow, treating runoff as a natural design feature.
5. **Alternative Compliance and Tree Fund Option:** If an applicant demonstrates that none of the standard site design elements (1 through 4) above can be physically or practically applied to the subject parcel due to unique site constraints, topography, or conflicting utility easements, compliance may be achieved through one of the following alternative mechanisms:

Option A: Design Element Substitution. The applicant may select and fully implement two (2) additional design elements from the approved site design standards that have not already been applied to the project.

Option B: Street Tree Fund Contribution. The applicant may elect to satisfy the site design requirement by making a financial contribution to the City's dedicated Street Tree Fund.

Fee Calculation: The in-lieu fee shall be established at 0.5 percent of the total valuation of the proposed project, as determined by the building permit valuation or documented project value at the time of complete application submittal.

17.30.060 Area, width, height, and yard requirements.

A. The maximum building height is 40 feet.

B. Each new parcel must front on and have access to a publicly owned and maintained road for a minimum of 40 feet, except when the parcel is served by a flagpole approved under RRM C [16.20.030](#), or a private road created and approved through a partition, subdivision or planned unit development.

C. There are no requirements for lot area or width, or for yard setbacks except as necessary to meet the off-street parking and loading requirements or as a condition of approval. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.070 General requirements.

A. No use shall be permitted and no process, equipment or materials shall be used which are found by the planning commission to be harmful to persons living or working in the vicinity or by reason of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, cinders, dirt, refuse, water-carried waste, noise, vibrations, illumination, glare, or unsightliness or to involve any hazard of fire or explosions.

B. All business, services and processes shall be conducted entirely within a completely enclosed structure, or in an area immediately adjacent thereto, provided the area of such outside use is paved and does not exceed 10 percent of the area of the enclosed commercial use and is entirely on privately owned property. Off-street parking and loading areas, gasoline stations, outdoor dining, entertainment or recreation areas, and garden shops, Christmas tree sales lots, bus stations, automobile sales, and trailer sales or rentals need not be within an enclosed structure.

C. Open storage of materials attendant to a permitted use or conditional use shall be permitted only within a paved area surrounded or screened by an approved solid wall or an approved site screening fence six feet in height; provided, that no materials or equipment, except vehicles, shall be stored to a height greater than that of the wall or fence.

D. Where a site adjoins or is located across an alley from a residential district, a solid wall or fence, six feet in height, shall be located on the property line common to such districts, except in a required front yard, where it must be inside the property line.

E. All new development shall be required to provide half-street improvements along all frontage roads, including curbs, gutters, sidewalks and storm drain facilities, and pavement to the center line of the road(s).

F. Any developer working in any public right-of-way within the city limits shall provide the city with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the city as an additional insured. Public utilities are exempt from this subsection. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.080 Signs and lighting premises.

A. All signs located within the C-1 commercial district shall comply with Chapter [17.85](#) RRMC, specifically RRMC [17.85.120](#), Commercial, industrial and public-open space sign regulations.

B. Outdoor lighting standards and fixtures for illumination of premises shall be so designed and installed that direct rays are not toward or parallel with a public street or highway or directed toward any residential uses. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.090 Off-street parking.

All uses shall provide off-street parking facilities as required in Chapter [17.70](#) RRMC except when located within a special district organized to provide common public parking areas. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

17.30.100 Hydrologist, soil engineer, engineer, and/or geologist.

Any developer developing in the city limits may be required to pay for a state of Oregon licensed hydrologist, soil engineer, engineer, and/or geologist who is hired by the city to review the development plans to ensure that all requirements and specifications of the city are met. [Ord. 23-418-O § 124 (Exh. A-4)].

Chapter 17.32: C-R COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

17.32.010 Purpose.

The purpose of the C-R Commercial-Residential District is to facilitate the strategic evolution of this area from its residential origins into a vibrant, high-functioning commercial extension of the city's central core. This district serves as a bridge between commercial activity and existing residential neighborhoods by permitting a compatible mix of medium-density residential and light commercial uses. Over time, the district is intended to serve as a cornerstone for the planned expansion of the City's central commercial area. To achieve this, the district provides administrative certainty through clear and objective standards that foster a high-quality, pedestrian-oriented environment, ensuring that new development is both functionally and aesthetically integrated with the city's long-term growth.

17.32.020 Permitted uses.

A. Residential Uses.

The following residential uses are permitted outright, subject to the applicable development standards of this title:

1. Single-family detached dwellings;
2. Single-family attached dwellings, including townhomes;
3. Duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes;
4. Multifamily dwellings;
5. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units;
6. Residential care homes or residential care facilities;
7. Boarding or rooming houses;
8. Manufactured homes and prefabricated structures;
9. Manufactured home parks;
10. Accessory dwelling units, subject to RRM 17.105.120;
11. Residential treatment homes/facilities; and
12. Short-term rentals, subject to applicable standards of this title.

B. Public and Institutional Uses.

The following uses are subject to Chapter 17.115 RRM, Site Design Review:

1. Child daycare center;
2. Club lodge, fraternal organization;

3. Community service; includes governmental offices;
4. Community garden;
5. Clinic, outpatient only;
6. Mortuary;
7. Nonprofit member organization offices;
8. Transportation facilities; includes construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities located within right-of-way controlled by a public agency, consistent with the transportation system plan; and
9. Utility structures and facilities, city-planned projects; i.e., utilities identified by an adopted city master plan or development review approval.

C. Commercial Uses.

The following uses are subject to Chapter 17.115 RRM, Site Design Review:

1. Indoor restaurant, bakery, cafe, coffee shop, or other eatery, including bars and taverns;
2. General retail sales and services, including hardware, grocery, clothing, and similar establishments;
3. Light service shops, including tailoring, picture framing, and similar uses;
4. Technical services, including copy shops, computer or appliance repair, and makerspaces;
5. Personal service establishments such as beauty and barber shops, laundromat, cleaning and laundry shops and services, and dyeing establishments;
6. Offices, such as banks, financial, and professional offices;
7. Offices specializing in research, prototype development, or creation of digital products; and
8. Medical clinics, including dentist, optician, outpatient, and urgent care facilities.

17.32.030 Accessory uses.

The following uses are permitted as accessory to an existing use in the C-1 district:

A. Public and Institutional Uses.

1. Club, lodge, fraternal organization; and
2. Public parks and open space, including playgrounds, trails, nature preserves, athletic fields, courts, swim pools, boat ramps, and similar uses.

B. Industrial and Employment Uses.

1. Freight terminals, including loading docks, storage, warehousing, wholesale distribution, cold storage; except self-service storage or mini-storage warehouses.

C. Other Uses.

1. Solar panels (for incidental use); and
2. Metal cargo or shipping or other such containers are allowed only with a conditional use permit.

17.32.040 Conditional uses.

The following uses are permitted in the C-RM district subject to approval in accordance with Chapters 17.100 and 17.115 RRM: C:

1. Amusement, entertainment, and commercial recreation uses, including theaters, bowling alleys, miniature golf, concert venues, arcades, and similar uses;
2. Artisanal and light manufacturing uses, including carpentry;
3. Automobile parking, public off-street parking;
4. Automotive electric vehicle charging facilities;
5. Automotive fuel stations;
6. Automotive repair and service uses, including fueling stations, car washes, tire sales and repair, painting, and repair of automobiles, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, aircraft, and trucks;
7. Automotive sales and rental uses;
8. Drive-through services;
9. Emergency services, including police, fire, ambulance;
10. Hospital, including acute care center;
11. Hotels, motels, and boutique inns exceeding neighborhood scale;
12. Hotels, motels, and similar overnight accommodations;
13. Lumber yards and building or contracting supply sales;
14. Machine shop and sales, service and repair of light machinery including lawn mowers, weed eaters, and chainsaws (does not include large automotive or vehicle repair);
15. Marijuana dispensaries, including medical, recreational, or testing laboratories;
16. Metal/shipping cargo container;
17. Mobile vending and food truck sites;
18. Outdoor restaurant, bakery, cafe, coffee shop, or other eatery, including bars and taverns;
19. Public works utilities storage yards, including vehicle and equipment storage, maintenance, and repair;

20. Railroad facilities;
21. Recreational vehicle parks;
22. Religious institutions and houses of worship;
23. Retail stores exceeding 5,000 square feet of gross floor area;
24. School, preschool-kindergarten;
25. School, secondary;
26. School, trade, technical, or vocational;
27. Special trade contracting facilities, such as floor laying, masonry, stone, plumbing, electrical, metal work, roofing, heating and air conditioning, cabinet making, and carpentry;
28. Utility structures and facilities, regional projects, not part of an adopted city master plan or development review approval;
29. Veterinary clinics; and
30. Wireless communication facilities.

17.32.050 Middle Housing Land Division

Lots or parcels developed or proposed for middle housing in the C-R Commercial-Residential District may be divided consistent with ORS 92.031. Applications for middle housing land divisions shall be reviewed ministerially and may not be subject to approval criteria other than those expressly permitted by state law.

17.32.060 Special use standards.

The following uses are permitted when found to be in compliance with their relevant special standards criteria, contained in Chapter 17.105 RRMCM and/or their specific standards within this chapter.

A. Residential Uses.

2. Accessory Dwelling Unit.

- a. Accessory dwelling units may be sited in the C-1 zone provided they adhere to all of the provisions of RRMCM 17.105.120.

3. Home Occupations.

- a. Home occupations may occur within the C-1 zone provided they adhere to all of the provisions of RRMCM 17.65.140.

B. Mixed-Use Standards.

1. Residential uses are permitted on the ground floor or upper floors.

2. There is no requirement for a nonresidential use to be present on the same parcel for a residential use to be permitted.
3. Residential and commercial uses may occupy the same building.
4. New multifamily residential and commercial buildings, particularly retail shopping and offices, shall be oriented to the street, near or at the setback line. For lots with more than two front yards, the building(s) shall be oriented to streets classified as collectors or higher, as identified on the City transportation map.
5. Off-street motor vehicle parking for new multifamily and commercial developments shall be located at the side or behind the building(s).

C. Commercial Uses.

1. Mobile vendors, subject to the same standards throughout all zones, as stated in RPMC 17.65.160;

2. Seasonal and Occasional Uses.

a. Seasonal and occasional uses when set up and removed within 45 days of the specified holiday season or event. Such use shall not last for more than 45 calendar days, shall not encroach upon any traffic maneuvering, ingress or egress ways, and shall not cover more than 50 percent of the required off-street parking area for the commercial use.

17.32.070 Design Standards.

A. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of these standards is to ensure that development within the Commercial Residential District reflects the distinctive character of Rogue River while fostering a seamless transition between commercial and residential living. These standards promote a human-scale, pedestrian-oriented environment by encouraging high-quality architectural design, inviting streetscapes, and functional building orientations that unify the district's diverse uses. By prioritizing compatibility and visual harmony, these standards ensure that new development contributes to a vibrant, walkable, and lasting community character.

B. Applicability and Compliance Thresholds.

1. Applicability. The site design standards listed in this section shall apply to all real property development, layout, and construction within the C-R Commercial-Residential

District. Compliance with these standards is mandatory under any of the following conditions:

- a. New Development: All new construction, structural development, or site preparation requiring a development or building permit on previously vacant or cleared parcels.
- b. Substantial Modification of Existing Structures: Any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or improvement of an existing primary structure, where the cumulative cost of the work equals or exceeds 51 percent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction or repair.
- c. Substantial Site or Layout Alteration: Any modification, expansion, or reconfiguration of the exterior site layout, including but not limited to parking areas, on-site circulation, or outdoor storage, that alters 51 percent or greater of the total developed site area or total impervious surface area currently existing on the parcel.

2. Exemptions. Normal maintenance, internal remodeling that does not alter the footprint or exterior facade, or minor repairs under the 51 percent threshold shall not trigger a requirement to retroactively bring the entire site into compliance with these design standards.

3. Cumulative Improvement Threshold and Look-Back Period.

- a. Aggregation of Applications: For the purposes of determining compliance with the 51 percent threshold requirements, all applications for development on the subject property shall be aggregated. Any improvements or development activities occurring within a period of five years from the date of the initial application shall be cumulatively calculated to determine whether the 51 percent threshold has been met.
- b. Binding Effect: The provisions of this section shall run with the land. All obligations imposed herein shall be binding upon the property owner and all successors in interest. The five-year cumulative assessment period shall continue to apply to the property regardless of changes in property ownership or the entity status of the applicant.

C. Building Placement & Streetscape.

To promote a walkable environment that respects both residential and commercial needs, all new developments shall incorporate at least three (3) of the following six (6) elements:

1. **Minimum Street Wall Coverage:** At least 50 percent of the ground-level facade must be built within 10 feet of the front property line to maintain a traditional streetscape.
2. **Pedestrian Courtyards:** The front setback area for outdoor cafe seating, a pedestrian plaza, art sculptures, or water fountains in lieu of standard landscape planter strips or turf.
3. **Low-Profile Landscape Buffering:** Fencing or hedging installed within the front setback area may be utilized, provided that any hedge exceeding 50 percent of the total street frontage width is maintained at a maximum height of 4 feet or less. This standard ensures a clear line of sight is preserved between the public sidewalk and ground-floor business spaces.
4. **Corner Entrance Emphasis:** On corner lots, a prominent corner entrance or architectural feature, such as chamfered/rounded edges, decorative molding, or public art, shall be integrated with an outdoor pedestrian pocket plaza of at least 200 square feet. This integrated space must feature river inspired seating and be designed to accommodate community interaction, public art displays, or small-scale street vendors.
5. **Staggered Streetscape:** To avoid uniform, blocky developments, building heights must vary from adjacent structures through slightly dissimilar overall heights or stepped parapets.
6. **Hard-Surfaced Amenities:** At least 50 percent of the area within 10 feet of the adjacent public right-of-way line shall be hard-surfaced with decorative materials (excluding standard asphalt) for use by the public.

D. Architectural Character, Massing & Detailing.

To ensure new commercial-residential buildings harmonize with the surrounding neighborhood, all new developments shall incorporate at least three (3) of the following six (6) elements:

1. **Vertical Window Orientation:** Upper-story windows shall have a vertical orientation (taller than they are wide) to mirror traditional residential proportions.
2. **Articulated Building Mass:** Facades shall use offsets, gables, or balconies to break the building into smaller, residential-scale modules.
3. **Mountain Lodge Roof Forms:** Rooflines must utilize gabled or hipped roof forms with overhanging eaves consistent with Craftsman influences. If a flat roof is used, it must feature a traditional Main Street style parapet wall with a decorative cornice.

4. Covered Entrances: All primary residential and commercial entrances shall be recessed or protected by a permanent awning, porch, or canopy to provide weather protection.
5. Floor-to-Floor Height Variation: Ground-floor commercial spaces shall have a minimum interior ceiling height of 12 feet to distinguish the commercial use from upper-story residential units.
6. Community Heritage Art: Incorporate a permanent art piece, such as a mural, decorative weathervane, or sculpture, depicting local history and culture, such as the National Rooster Crow, migrating salmon, the historic gold-mining era, or the region's rich timber industry heritage. When a weathervane is utilized, it shall have a minimum length or height of 1 inch for every foot of building roof width, with a minimum allowable size of 24 inches.

E. Materials, Colors & The Valley Palette.

To promote lasting quality and reflect the Rogue River aesthetic, all new developments shall incorporate at least two (2) of the following five (5) elements:

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Chapter 17.05 PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS**“Harmony”**

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“Neighborhood Scale”

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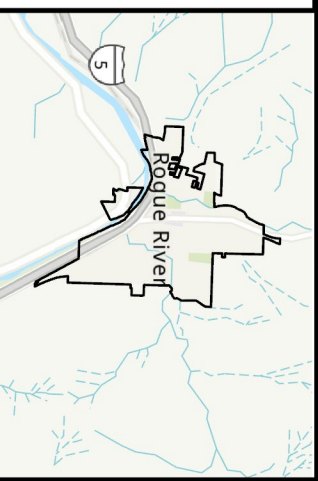
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ORDINANCE NO. 26-449-O

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WHEREAS, the City of Rogue River finds that it is necessary to establish a new C-R Commercial-Residential District designed to support compatible mixed-use development; and,

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THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. to add Chapter 17.32 as follows:

Chapter 17.32: C-R COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

17.32.010 Purpose.

The purpose of the C-R Commercial-Residential District is to facilitate the strategic evolution of this area from its residential origins into a vibrant, high-functioning commercial extension of the city's central core. This district serves as a bridge between commercial activity and existing residential neighborhoods by permitting a compatible mix of medium-density residential and light commercial uses. Over time, the district is intended to serve as a cornerstone for the planned expansion of the City's central commercial area. To achieve this, the district provides administrative certainty through clear and objective standards that foster a high-quality, pedestrian-oriented environment, ensuring that new development is both functionally and aesthetically integrated with the city's long-term growth.

17.32.020 Permitted uses.

A. Residential Uses.

The following residential uses are permitted outright, subject to the applicable development standards of this title:

1. Single-family detached dwellings;
2. Single-family attached dwellings, including townhomes;
3. Duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes;
4. Multifamily dwellings;
5. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units;
6. Residential care homes or residential care facilities;
7. Boarding or rooming houses;
8. Manufactured homes and prefabricated structures;
9. Manufactured home parks;
10. Accessory dwelling units, subject to RRM 17.105.120;
11. Residential treatment homes/facilities; and
12. Short-term rentals, subject to applicable standards of this title.

B. Public and Institutional Uses.

The following uses are subject to Chapter 17.115 RRM, Site Design Review:

1. Child daycare center;
2. Club lodge, fraternal organization;
3. Community service; includes governmental offices;
4. Community garden;
5. Clinic, outpatient only;
6. Mortuary;
7. Nonprofit member organization offices;
8. Transportation facilities; includes construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities located within right-of-way controlled by a public agency, consistent with the transportation system plan; and

9. Utility structures and facilities, city-planned projects; i.e., utilities identified by an adopted city master plan or development review approval.

C. Commercial Uses.

The following uses are subject to Chapter 17.115 RPMC, Site Design Review:

1. Indoor restaurant, bakery, cafe, coffee shop, or other eatery, including bars and taverns;
2. General retail sales and services, including hardware, grocery, clothing, and similar establishments;
3. Light service shops, including tailoring, picture framing, and similar uses;
4. Technical services, including copy shops, computer or appliance repair, and makerspaces;
5. Personal service establishments such as beauty and barber shops, laundromat, cleaning and laundry shops and services, and dyeing establishments;
6. Offices, such as banks, financial, and professional offices;
7. Offices specializing in research, prototype development, or creation of digital products; and
8. Medical clinics, including dentist, optician, outpatient, and urgent care facilities.

17.32.030 Accessory uses.

The following uses are permitted as accessory to an existing use in the C-1 district:

A. Public and Institutional Uses.

1. Club, lodge, fraternal organization; and
2. Public parks and open space, including playgrounds, trails, nature preserves, athletic fields, courts, swim pools, boat ramps, and similar uses.

B. Industrial and Employment Uses.

1. Freight terminals, including loading docks, storage, warehousing, wholesale distribution, cold storage; except self-service storage or mini-storage warehouses.

C. Other Uses.

1. Solar panels (for incidental use); and

2. Metal cargo or shipping or other such containers are allowed only with a conditional use permit.

17.32.040 Conditional uses.

The following uses are permitted in the C-RM district subject to approval in accordance with Chapters 17.100 and 17.115 RRM: C:

1. Amusement, entertainment, and commercial recreation uses, including theaters, bowling alleys, miniature golf, concert venues, arcades, and similar uses;
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12. Hotels, motels, and similar overnight accommodations;
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22. Religious institutions and houses of worship;
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Lots or parcels developed or proposed for middle housing in the C-R Commercial-Residential District may be divided consistent with ORS 92.031. Applications for middle housing land divisions shall be reviewed ministerially and may not be subject to approval criteria other than those expressly permitted by state law.

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The following uses are permitted when found to be in compliance with their relevant special standards criteria, contained in Chapter 17.105 RRMC and/or their specific standards within this chapter.

A. Residential Uses.

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- a. Accessory dwelling units may be sited in the C-1 zone provided they adhere to all of the provisions of RRMC 17.105.120.

3. Home Occupations.

a. Home occupations may occur within the C-1 zone provided they adhere to all of the provisions of RPMC 17.65.140.

B. Mixed-Use Standards.

1. Residential uses are permitted on the ground floor or upper floors.
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5. Off-street motor vehicle parking for new multifamily and commercial developments shall be located at the side or behind the building(s).

C. Commercial Uses.

1. Mobile vendors, subject to the same standards throughout all zones, as stated in RPMC 17.65.160;

2. Seasonal and Occasional Uses.

a. Seasonal and occasional uses when set up and removed within 45 days of the specified holiday season or event. Such use shall not last for more than 45 calendar days, shall not encroach upon any traffic maneuvering, ingress or egress ways, and shall not cover more than 50 percent of the required off-street parking area for the commercial use.

17.32.070 Design Standards.

A. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of these standards is to ensure that development within the Commercial Residential District reflects the distinctive character of Rogue River while fostering a seamless transition between commercial and residential living. These standards promote a human-scale, pedestrian-oriented environment by encouraging high-quality architectural design, inviting streetscapes, and functional building orientations that unify the district's diverse uses. By prioritizing compatibility and visual harmony, these standards ensure that new development contributes to a vibrant, walkable, and lasting community character.

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F. Maximum Lot Coverage: 70 percent.

G. Manufactured Homes and Prefabricated Structures.

1. Manufactured homes and prefabricated structures shall be subject to the same siting, setback, height, lot coverage, and design standards as site-built dwellings of the same housing type, consistent with ORS 197A.432.
2. Manufactured dwelling parks shall be regulated using clear and objective standards and shall not be subject to minimum lot size, density, or design requirements that would preclude their development, consistent with ORS 197A.436.

17.32.100 General requirements.

A. No use shall be permitted and no process, equipment or materials shall be used which are found by the planning commission to be harmful to persons living or working in the vicinity or by reason of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, cinders, dirt, refuse, water-carried waste, noise, vibrations, illumination, glare, or unsightliness or to involve any hazard of fire or explosions.

B. All business, services and processes shall be conducted entirely within a completely enclosed structure, or in an area immediately adjacent thereto, provided the area of such outside use is paved and does not exceed 10 percent of the area of the enclosed commercial use and is entirely on privately owned property. Off-street parking and loading areas, gasoline stations, outdoor dining, entertainment or recreation areas, and garden shops, Christmas tree sales lots, bus stations, automobile sales, and trailer sales or rentals need not be within an enclosed structure.

C. Open storage of materials attendant to a permitted use or conditional use shall be permitted only within a paved area surrounded or screened by an approved solid wall or an approved site screening fence six feet in height; provided, that no materials or equipment, except vehicles, shall be stored to a height greater than that of the wall or fence.

D. Where a nonresidential site adjoins or is located across an alley from a residential district, a solid wall or fence, six feet in height, shall be located on the property line common to such districts, except in a required front yard, where it must be inside the property line.

E. All new development shall be required to provide half-street improvements along all frontage roads, including curbs, gutters, sidewalks and storm drain facilities, and pavement to the center line of the road(s).

F. Any developer working in any public right-of-way within the city limits shall provide the city with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the city as an additional insured. Public utilities are exempt from this subsection.

17.32.110 Signs and lighting premises.

A. All signs located within the C-R commercial-residential district shall comply with Chapter 17.85 RRM, specifically RRM 17.85.120, Commercial, industrial and public-open space sign regulations.

B. Outdoor lighting standards and fixtures for illumination of premises shall be so designed and installed that direct rays are not toward or parallel with a public street or highway or directed toward any residential uses.

17.32.120 Off-street parking.

All uses shall provide off-street parking facilities as required in Chapter 17.70 RRM, with the following exceptions:

1. Residential: 1 space per unit.
2. SRO Units: Parking for SRO developments shall not exceed the maximum permitted under ORS 197A.430: 3 SRO units: ≤ 1 space total/6 SRO units: ≤ 2 spaces total.
3. Reductions: Required parking may be reduced by 20 percent for mixed-use buildings.
4. Safe-harbor clause: Where state law sets a lower parking requirement or prohibits a parking minimum, state law shall apply.

17.32.130 Hydrologist, soil engineer, engineer, and/or geologist.

Any developer developing in the city limits may be required to pay for a state of Oregon licensed hydrologist, soil engineer, engineer, and/or geologist who is hired by the city to review the development plans to ensure that all requirements and specifications of the city are met.

SECTION 2. to add Section 17.30.055 as follows:

17.30.55 Commercial Design Standards.

A. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of these standards is to ensure that development in the C-1 District enhances Rogue River's unique character as a historic river town. These standards promote a human-scale environment that is pedestrian-friendly, preserves visual links to the Rogue River, and utilizes materials reflecting the natural beauty of the Valley of the Rogue ecosystem.

B. Applicability and Compliance Thresholds.

1. Applicability. The site design standards listed in this section shall apply to all real property development, layout, and construction within the C-1

Commercial District. Compliance with these standards is mandatory under any of the following conditions:

- a. New Development: All new construction, structural development, or site preparation requiring a development or building permit on previously vacant or cleared parcels.
 - b. Substantial Modification of Existing Structures: Any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or improvement of an existing primary structure, where the cumulative cost of the work equals or exceeds 51 percent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction or repair.
 - c. Substantial Site or Layout Alteration: Any modification, expansion, or reconfiguration of the exterior site layout, including but not limited to parking areas, on-site circulation, or outdoor storage, that alters 51 percent or greater of the total developed site area or total impervious surface area currently existing on the parcel.
2. Exemptions. Normal maintenance, internal remodeling that does not alter the footprint or exterior facade, or minor repairs under the 51 percent threshold shall not trigger a requirement to retroactively bring the entire site into compliance with these design standards.
 3. Cumulative Improvement Threshold and Look-Back Period.
 - a. Aggregation of Applications: For the purposes of determining compliance with the 51 percent threshold requirements, all applications for development on the subject property shall be aggregated. Any improvements or development activities occurring within a period of five years from the date of the initial application shall be cumulatively calculated to determine whether the 51 percent threshold has been met.
 - b. Binding Effect: The provisions of this section shall run with the land. All obligations imposed herein shall be binding upon the property owner and all successors in interest. The five-year cumulative assessment period shall continue to apply to the property regardless of changes in property ownership or the entity status of the applicant.

C. Building Placement & Streetscape. To maintain a walkable, historic Main Street presence by ensuring new developments orient toward the sidewalk, emphasize prominent intersections, and foster an active, pedestrian-friendly public realm. Developers shall incorporate at least three (3) of the following seven (7) elements:

1. Pedestrian-Oriented Front Setbacks: In lieu of standard landscaping, front

setback areas may be utilized for outdoor dining, pedestrian plazas, sculptures, or water fountains to enhance the active public realm.

2. **Pedestrian Pocket Plaza & Corner Emphasis:** On corner lots, a prominent corner entrance or architectural feature, such as chamfered/rounded edges, decorative molding, or public art, shall be integrated with an outdoor pedestrian pocket plaza of at least 200 square feet. This integrated space must feature river inspired seating and be designed to accommodate community interaction or public art displays.
 3. **Staggered Streetscape:** To avoid uniform, blocky developments, proposed building heights must vary from adjacent structures to create visual interest. Compliance shall be achieved by incorporating a minimum 1 percent variation in overall building height, or through a stepped parapet design that varies the roofline by at least 1 percent relative to the adjacent structure's maximum height.
 4. **Hard-Surfaced Amenities:** At least 50 percent of the area within 10 feet of the adjacent public right-of-way line shall be hard-surfaced with decorative materials (excluding standard asphalt) for use by the public.
 5. **Screening with Low Hedges:** Limit the height of hedges in front setback areas to 4 feet or less if they exceed 50 percent of the total street frontage width to maintain visibility.
 6. **Minimum Street Wall Coverage:** To create a consistent, pedestrian-friendly street wall, a minimum of 50 percent of the building's ground-level facade must be constructed within 10 feet of the front property line.
 7. **Trailer Placement:** To encourage the provisioning of trailer parking while maintaining a continuous, historic streetscape, spaces designated for trailers or recreational vehicles (RVs) are permitted and encouraged, provided they are located to the side or rear of the principal structure and the development meets all required parking requirements for the primary use. Trailer parking, loading, or open storage areas shall not be placed within the front yard setback or directly between the primary building facade and the street right-of-way, and must be screened from the public sidewalk by a decorative 4-foot hedge or a masonry wall integrated with native vegetation.
- D. **Architectural Character, Massing & Detailing.** To break up large building footprints using architectural forms inspired by regional Craftsman and Mountain Lodge styles. Developers shall incorporate at least three (3) of the following five (5) elements:
1. **Facade Articulation & Rhythm:** No street-facing facade shall exceed 40 horizontal feet without a significant architectural break, such as a minimum 2-foot-deep offset, vertical column, or texture.

2. Storefront Transparency: To ensure a welcoming, active sidewalk environment, at least 60 percent of the ground-floor wall area facing a public street or plaza must consist of clear windows or glass doors. Windowsills shall be no more than 3 feet above exterior grade.
3. Mountain Lodge Roof Forms: Rooflines must utilize gabled or hipped roof forms with overhanging eaves consistent with Craftsman influences. If a flat roof is used, it must feature a traditional Main Street style parapet wall with a decorative cornice.
4. Heavy Timber Accents: To reflect the aesthetic of Pacific Northwest outdoor lodges, buildings must incorporate structural or decorative heavy timber elements (minimum 6"x6" posts) at the primary entrance or for porch supports.
5. Community Heritage Art: Incorporate a permanent art piece, such as a mural, decorative weather vane, or sculpture, depicting local history and culture, such as the National Rooster Crow, migrating salmon, the historic gold-mining era, or the region's rich timber industry heritage. When a weathervane is utilized, it shall have a minimum length or height of 1 inch for every foot of building roof width, with a minimum allowable size of 24 inches.

E. Materials, Colors & The Valley Palette. To blend the built environment seamlessly into the natural landscape of the Rogue Valley ecosystem. Developers shall incorporate at least two (2) of the following five (5) elements:

1. River-Themed Landscaping: Landscaping shall prioritize native species. The use of river rock in bioswales and planter beds is encouraged to mirror the nearby Rogue River shoreline.
2. The Valley Palette: Exterior body finishes are restricted to a maximum of three colors found within the local ecosystem: Bark & Earth (deep umbers/burnt siennas), Foliage (moss greens/Madrone reds), or River (slate greys/Blue-Heron silvers). Bright primary colors are permitted for signage and small accents only.
3. Material Transitions (No False Fronts): Primary facade materials must turn the corner onto side elevations for a minimum length of 12 inches to prevent a flat, two-dimensional appearance.
4. Regional Accents: Promote materials native to the region, such as stone or timber cladding, to emphasize architectural character. Where stone or masonry is utilized as an accent on portico supports, chimneys, or building foundations, it is encouraged to extend to a height of up to 44 inches from the finished grade. This standard is intended to provide human-scale contrast and visual interest while ensuring compatibility with building egress requirements.
5. Exterior Material Diversity: Buildings shall incorporate at least two

complementary, fire-resistant siding materials. Acceptable materials include lap siding, cedar shingles, stone, brick, or high-quality cementitious products (e.g., fiber-cement siding) that provide a textured, natural finish. Vinyl and T1-11 siding are prohibited.

F. Site Design & Natural Landscape Harmony. To emulate the natural topography and forest canopy of the neighboring State Park. Developers shall incorporate at least two (2) of the four standard design elements listed in subsections (1) through (4) below.

If an applicant demonstrates that unique site constraints make compliance with the standard elements unfeasible, they may instead utilize the alternative compliance pathways detailed in subsection (5).

1. Native Canopy Buffers: To screen parking areas from the street view, developers shall install a tiered landscape buffer utilizing native Southern Oregon trees and flora. Plantings shall prioritize Oregon White Oak, Ponderosa Pine, and Vine Maple, and must comply with the approved species and installation specifications set forth in the City of Rogue River Street Tree Ordinance (RRMC Chapter 12.20).
2. Visual River Links: Properties located between a public right-of-way and the Rogue River must maintain an unobstructed view corridor (covering at least 15 percent of the side or rear yard) to preserve scenic glimpses of the water from the street.
3. Natural Feature Protection: Existing significant natural site features, such as small streams, wetlands, and large heritage trees, must be preserved and integrated into the architectural layout rather than using culverts, clearing, and fill.
4. Visible Stormwater Features: Incorporate a highly visible green stormwater amenity into the front site design, such as a landscaped rain garden or a bioswale with a stone-lined overflow, treating runoff as a natural design feature.
5. Alternative Compliance and Tree Fund Option: If an applicant demonstrates that none of the standard site design elements (1 through 4) above can be physically or practically applied to the subject parcel due to unique site constraints, topography, or conflicting utility easements, compliance may be achieved through one of the following alternative mechanisms:

Option A: Design Element Substitution. The applicant may select and fully implement two (2) additional design elements from the approved site design standards that have not already been applied to the project.

Option B: Street Tree Fund Contribution. The applicant may elect to satisfy the site

design requirement by making a financial contribution to the City's dedicated Street Tree Fund.

Fee Calculation: The in-lieu fee shall be established at 0.5 percent of the total valuation of the proposed project, as determined by the building permit valuation or documented project value at the time of complete application submittal.

SECTION 3. to amend Chapter 17.05 by adding the following language:

“Harmony”

means quantifiable structural relationship between a proposed development and its adjacent built and natural surroundings. Planning staff shall verify that the application satisfies the minimum criteria for dimensional and materials alignment, measured as follows:

1. Height Alignment: The maximum height of the proposed structure is within 10% or 5 feet of the average height of existing principal structures on directly adjacent lots, or satisfies the explicit district cap (whichever is more restrictive).
2. Massing and Scale Ratio: The horizontal street-facing facade does not exceed the average width of existing adjacent commercial frontages by more than 20% unless broken by a vertical articulation or offset of at least 2 feet in depth for every 30 to 40 feet of horizontal wall.
3. Material and Color Adherence: A minimum of 20% of the ground-floor street-facing facade utilizes regional primary materials (e.g., natural river rock or rounded fieldstone), and 100% of the primary exterior body paint colors match the specific hex-code ranges or classifications established under the approved architectural palette.
4. Setback and Street Wall Continuity: The primary street-facing facade is built within 2 feet of the established average front yard setback line of existing buildings on the same block face, maintaining a continuous street wall.

“Neighborhood Scale”

means a standard of development, building massing, and operational intensity defined by the following measurable limits to ensure commercial uses harmonize with low-to-medium density residential areas:

1. Building Size: The lodging establishment shall not exceed a maximum of 15 guest rooms and a total gross floor area of 5,000 square feet.

2. Building Height: The structure shall not exceed a maximum height of 35 feet.
3. Traffic Volume: The use shall not generate more than 100 average daily vehicle trips (ADT), avoiding the high-turnover transit impacts typical of regional highway motels.
4. Site Design: The layout shall strictly prohibit outdoor guest parking or loading zones located between the front facade of the building and the street right-of-way, drive-through check-in windows, and standalone commercial event or conference facilities.

SECTION 4. The parcels of land identified in the zoning map identified as Exhibit 'A', and identified in the following list:

MAPLOT	Site Address	Zone	Zone_From	Zone_To
36-4W-15CC-1300	121 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-1400	125 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-1500	131 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-1501	129 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-1600	139 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-1700	145 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-1701	141 CEDAR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-4802	211 1/2 E MAIN ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-5300	210 FIRST ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-7101	200 FIRST ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-7102	OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-7300	120 OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-7500	110 OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-7900	OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)

36-4W-15CC-8001	OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-8200	127 OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-8300	135 OAK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CD-802	499 E MAIN ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-300	227 PINE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-302	220 BERGLUND AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-400	216 BERGLUND AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-401	219 PINE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-500	214 BERGLUND AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-600	217 PINE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-700	212 BERGLUND AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-701	208 BERGLUND AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-16DD-800	BERGLUND AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-21-300	5715 ROGUE RIVER HWY	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-21AA-2700	8835 ROGUE RIVER HWY	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-1000	204 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-1100	200 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-1101	202 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-1200	120 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-1300	114 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2200	207 ARBOR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2300	213 ARBOR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2400	113 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)

36-4W-22BB-2500	201 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2600	214 ARBOR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2700	208 ARBOR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2800	202 ARBOR ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2900	CLASSICK DR	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2905	201 CLASSICK DR	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2906	203 CLASSICK DR	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2907	205 CLASSICK DR	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2908	207 CLASSICK DR	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2909	201 MADRONE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2910	203 MADRONE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2911	205 MADRONE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2912	207 MADRONE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2913	211 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2914	209 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-2915	207 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-300	206 GILMORE AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-3000	201 GARDINER ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-400	210 GILMORE AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-500	212 GILMORE AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-501	GILMORE AVE	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-600	204 MADRONE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)

36-4W-22BB-800	208 MADRONE ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-22BB-900	212 PARK ST	C-R	Commercial (C-1)	Commercial Residential (C-R)
36-4W-15CC-7400	118 OAK ST	P	Commercial (C-1)	Public Open Space (P)
36-4W-16DD-301	BERGLUND AVE	P	Commercial (C-1)	Public Open Space (P)

are hereby re-zoned as listed (61 parcels from C-1 to C-R, and 2 parcels changed from C-1 to Public) and the City Zoning Map is hereby amended.

SECTION 6. Severability Clause. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Rogue River on this 27th day of August 2026.

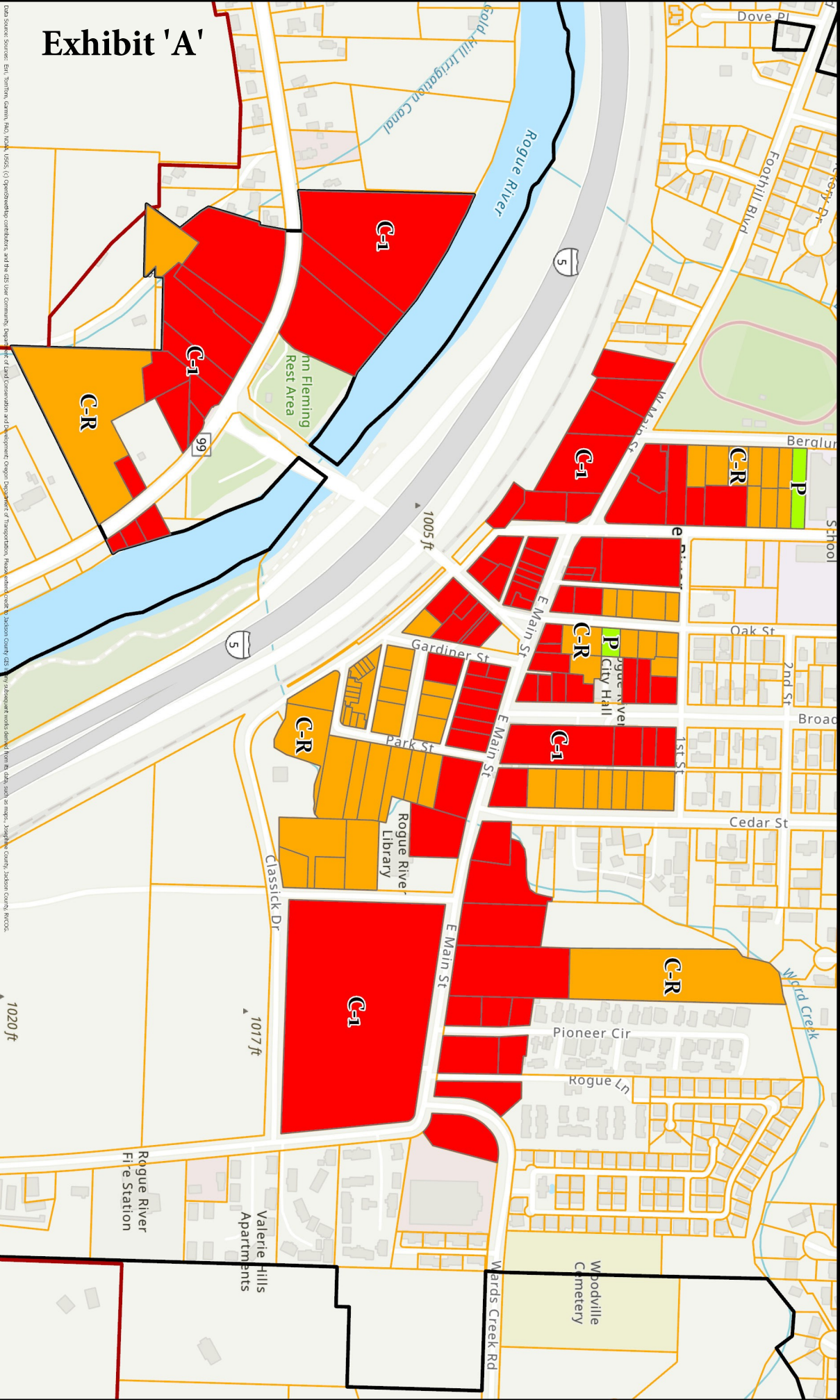
SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Rogue River on this 27th day of August 2026.

Pam VanArsdale
Mayor

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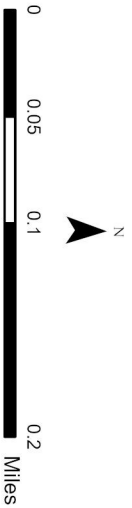
Diane Oliver
City Recorder

Exhibit 'A'



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Planned Tax lots for Code and Zone Amendments



- Commercial (C-1)
- Commercial Residential (C-R)
- Public Open Space (P)
- Tax Lots
- City Limit
- Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)



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RESOLUTION NO. 26-1479-R

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ALL CITY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, COUNCIL LIAISONS, AND OFFICIAL CITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 26-1469-R.

WHEREAS, Commissions and committees play an important role in city governance by assisting the City in addressing specific issues in detail, lending professional expertise, facilitating community decision-making and serving as a conduit between citizens, City staff and the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a need exists to establish Rules of Procedure to clarify requirements of all City committees, commissions, liaisons, and official City representatives, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to create a Tree City Committee Liaison position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON, that the Rules of Procedure for all City Commissions, Committees, Council Liaisons, Official City and Representatives for the City of Rogue River be adopted as follows:

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CITY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, COUNCIL LIAISONS, AND OFFICIAL CITY REPRESENTATIVES

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION PROCEDURES

ARTICLE 2 - CITY COMMISSIONS

Section 1.0 Planning Commission

ARTICLE 3 - CITY COMMITTEES

Section 1.0 Budget Committee

Section 2.0 Finance Committee

Section 3.0 Safety Committee

Section 4.0 Tree City Committee

Section 5.0 Contract Review Board

Section 6.0 Local Board of Appeals (Building Code)

Section 7.0 Ad Hoc Committees

ARTICLE 4 - CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS

Section 1.0 Planning Commission Liaison

Section 2.0 Rogue River Chamber of Commerce Liaison

Section 3.0 Rogue River School District #35 Liaison

Section 4.0 Jackson County Fire District #1 (Rogue River Fire District) Liaison

Section 5.0 Rogue River Community Center Liaison

Section 6.0 Tree City Committee Liaison

ARTICLE 5 - CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1.0 Rogue Valley Council of Governments Representative

Section 2.0 Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation Representative

Section 3.0 Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Representative

Section 4.0 Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon Representative

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION PROCEDURES

The following procedures apply to all committees and commissions:

A. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be used as a guide in the conduct of Committee and Commission meetings. These rules of order may be relaxed at the discretion of the presiding officer to simplify and clarify matters before the body. Robert's Rules of Order Revised for small boards applies to any group with fewer than 12 members.

B. All committees shall keep minutes and/or shall record the proceedings of their meetings. A report shall be presented to the City Council during the committee report section of the Council agenda by the appointed Council Liaison or Representative. The committee chair or their designate shall be responsible for providing a written record to the City Recorder within one week of the meeting. The record should contain the following, at a minimum:

1. Date, time, location and name of group meeting;
 2. The name of those present;
 3. Any motions made and seconded;
 4. Results of votes (who made the motion and the vote total);
 5. Issues that need to be forwarded to the City Council;
 6. The date, time and location of the next meeting;
 7. The substance of any discussion on any matter; and
 8. Subject to ORS 192.410 through 192.505, relating to public records, a reference to any document discussed at the meeting.
9. Residency shall be determined using voter registration records of Jackson County.

C. Unless otherwise indicated in the City Charter or Municipal Code, the following applies to all committees and commissions:

1. The members of a committee or commission shall not at any time receive compensation for their service.
2. The term of office for a committee member shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.
3. The Council Liaison or City Representative shall serve for a two-year term as appointed by the Mayor each January of odd numbered years. The Council Liaison will be a non-voting member.
4. Should any member resign or be removed from office as provided in this chapter, a replacement member shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a vote of the Council, to fill the unexpired term of the replaced or resigned member.

5. A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of a simple majority of the voting members, unless otherwise indicated.

6. At the first meeting of each year, each Committee and Commission shall select from among its members a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the Committee. The Council Liaison shall not hold any office of this committee or commission. City Representatives shall hold board membership as appointed, and may hold such office on the board as so elected.

7. A committee or commission that has been inactive for a period of time may need to reappoint members upon their reactivation. At such time, the terms may be staggered at the discretion of the Mayor to ensure that not all members' terms expire at the same time.

8. The City Administrator may recommend to the Mayor the reactivation of a committee or commission.

9. A member of any committee, commission, liaison role, or City Representative may be removed by the mayor, with consent of the city council, for the following reasons:

- a. Neglect of obligation.
- b. Misconduct in office.
- c. Incompetence.
- d. Dereliction of duty.
- e. Nonattendance at three public hearings, meetings, and/or study sessions (workshops).
- f. Other good causes determined by the mayor and the city council in their discretion to be in the best interests of the city of Rogue River.

D. All governing bodies of a public body are subject to Oregon's Public Meeting Laws.

1. Governing bodies include any committee or commission which has authority to make decisions for or recommendations to the City Council. All such committees or commissions shall hold all meetings in compliance with all requirements of Oregon's Public Meeting Laws.

2. Committees and commissions which are not considered governing bodies would include; those tasked with collecting information only, those which serve as an advisory committee to staff, those which make no final decision for the City, and those which make no formal recommendation to the City Council. Committees and commissions which are not considered governing bodies would not be required to hold meetings in compliance with all Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

E. All committees, commissions, liaisons, and representatives of the City are subject to Oregon's Government Ethics Laws.

ARTICLE 2 – CITY COMMISSIONS

SECTION 1.0 Planning Commission (Planning Commission Rules found in the Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 2.15)

Purpose

The Planning Commission was established by the City Council to act as a quasi-judicial body to review land use decisions within the City. The commission is authorized by Oregon State Statute and shall adhere to all Oregon Land Use Law and shall conduct all reviews and recommendations in adherence to the City of Rogue River's adopted comprehensive land use plan and implementing ordinances.

SECTION 1.1 Membership

A. Appointment of Members. The Planning Commission shall consist of five members who are not officials or employees of the city. The mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint members to the Planning Commission. All members of the Planning Commission shall reside within the city limits of Rogue River.

B. Appointment of Alternate Members. The mayor, with approval of the City Council, may appoint two alternate members to the Planning Commission. In the event a regular member of the Planning Commission is absent, an alternate member shall become a voting member while the regular member is absent.

C. Membership. No more than two regular or alternate members of the Planning Commission shall be engaged principally in or be a member of any partnership, nor be a principal or officer of any corporation whose principal operation is buying, selling or developing real estate. No more than two voting members shall be engaged in the same occupation, trade, business or profession.

SECTION 1.2 Terms of Office

Planning Commission members shall serve a term of four years from the first calendar day of the year of appointment. The initial appointment of some members shall be for other specified terms in order to establish an equal expiration of terms every two years. Their successors shall hold office for four years. The City Recorder shall be responsible for maintaining a current roster of Planning Commission members and terms of office.

SECTION 1.3 Meetings

The Planning Commission shall meet at least once a month. Meetings of the Planning Commission shall be open to the public. Notice of each meeting shall be mailed or faxed to newspapers of local circulation, and posted in at least two conspicuous locations in the city. To the extent possible, notice shall be provided to interested parties.

A majority of the members of the Planning Commission shall constitute a quorum. The Planning Commission cannot meet or conduct business if a quorum of members is not present. Meetings other than at regularly scheduled times may be:

- A. Announced at the prior meeting;
- B. Set by the chair; or
- C. Set at the request of at least three members of the Planning Commission.

SECTION 1.4 Duties

The Planning Commission shall have the powers and duties which are now or may hereafter be assigned to it by city Charter, ordinance or resolution of the city and

general laws of this state. The Planning Commission has been granted authority by the City Council to make decisions on specific land use applications within the City of Rogue River. The duties of the Planning Commission shall include the following:

A. To review, hear at public hearing, and recommend to City Council the following matters:

1. Amendments to the text of the comprehensive plan.
2. Amendments to the general land use map of the comprehensive plan.
3. Amendments to the urban growth boundary.
4. Amendments to the text of RRM Title 17.
5. Amendments to the future and/or existing zoning maps.
6. Subdivision, planned unit development and conversion plan applications.
7. Final plats on all subdivisions.
8. Annexations.

B. The Planning Commission may recommend to the City Council any planning concepts or proposed measures, in conformance with the comprehensive plan, designed to enhance the future growth, development and beautification of the municipality in order to secure to the city and its inhabitants proper sanitation, service from public utilities (sewer, water, street); and such regulations as may be advisable for promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city.

C. The Planning Commission shall review and make decisions on the following land use applications:

1. Appeals of staff decisions.
2. Administrative permits.
3. Nonconforming uses.
4. Variances.
5. Conditional use permits.
6. Site plan reviews.

The Planning Commission is a governing body of the City of Rogue River and shall hold all meetings in full compliance with all Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

ARTICLE 3 – CITY COMMITTEES

SECTION 1.0 Budget Committee

Purpose

The budget committee serves as the City's fiscal planning advisory committee. Each City is required to establish a budget committee in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 294.414.

SECTION 1.1 Membership

The Budget Committee by law is composed of the governing body and an equal number of electors appointed by the governing body. An elector is a qualified voter who, for example, has the right to vote for a ballot measure submitted by the local government. If, after a good faith attempt, the governing body cannot find a sufficient

number of registered voters who are willing to serve, the budget committee becomes those who are willing plus the governing body. If no willing electors can be found, the governing body is the budget committee. The appointive members of the budget committee cannot be officers, agents or employees of the local government. An agent, generally, is someone who is authorized to act for the local government, or who can make commitments or sign contracts in the name of the local government. This is sometimes a grey area if an appointee candidate already serves on other advisory committees or commissions of a local government. If you are in doubt about whether a particular person is an agent, consult your legal counsel.

Spouses of officers, agents or employees of the local government may serve on the budget committee if they are qualified electors and not themselves officers, agents, or employees.

SECTION 1.2 Terms of Office

Appointive members of the budget committee are appointed for three-year terms. The terms must be staggered so that about one-third of the terms end each year.

Appointed budget committee members may be reappointed for additional terms, at the discretion of the governing body.

If an appointive member of the budget committee is unable to complete the term, or resigns before the term is over, the governing body must appoint another elector to serve out the unexpired portion of the term. There is no provision in budget law for “stand-by” or “alternate” appointed members.

All members of the budget committee have equal authority. Each member’s vote counts the same. Any member can be elected by the committee as its chair.

SECTION 1.3 Meetings

The budget committee must have a quorum present to hold a meeting. A quorum is a majority of the total membership of the committee. For example, if the budget committee has ten members, six must be present to hold a meeting.

The budget committee elects a presiding officer from among the members at the first meeting. The budget committee also hears the budget message at its first meeting. One of the committee’s most important duties is to hear and consider any testimony presented by the public about the budget.

The budget committee reviews and, if a majority of the committee feels it is necessary, revises the proposed budget submitted by the budget officer. The committee generally studies the budget by comparing the two previous years’ actual data, the current budgeted data, and the figures proposed by the budget officer. The budget committee may reduce or increase the estimates of resources and requirements proposed by the budget officer. Among the most common items discussed are the questions of taxation (how much?) and allocating revenues and expenditures (where will the spending occur?). If the amount of tax revenue needed to balance the budget exceeds the local government’s existing taxing authority, the committee may decide that the additional amount needed should be requested from the voters in the form of a local option tax. If the committee decides to stay within its existing taxing authority, and other resources cannot be found, then the committee must reduce budgeted requirements to balance the budget. The committee must ultimately balance each fund and approve the

budget. Committee members may not discuss or deliberate on the budget outside of a public meeting.

The committee may ask questions of the executive officer or other staff, and request additional information. The committee is entitled to receive any information it needs to make decisions about the budget.

Any budget committee action requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the total budget committee membership. For example, if only six members of a 10-member committee are present, they have the quorum necessary to meet, but they all must vote in favor of any proposed action to achieve the required majority.

The budget committee may approve the budget at the first meeting. However, it could take several meetings to do so. When the budget officer prepares the budget calendar, several budget committee meetings can be scheduled. The public notice then can include the date, time and place of each of the meetings. If more meetings are needed than were scheduled, give notice of those meetings in the same manner as notice of meetings of the governing body or by one or more of the publication methods used for the initial budget committee meetings.

SECTION 1.4 Duties

The budget committee meets publicly to review the budget document as proposed by the budget officer. The committee receives the proposed budget and the budget message and holds at least one meeting in which the public may ask questions about and comment on the budget. Notice of the first meeting held for these purposes must be published in a specific way. The committee must eventually approve the budget and, if ad valorem property taxes are required, approve the amount of tax or the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value for each levy that will be certified to the assessor.

The budget committee may meet from time to time throughout the year at the governing body's discretion for purposes such as training. All of these meetings are open to the public and notice of the meeting must be given in the same manner as notice for meetings of the governing body, or through one of the local budget law publication methods. Take care not to discuss specifics of the ensuing year's budget at these informal meetings until the notice requirements for the first budget committee meeting have been satisfied.

The Budget Committee makes formal recommendations to the City Council and is therefore a Governing Body of the City of Rogue River and shall hold all meetings in full compliance with all Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

SECTION 2.0 Finance Committee

Purpose

The Finance Committee has been created by the City Council to provide financial oversight and to continue ongoing review of financial transactions to ensure appropriate fiduciary responsibility of the assets invested by the citizens of Rogue River.

SECTION 2.1 Membership

While the Mayor and City Administrator are approved as authorized signers on all bank accounts of the City, and authorized to enter into agreements and approve certain

expenditures. The Finance Committee is made up of two City Councilors who also serve as approved signers on all bank accounts. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a vote of the Council. The Mayor shall appoint one member as Chair of the committee.

SECTION 2.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for a committee member shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 2.3 Meetings

Finance Committee members shall be ready and available upon notification from City staff to review and sign for all City expenditures near the 15th and 30th of each month.

SECTION 2.4 Duties

Following staff preparation of all invoices and statements Finance Committee members will be tasked with reviewing the paying of all bills by reviewing coded invoices and associated prepared payments. Finance Committee members should report any questions or concerns to the City Administrator. During the monthly Council meetings the Chair of the Finance Committee will give a report for the previous month's transactions.

The Finance Committee makes no final decision for the City and is not tasked with making formal recommendations to the City Council. This committee serves as an advisory committee to staff and is therefore not considered a Governing Body of the City of Rogue River and is not required to conduct meetings as a public body, or to comply with all Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

SECTION 3.0 Safety Committee

Purpose

City Administration created the Safety Committee to comply with Oregon Revised Statute and Worker Compensation Insurance requirements. The purpose of the committee is to bring workers and management together in a non-adversarial, cooperative effort to promote safety and health.

SECTION 3.1 Membership

Membership should be made up of employees with at least 4 members. The City must have an equal number of employer-selected members and employee elected or volunteer members. If both parties agree, the committee may have more employee-elected or volunteer members. Management can select a supervisor to represent them. Employees can also elect a supervisor to represent them. The safety committee members must:

- A. Have a majority agree on a chairperson.
- B. Be compensated at their regular rate of pay.

- C. Have training in the principles of accident and incident investigations for use in evaluating those events.
- D. Have training in hazard identification.
- E. Be provided with meeting minutes.
- F. Represent major activities of City business.

SECTION 3.2 Terms of Office

Members should serve a minimum of one year, when possible.

SECTION 3.3 Meetings

The safety committee must meet (on company time for employees) as follows:

- A. Quarterly in situations where employees do mostly office work.
- B. Monthly for all other situations (except the months when quarterly work site inspections are performed).

SECTION 3.4 Duties

The Safety Committee must keep written records of each safety committee meeting for three years that include:

- A. Names of attendees.
- B. Meeting date.
- C. All safety and health issues discussed, including tools, equipment, work environment, and work practice hazards.
- D. Recommendations for corrective action and a reasonable date by which management agrees to respond.
- E. Person responsible for follow up on any recommended corrective actions.
- F. All reports, evaluations, and recommendations made by the committee.

The safety committee must establish procedures for conducting workplace safety and health inspections. Persons trained in hazard identification must conduct facility inspections quarterly.

In addition to the above requirements, the safety committee must:

Work with management to establish, amend, or adopt accident investigation procedures that will identify and correct hazards;

Have a system that allows employees an opportunity to report hazards and safety and health related suggestions;

Establish procedures for reviewing inspection reports and for making recommendations to management;

Evaluate all accident and incident investigations and make recommendations for ways to prevent similar events from occurring;

Make safety committee meeting minutes available for all employees to review; and,

Evaluate management's accountability system for safety and health, and recommend improvements. Examples include use of incentives, discipline, and evaluating success in controlling safety and health hazards.

The Safety Committee is comprised of staff and not considered a Governing Body of the City of Rogue River. This Committee is not required to comply with Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

SECTION 4.0 Tree City Committee

Purpose

The City of Rogue River has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. To maintain status as a Tree City USA the City with assistance from the Tree City Committee participates in planned tree maintenance, tree plantings, and tree education.

SECTION 4.1 Membership

Membership shall be comprised of five members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. While preference should be given to City residence, experts or volunteers with unique experience residing in the greater area shall be eligible to serve.

SECTION 4.2 Terms of Office

Members shall serve a term of four years. The initial appointment of some members shall be for other specified terms in order to establish staggered expiration of terms every two years. Their successors shall hold office for four years.

SECTION 4.3 Meetings

Meetings to be held as needed.

SECTION 4.4 Duties

Committee members should be available for consultation and advice in the planting and care of trees on City property. This committee shall assist City staff in completing annual Tree City USA reporting requirements. This Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Public Works Director and other staff assigned to the Tree City USA reporting program. This Committee shall have no authority to award contracts, employ contractors, dispose of City assets, nor accept new assets on behalf of the City.

This committee is an advisory committee to staff. As a committee advising staff this committee is not considered a Governing Body of the City of Rogue River and is not required to comply with Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

SECTION 5.0 Contract Review Board

(Contract Review Board Rules found in the Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 3.10)

Purpose

The Contract Review Board is created to carry out the provisions of proper procurement and contracting policies of the State of Oregon and the City of Rogue River. The City has created this local board pursuant to ORS 279A.065(6), as the City has adopted their own Rules of Procurement in Chapter 3.10 of the RRMC.

SECTION 5.1 Membership

The City Council shall serve as the Local Contract Review Board.

SECTION 5.2 Terms of Office

Terms of office shall be guided by the approved terms for City Councilors and Mayor.

SECTION 5.3 Meetings

Meetings of the Local Contract Review Board shall occur as necessary to comply with local and state procurement and contracting regulations. The Mayor and City Administrator shall schedule all meetings in accordance with Oregon Public Meeting Laws as well as Procurement and Contracting Rules and Laws.

SECTION 5.4 - Duties

The Local Contract Review Board has all the rights, powers, and authority necessary to carry out the provisions the Chapter 3.10 of the RRMC in completing purchases and awarding contracts within the rules of the City of Rogue River and the State of Oregon.

SECTION 6.0 Local Board of Appeals (Building Code Rules and Appeal Requirements found in the Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 15.05 through 15.50)

Purpose

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 918-020-0230, 0250, 0260) any City that facilitates building permits and has a designated Building Official must adopt an appeal process to accommodate any appeal of a discretionary decision of the Building Official.

SECTION 6.1 Membership

The Planning Commission, with the addition of the Jackson County Building Official serving as an additional voting member, and the City Building Official serving as a non-voting ex officio expert member shall serve as the local board of appeals for any appeal of a building permit.

SECTION 6.2 Terms of Office

Terms of office shall be guided by the approved terms for Planning Commission members.

SECTION 6.3 Meetings

Meetings shall occur as needed pending appeal of any Building Official discretionary decision. The Building Official and City Administrator shall schedule any required meeting in conformance with requirements found in Chapter 15.30 of the RRMC.

SECTION 6.4 Duties

The local board of appeals shall hear and decide appeals of orders, non-

discretionary decisions, or determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application, enforcement, and interpretation of provisions of the City Building Code which are not governed by the State Building Code, and to review appeals of technical and scientific determinations regarding any provision of the specialty codes regulated by the City.

SECTION 7.0 Ad Hoc Committees

Purpose

The City Council may appoint Ad Hoc Committees as approved by a majority vote of the Council. Any such vote should incorporate the purpose of the committee.

SECTION 7.1 Membership

The City Council shall clarify membership requirements and appointments to any ad hoc committee by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 7.2 Terms of Office

The City Council shall approve terms of office for any ad hoc committee by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 7.3 Meetings

The City Council shall provide guidance to any ad hoc committee upon formation related to the expectations of ad hoc committee meetings.

SECTION 7.4 Duties

The City Council shall provide guidance related to expected duties of an ad hoc committee upon formation. Upon formation the City Council should clarify if any ad hoc committee is tasked with making decisions for the City or with providing recommendations to the Council.

If the committee is tasked with making decisions or making formal recommendations then it shall be subject to Oregon's Public Meeting Laws. If the ad hoc committee is tasked only with the collection of information or to serve as an advisory committee to staff (when staff have authority to make final decisions) the ad hoc committee will not be considered a public body and will not be required to comply with all Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

ARTICLE 4 - CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS

SECTION 1.0 – Planning Commission Liaison

Purpose

The Planning Commission Liaison serves as a conduit informing the Planning Commission of activities taking place at the Council level, and most importantly informing the City Council about the happenings at Planning Commission meetings.

SECTION 1.2 Membership

The Planning Commission Liaison shall be a sitting City Council member.

SECTION 1.3 Terms of Office

The term of office for the Planning Commission Liaison shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 1.4 Meetings

The Planning Commission Liaison shall generally attend all City Council and Planning Commission meetings. With guidance from the City Administrator the Liaison may choose to recuse themselves from certain Planning Commission Meetings were there may be agenda items which are likely to be appealed to the City Council.

SECTION 1.5 Duties

The Planning Commission Liaison should be prepared to inform the Planning Commission of any information the City Council is aware of that may be of interest to the Planning Commission including comments received at public meetings related to land use. Most importantly the Planning Commission Liaison shall prepare a report of all Planning Commission meetings and present that to the Council at the monthly Council Meeting.

SECTION 2.0 Rogue River Chamber of Commerce Liaison

Purpose

The Chamber of Commerce Liaison serves as a conduit informing the Chamber of activities taking place at the Council level, and most importantly informing the City Council about the happenings at Chamber meetings.

SECTION 2.1 Membership

The Chamber of Commerce Liaison shall be a sitting City Council member.

SECTION 2.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for the Chamber of Commerce Liaison shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 2.3 Meetings

The Chamber of Commerce Liaison shall attend all City Council and Chamber of Commerce meetings.

SECTION 2.4 Duties

The Chamber of Commerce Liaison should be prepared to inform the Chamber of Commerce of any information the City Council is aware of that may be of interest to the Chamber. Most importantly the Chamber of Commerce Liaison shall prepare a report of all Chamber of Commerce meetings and present that to the Council at the monthly Council Meeting.

SECTION 3.0 Rogue River School District #35 Liaison

Purpose

The School District Liaison serves as a conduit informing the School District Board of activities taking place at the Council level, and most importantly informing the City Council about the happenings at School District Board meetings.

SECTION 3.1 Membership

The School Board Liaison shall be a sitting City Council member.

SECTION 3.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for the School Board Liaison shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 3.3 Meetings

The School Board Liaison shall attend all City Council and School Board meetings.

SECTION 3.4 Duties

The School Board Liaison should be prepared to inform the School District Board of any information the City Council is aware of that may be of interest to the School District. Most importantly the School District Liaison shall prepare a report of all School Board meetings and present that to the Council at the monthly Council Meeting.

SECTION 4.0 Jackson County Fire District #1 (Rogue River Fire District) Liaison

Purpose

The Fire District Liaison serves as a conduit informing the Fire District Board of activities taking place at the Council level, and most importantly informing the City Council about the happenings at Fire District Board meetings.

SECTION 4.1 Membership

The Fire District Board Liaison shall be a sitting City Council member.

SECTION 4.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for the Fire District Board Liaison shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 4.3 Meetings

The Fire District Board Liaison shall attend all City Council and Fire District Board meetings.

SECTION 4.4 Duties

The Fire District Board Liaison should be prepared to inform the Fire District Board of any information the City Council is aware of that may be of interest to the Fire District. Most importantly the Fire District Liaison shall prepare a report of all Fire Board meetings and present that to the Council at the monthly Council Meeting.

SECTION 5.0 Rogue River Community Center Liaison

Purpose

The Community Center Liaison serves as a conduit informing the Community Center Board of activities taking place at the Council level, and most importantly informing the City Council about the happenings at Community Center Board meetings.

SECTION 5.1 Membership

The Community Center Board Liaison shall be a sitting City Council member.

SECTION 5.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for the Community Center Board Liaison shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 5.3 Meetings

The Community Center Board Liaison shall attend all City Council and Community Center Board meetings.

SECTION 5.4 Duties

The Community Center Board Liaison should be prepared to inform the Community Center Board of any information the City Council is aware of that may be of interest to the Community Center. Most importantly the Community Center Liaison shall prepare a report of all Community Center Board meetings and present that to the Council at the monthly Council Meeting.

SECTION 6.0 – Tree City Committee Liaison

Purpose

The Tree City Committee Liaison serves as a conduit informing the Tree City Committee of activities taking place at the Council level, and most importantly informing the City Council about the happenings at Tree City Committee meetings.

SECTION 6.1 Membership

The Tree City Committee Liaison shall be a sitting City Council member.

SECTION 6.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for the Tree City Committee Liaison shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 6.3 Meetings

The Tree City Committee Liaison shall generally attend all City Council and Tree City Committee meetings.

SECTION 6.4 Duties

The Tree City Committee Liaison should be prepared to inform the Tree City Committee of any information the City Council is aware of that may be of interest to the Tree City Committee including comments received at public meetings related to parks, street trees, or other tree issues. Most importantly the Tree City Committee Liaison shall prepare a report of all Tree City Committee meetings and present that to the Council at the monthly Council Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 - CITY REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1.0 - Rogue Valley Council Of Governments Representative

Purpose

The City Council has by vote approved partnership in a number of community and governmental organizations. As member organizations the City provides appointed voting board members and alternate board members to these organizations.

In 1968, under the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) was established by local jurisdictions to operate in Jackson and Josephine counties. Currently, RVCOG has 24 members: 15 local governments and 9 other entities (special districts and higher education). Elected and appointed representatives from each of the members serve on RVCOG's Board of Directors, which governs the organization at the policy level.

SECTION 1.1 Membership

Representatives (Voting Members) and Alternate members shall be either sitting Council members or Administrative or Department Head staff members. Appointments are made by the Mayor and approved by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 1.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for these Representatives shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 1.3 Meetings

It shall be the duty of all appointed Representatives to attend all board meetings of their respective agency. In the event that the Representative is not able to attend it shall be their responsibility to inform the alternate member. The Alternate member shall attend all board meetings when required.

SECTION 1.4 Duties

Representatives shall prepare notes from each meeting attended and present a report to the City Council at the regular monthly meeting.

SECTION 2.0 Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation Representative

Purpose

The City Council has by vote approved partnership in a number of community and governmental organizations. As member organizations the City provides appointed voting board members and alternate board members to these organizations.

The Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT) is an advisory committee to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) representing the Rogue Valley area of Oregon (Jackson and Josephine Counties). RVACT was formed to strengthen partnerships in transportation planning, programming and development.

SECTION 2.1 Membership

Representatives (Voting Members) and Alternate members shall be either sitting Council members or Administrative or Department Head staff members. Appointments are made by the Mayor and approved by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 2.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for these Representatives shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 2.3 Meetings

It shall be the duty of all appointed Representatives to attend all board meetings of their respective agency. In the event that the Representative is not able to attend it shall be their responsibility to inform the alternate member. The Alternate member shall attend all board meetings when required.

SECTION 2.4 Duties

Representatives shall prepare notes from each meeting attended and present a report to the City Council at the regular monthly meeting.

SECTION 3.0 Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Representative

Purpose

The City Council has by vote approved partnership in a number of community and governmental organizations. As member organizations the City provides appointed voting board members and alternate board members to these organization's.

The Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) is a transportation policy-making organization composed of representatives from local governments and transportation authorities. The MRMPO includes the cities of Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, and adjacent parts of Josephine and Jackson Counties that are anticipated to become urbanized over the next 20 years. Its primary focus is to support local and regional problem solving.

The MPO Policy Committee, the organization's decision-making board, consists of elected officials from the member cities, Josephine and Jackson Counties, and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The MRMPO is staffed by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, a voluntary association of 24 local jurisdictions, special districts, and education institutions in southwestern Oregon's Jackson and Josephine Counties. Its primary focus is to support local and regional problem solving.

SECTION 3.1 Membership

The City shall appoint an MRMPO Policy Committee Representative (Voting Member) and an Alternate member both of which shall be sitting Council members. The City shall also appoint an MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee Representative (Voting Member) and an Alternate member both of which shall be City staff members. Appointments to the MRMPO TAC shall be approved by the City Administrator.

SECTION 3.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for these Representatives shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 3.3 Meetings

It shall be the duty of all appointed Representatives to attend all board meetings of their respective agency. In the event that the Representative is not able to attend it shall be their responsibility to inform the alternate member. The Alternate member shall attend all board meetings when required.

SECTION 3.4 Duties

Representatives shall prepare notes from each meeting attended and present a report to the City Council at the regular monthly meeting.

Section 4.0 Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon Representative

Purpose

The City Council has by vote approved partnership in a number of community and governmental organizations. As member organizations the City provides appointed voting board members and alternate board members to these organizations.

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO) is located in Medford Oregon and serves the Rogue Valley. ECSO is a combined emergency dispatch facility and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all of the 9-1-1 lines in Jackson County and Crater Lake National Park.

SECTION 4.1 Membership

Representatives (Voting Members) and Alternate members shall be either sitting Council members or Administrative or Department Head staff members. Appointments are made by the Mayor and approved by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 4.2 Terms of Office

The term of office for these Representatives shall be for two year terms. Terms shall begin in January of odd numbered years and end in December of even numbered years, unless otherwise required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 4.3 Meetings

It shall be the duty of all appointed Representatives to attend all board meetings of their respective agency. In the event that the Representative is not able to attend it shall be their responsibility to inform the alternate member. The Alternate member shall attend all board meetings when required.

SECTION 4.4 Duties

Representatives shall prepare notes from each meeting attended and present a report to the City Council at the regular monthly meeting.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Rogue River on this 27th day of August 2027.

SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Rogue River on this 27th day of August 2026.

Pam VanArsdale
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Oliver
City Recorder

NEEDS COUNCIL
APPROVAL

Rooster ~~which~~
Which Park
Rooster



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City Council
needs to
approve

PARK PAVILION RESERVATION NO. 26-

Reservation Date: Sept 19 Name of group/party: Music in the Park
Name of person making deposit: Brenda Gordon & Toolteam
Address: 18045 E Evans CR Rd Cell/Home: (801) 710-6440
Rogue River OR Business: _____

(Please provide an address for deposit return if different from listed above)

Arrival time: 11 AM Departure Time: 9 PM (Area must be vacated by sunset unless otherwise indicated)

Rehearsal Date/Time: _____ Wedding Ceremony Time: _____

Anticipated number of people attending the event: 1-200 Amplified music (large speakers): ☒ Yes ☐ No

Special considerations/equipment/electricity: minimal electric

Parking/Traffic Plan: _____

Area reserved must have a representative of the group on the site by the time listed above.

Area not occupied by representative by stated arrival time shall be declared open to the public.

**ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE PARK ARE OPEN TO OTHER VISITORS,
AND PROTECTED UNDER ORS 105.682 - RECREATIONAL IMMUNITIES**

Damage/Cleaning Deposit: \$100.00

Entire Park Reservation Fee: \$500.00

*requires City Council Approval; 10 days prior to mtg

Date paid: 8/19/26

Amount: 100.00

Receipt # 6043732

Date paid: _____

Amount: _____

Receipt # _____

Date submitted: _____

Park Requested: _____

If the event is canceled less than thirty (30) days from the reservation date, all fees will be retained by the City.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PARKING IS LIMITED - (be sure to read parking information provided with application)
over 20 attendees requires a Parking/Traffic Plan to be submitted

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911, OR CALL PUBLIC WORKS AT 541.659.6144

Brenda Gordon 8/18/26
Applicant's Signature Date E-Mail Address (print clearly)

For Office Use Only:

CANCELLATION Date: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Reason: _____ Taken by: _____

DEPOSIT REFUND: Date: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Auth: _____



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Reservation Date: Aug 29 Name of group/party: B-day Party
Name of person making deposit: Brenda Gordon
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BB Rogue River OR Business: _____
(Please provide an address for deposit return if different from listed above)
Arrival time: 11 AM Departure Time: 9 PM (Area must be vacated by sunset unless otherwise indicated)
Rehearsal Date/Time: _____ Wedding Ceremony Time: _____
Anticipated number of people attending the event: 30 Amplified music (large speakers): ☒ Yes ☐ No
Special considerations/equipment/electricity: _____
Parking/Traffic Plan: _____

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Rogue River Tree City USA Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on August 13, 2026 11:00am Council Chambers

Meeting Start time: 11:05 am

Present: Jim Dyck, Helga Bush, JoAnn Dixon

Guests: Ryan Nolan, City Administrator

Secretary of meeting: Helga Bush

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review Volunteer forms - (Modify?)

Ryan Nolan was present to discuss the current Volunteer forms. He distributed a packet containing forms:

Ryan provided the rationale for the forms and requested information about potential volunteer workers, and the City's concern for a safe environment. Each form was carefully reviewed and suggestions for changes were made by Committee members and Ryan. Ryan will get back to us after he discusses this with Staff or Council members as appropriate.

2. Consult with PW on street trees at car wash, Classic Drive and Reservoir: Jim
Discussion deferred to a future meeting.

3. Trading Crows to Emily by mid month: (Sherry Moss?)

There is no submission for the Trading Crows newsletter this month. Sherry Moss did it for one month recently

4. Tree of Heaven: Helga, Jim

Discussion of this project is deferred to a future meeting.

5. Fourth and Fifth Committee members

Despite recent recruiting efforts, we currently do not have candidates for these positions. Members will continue to issue announcements and solicit for two new members.

6. Irrigation at Palmerton: Helga

Concerns were raised about the new irrigation system and the impact of water on the bark of trees. In order to remedy the problem, the spray direction needs to be revised. Plan for discussion with PW Director.

Other Old Business:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. June July work days: Helga

Work for maintenance and tree health was done at three Workdays in John F, Fleming Memorial Park.

2. TCC calendar for October and December: Jim

Deferred topic for future meeting.

3. Rooted in the Rogue is Our Community Trees: JoAnn
Deferred until future meeting.
4. RR Press Committee representative - Opportunities?
Idea for regular articles in the local newspaper to inform city residents about the work of the Tree City Committee. Also to inform public of current position openings in Tree City.
5. Arborist's work: All
6. Elementary School has requested advice for the selection of some playground trees.
Jim will arrange a meeting of school superintendent, other key school employees, and Tree City members to discuss this and further understand the request.
7. Award and Member Recognition
Our Tree City member JoAnn Dixon is receiving an award from Jackson County for her achievements and long time dedication to the Tree City USA commitments. Wednesday Aug 19th.
8. Tree Damaged
A walnut tree has two damaged branches at Foothill Blvd and West Evans Creek Rd. PW has been informed.
9. Ryan shared some information and requests.
 - a.) City will have ODOT sidewalk/curbside modification for the Greenway near Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Information building. This may impact the existing trees and shrubs.
 - b.) High School FFA might need/wants interaction with Tree City.
Need to follow-up and find out more details.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2026 11:00 Council Chambers

Minutes by Helga Bush Aug. 13, 2026