



# CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 180 NE 2ND ST

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1. **CALL COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER WORK SESSION MEETING TO ORDER - 6:00 PM**
  - A. Parks and Recreation Budget
2. **ADJOURN WORK SESSION MEETING**
3. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
4. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
5. **FLAG SALUTE**
6. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
  - A. Presentation- Hermiston School District Updates
  - B. Presentation- Umatilla County Fire District #1 Updates
7. **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Anyone wishing to bring anything before the council that is not on the agenda is asked to please do the following: 1. Please limit comments to not more than FIVE minutes; 2. State your name and address; 3. Direct your comments to the Chair.*
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - [A.](#) Committee Vacancy Announcements
  - B. Committee Appointment Confirmation of Christa Guerrero for: Planning Commission Position 5- term ending 03/31/2026
  - [C.](#) Minutes of the August 28, City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting

[D.](#) Minutes of the July 24 Public Safety Meeting

[E.](#) Public Notice of the May 21, 2024 Primary Election- Seeking City Official Candidates

**9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**10. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

[A.](#) Ordinance No. 2348 – Amending Chapters 33, 93, and 96 and adding Chapter 97 of the Hermiston Municipal Code

[B.](#) Resolution 2291 - Intervention Services/Opioid Funding Intergovernmental Agreement

**11. OTHER**

[A.](#) Community Survey Report

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A.** City Committee and Liaison:

Airport Advisory, Budget, Hispanic Advisory, Library Board, Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission, Recreation Projects Fund, Faith-Based Advisory, Community Accountability, Public Safety, Public Infrastructure, Transit Planning, EOTEC, Stepping Stones Alliance (not a City Committee)

**B.** Mayor's Report

**C.** Council Report

**D.** Youth Advisory Report

**E.** Manager's Report

**13. ADJOURN**

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# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The City is accepting applications for the following Committees:

**1) Airport Advisory Committee**

- Positions 1 & 2: 3-year term ending October 31, 2026 (Advertised as of 08/16/2023)

**2) Parks & Recreation Committee**

- Position 7: 3-year term ending October 31, 2026 (Advertised as of 08/16/2023)

**3) Faith-Based Advisory Committee**

- Position 5: 3-year term ending December 31, 2025 (Advertised as of 11/02/2022)

**4) Hispanic Advisory Committee**

- Position 2: 3-year term ending June 30, 2026 (Advertised as of 04/11/2023)

**5) Library Board**

- Position 5: 4-year term ending June 30, 2027 (Advertised as of 04/11/2023)

**Deadline to apply for all Committees: Open Until Filled**

Interested persons are asked to submit an application to City Hall, 180 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hermiston, or at [llalarcon-strong@hermiston.or.us](mailto:llalarcon-strong@hermiston.or.us) . Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City’s website at <https://hermiston.or.us/volunteer> . If you have questions, please call Lilly Alarcon-Strong at 541-567-5521.

Proposed appointment and confirmation of these positions are made by the City Council. All appointments to city boards and commissions shall be made in accordance with the ordinances and city charter. Appointees shall not be full-time employees of the city, shall not be elected officials of the city, shall not be appointed to more than two boards or commissions at a time, and shall not sell to the city or its boards and commissions over which the council has appointive powers and budget control either directly as a prime contractor or supplier, or indirectly as a first-tier subcontractor or supplier. Sales shall be construed to mean sales, services or fees aggregating \$7,500 or more in any one calendar year. Preference for appointees shall be given to city residents.



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### Work Session Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Councilors Primmer, Duron, Linton (arrived at 6:07pm), Hardin, McCarthy, and Peterson. Councilor Myers and Barron were excused. In attendance was City Staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

#### **Utility, Franchise, Water, & Sewer Fees**

City Manager Smith stated the City Council tasked staff to present them with detailed information regarding specific department budgets and gathering potential future revenue findings; these items have already begun being presented during previous work sessions to include the Airport, Police Department, Library, and more, and will continue until all departments have been reviewed through the end of the year. City Manager Smith presented information (PowerPoint presentation attached) regarding general fund department reviews general fund department reviews; possible future revenue streams to include: utility fees, franchise fees to water and sewer services, stormwater fees, business licenses, Police or Parks and Recreation fee, and more.

City Manager Smith stated other like cities are being surveyed with their fee schedules to better help the City determine what similar sized cities have or will be implementing to offset costs of a growing community. Some responses have already been received giving different perspectives on how they collect fees, ie: flat vs tiered across groups that are impacted differently, ie: residential vs commercial.

There was some Council discussion regarding what fees they felt should not be considered moving forward, as well as a reminder among themselves that staff was instructed to gather many different possible revenue sources and none of these items should be dismissed until all budget information has been presented and the Council is being asked to decide.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the work session meeting at 6:37pm and stated the Council will take a short break before starting the regular City Council meeting at 7:00pm.

## Budget - Revenues

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## Budget Review Recap

- General Fund Department Reviews
  - Police, Library Complete
  - Remainder to Come
- Possible Revenue Reviews
  - Tonight
    - Utility Fees
    - Franchise Fee on Water/Sewer
  - TRT past - More to come
- Bring Revenues/Expenditures Together

## Possible Revenue Sources

- Utility Fees (based on 2021 LOC survey)
  - 67 different cities have some type of fee
    - Police, Parks and Recreation, Fire, Streets and Streetlights, Library, Surface Water Management, most common (Police)
    - Range from Echo to Beaverton
    - Amounts not recorded
  - Response to the Limited Local Impact on Property Taxes

## Hermiston

- Approximately 6000 utility accounts
- \$1 fee generates \$72,000 annually
- Stanfield's Police Utility Fee is \$8.50 per month; Pendleton – \$12.85 and up/split between street and public safety
- Could be a Police or Parks and Recreation Fee?
- Could be a Stormwater Fee that also reduces the amount of Franchise Fees going to the Street Fund?
- Flat vs. Tiered across groups that are affected differently

## Possible Revenue Sources

- Franchise Fee on Water/Sewer
  - Currently Charge all other Utilities but not Water/Sewer
    - 7% Electric
    - 5% Telecommunications
  - Resolution 2075 (2017) Dedicates 1/3 of all Franchise Fees to the Street Department
    - This was a way to inject funding into our street program



## Hermiston

- Approximate annual water/sewer revenue - \$10,250,000
- 1% Fee generates \$102,500 annually
- Affects accounts proportional to their bill
- Could Res. 2075 be superseded with a new resolution with 15% or 20%?
- When Amazon Campuses come online our electric franchise fees will increase dramatically.



DISCUSSION!

QUESTIONS?

Thank You!

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## Regular Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Primmer, Peterson, Linton, Barron (arrived at 7:15pm), Duron, and McCarthy. Staff in attendance included: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The pledge of allegiance was given.

### **Recognition- Hermiston Family Aquatic Center Employees (HFAC)**

Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz introduced HFAC Supervisors in attendance: Kasia Robbins, Jessica Campbell, Keith Holman, and Amyrissa Wyse, and thanked them for their commitment to diligently training and guiding aquatic staff and making sure HFAC is a place where the community can enjoy themselves and be safe and stated the HFAC was recently awarded the 2022 Aquatic Examiner Service Award from the American Red Cross for their excellence in outstanding leadership and guidance attained through a comprehensive evaluation process that included rigorous lifeguard audits, meticulous observations to assess the centers adherence to safety protocols, staff competence, and overall operations. Following these evaluations, the American Red Cross recognized the Aquatic Center and its dedicated staff for exceptional performance in training, safety enforcement, and vigilant supervision of aquatic activities.

Mayor Drotzmann congratulated supervisors in attendance, as well as those not present to include: Mya Hayden, Janell Davis, Dylan Westfall, and Tavin Hamm, read the signed recognition aloud, and thanked them for their amazing work. (Standing applause from all present.)

Councilor Linton stated her grandchildren have been attending lessons for many years and she has always been so impressed by the staff and service they provide.

### **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

None given.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-C to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Committee Appointment Recommendation of Christa Guerrero for: Planning Commission Position 5- term ending 03/31/2026
- C. Minutes of the August 14th Work Session and Regular City Council Meetings

Motion carried unanimously.



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### **Public Hearing- Appeal of Planning Department Decision- SA Smith LLC 4N2814BB TL 102 & 300- 945 S Hwy 395**

Mayor Drotzmann provided instructions regarding the quasi-judicial hearing and confirmed with Planning Director Spencer that the entire file on this matter was physically before the City Council.

(Councilor Barron arrived 7:15pm)

After hearing no conflicts of interest, bias, and ex parte contacts, Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:16pm.

Planning Director Spencer presented information (PowerPoint presentation attached) regarding the appeal filed by Slade Smith regarding certain portions of the Planning Departments decisions for site plan review for occupancy changes from a beauty salon to a drive-through soda fountain shop as outlined in the agenda packet staff report.

Hearing no individuals who wished to testify in favor or opposition of the appeal, Planning Director Spencer presented the staff summary and Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to close the hearing at 7:28pm. Motion carried 6-1. Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Primmer, Duron, Linton, and McCarthy voted in favor; Councilor Barron voted against.

After additional council discussion the Council made motions on the following:

- Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to strike General Note #1. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Peterson seconded to uphold Condition #5. Motion carried 5-2. Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Primmer, Barron, and Duron voted in favor; Councilors Linton and McCarthy voted against.
- Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to amend Condition #8 to state, "Where parking lot lighting is installed, whether building or pole mounted, such lighting shall be installed to not create or reflect substantial glare in a residential zone or on any adjacent dwelling." Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2287 – Temporary Water and Wastewater Service Agreement with Amazon Data Services, Inc. (ADS).**- Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding Resolution 2287 stating the agreement gives specific information regarding temporary provision of utility services provided to ADS data center campuses from the City of potable water for cooling and permanent acceptance of a minor component of the operations discharge water.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2287 and lay upon the record. Motion carried 5-2. Councilors Primmer, Hardin, Barron, Duron and McCarthy voted in favor; Councilors Peterson and Linton voted against.





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**Resolution 2288- Regional Water System Phase 2 Pump & Motor Procurement, and Resolution 2289- Regional Water System Phase 2 Controls Procurement**

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated both Resolutions 2288 and 2289 are very similar as they work towards the same goal to provide non-potable cooling water from the Regional Water System (RWS) through the Port of Umatilla water rights with the City of Hermiston as the contracted operator of the RWS, as well as other necessary system updates.

After some discussion, Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2288 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2289 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2290 – Authorizing an Information Technology Services Agreement with the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District**- City Manager Smith stated this resolution is similar to the other IT Services agreements allowing the City to provide IT Services to the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District.

After some discussion, Councilor Linton moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2290 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**July 2023 Financial Report**

After some discussion, Councilor Linton moved and Councilor Duron seconded to accept the Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Hispanic Advisory Committee**- Councilor Barron recognized HAC members in the audience Jesse Roa and Alberto Munoz and stated the Committee met last week and heard information from Stepping Stones Alliance.

**Recreation Projects Advisory Committee**- Councilor Barron asked Parks and Recreation Director Artz to provide budget information to the Committee.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Thanked Human Resources Specialist Crystal Inners, City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong, Public Works Departments, and all those who helped with the City Picnic
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting and Open House of the High School annex building
- Attended the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) Regional Meeting to discuss Nitrates in our water and help community members receive free resources
- Ask that the community please be watchful and safe as school begins on Wednesday
- Asked that the Council please participate in the Cybersecurity Training sent out by IT recently



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## **Council Reports**

Councilor McCarthy spoke regarding MelonFest, Cork and Barrel, Kiwanis Kids Day, and Faith & First Responders events.

Councilor Linton stated she will be receiving recognition from the Portland Urban League for work she has done throughout the community on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Pendleton.

Councilor Duron spoke regarding the LUBGWMA meeting she attended stating there was a lot of really good information shared with the public.

Councilor Barron thanked the new Councilors for asking questions and being inquisitive about the information they seek.

## **Youth Advisory Report**

None present.

Mayor Drotzmann asked when Youth Advisors would be attending again.

City Manager Smith stated he is working with Mr. Davis and hopes students will be assigned soon after school starts.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- The Chamber's Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, October 24 from 12pm-4pm hosted at the Community Center stating many volunteer resources and opportunities will be available
- Representatives from the Chamber, ETOEC, and the City met today to begin planning of the Festival of Lights

## **Recess for Executive Session**

At 8:49pm Mayor Drotzmann announced the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the Conference Center Rotary Room for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the review and evaluation of the employment-related performance of the City Manager. The Executive Session is held pursuant ORS 192.660 (2) (i) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session to review and evaluate, pursuant to standards, criteria and policy directives adopted by the governing body, the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member unless the person whose performance is being reviewed and evaluated requests an open hearing.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are excluded. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general



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subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the council will return to open session which the audience may attend. The executive session will last approximately 15 mins.

**Reconvene- Consider Approval of Changes to the City Manager’s Employment Contract**

Mayor Drotzmann reconvened the regular meeting at 9:16pm.

City Manager Smith asked that the Council consider a motion to extend his employment contract for an additional year.

Councilor Linton moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to approve the contact amendment of City Manager Smith as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Drotzmann stated there are calls to action items that are needed but overall, it has been an excellent year thanks to City Manager Smith.

**Adjournment**

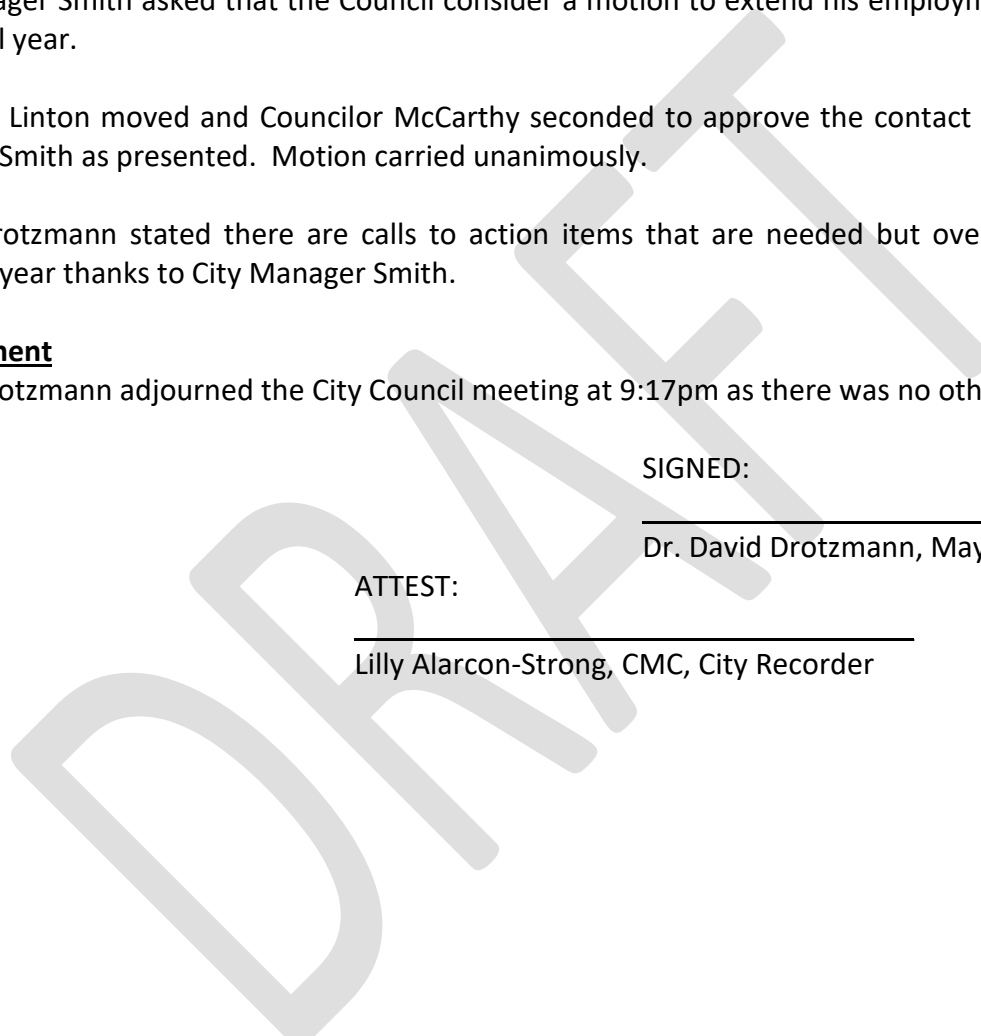
Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:17pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder



**HERMISTON** Smith Appeal



An aerial photograph of the Smith Appeal site. The site is bounded by a road on the left and a street on the right. It features a large paved parking lot, a central building with a flat roof, and some landscaping. A small inset map in the bottom right corner shows the site's location within a larger area.

**HERMISTON** Smith Appeal



HWY 395 View



A street-level photograph of the Smith Appeal site. The view is from a sidewalk looking across a paved area towards a building with a thatched roof. There are some plants and a sign in the foreground. The sky is overcast.

**HERMISTON** Smith Appeal



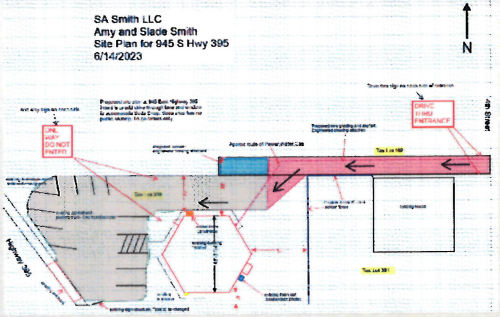
SE 4<sup>th</sup> St View




A street-level photograph of the Smith Appeal site. The view is from a sidewalk looking across a paved area towards a house with a white garage. There are trees and utility poles in the background. A yellow circle is drawn on the pavement in the foreground.

**HERMISTON** Smith Appeal

SA Smith LLC  
Amy and Slade Smith  
Site Plan for 945 S Hwy 395  
6/14/2023



Site Plan



A detailed site plan diagram for the Smith Appeal site. The plan shows the layout of the property, including parking areas, building footprints, and landscaping. It includes a north arrow and various annotations. A red box highlights a specific area on the plan.

## Water & Wastewater Service Agreement- ADS

Resolution 2287

## What is it?

- Permanent Agreement for:
  - Drinking Water
  - Sanitary Sewer
  - Industrial Process Sewer
- Temporary Agreement for:
  - Cooling Water (Bulk of the Agreement)

## When?

- Permanent Agreement for:
  - Drinking Water: 9/27/23 –
  - Sanitary Sewer: 9/27/23 –
  - Industrial Process Sewer: 9/27/23 –
- Temporary Agreement for:
  - Cooling Water: 9/27/23 – 2/1/25 (16 Months)

## Where is it?



**HERMISTON WATER** Permanent Drinking Water


- Two Campuses
- 10,000 Gallons per Day Maximum
  - Equivalent to 21 Median Hermiston Household Users
- Water Price: Same as All other Customers
- System Development Charges: \$80,000
  - Equivalent to 255 single family homes

**HERMISTON WATER** Sanitary Sewer

- Two Campuses
- 28,000 Gallons per Day Maximum
  - Equivalent to 168 Median Hermiston Household Users
- Sewer Price: Industrial Rate- Metered on Actual Flow
- System Development Charges: \$74,500
  - Equivalent to 261 Single Family Homes

**HERMISTON WATER** Sanitary Sewer

- Employee Usage
  - Toilet Flushing
  - Sinks, Breakroom Food Prep, etc.
- Industrial Process Sewer
  - "Backwash"
    - Cleaning Filters which will filter particles from Columbia River Water
    - NOT actual cooling water
    - Backwash makeup reviewed by City Engineer



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**QUESTIONS?**

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July 24, 2023

Councilor Primmer called the meeting to order at 6:16pm. Councilors Hardin and Linton were present, as well as Municipal Court Judge Cameron Bendixsen (arrived at 6:20pm). Staff in attendance included: Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Chief Edmiston, Captain Travis Eynon Communications Manager Amanda Hartsteen, Records Specialist Liliana Gomez, Corporal Golter, Officer Shawnee Rodriguez (arrived at 6:19pm), and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

## **Police Department**

- **Introductions and Personnel Updates**

Hermiston's Police Department (HPD) Chief Edmiston, introduced members of HPD who were in the audience, and gave personnel updates to include: the HPD along with many other PD's in the nation continue to struggle with many public safety officials making the decision to get out of law enforcement/public safety and pursue other ventures, as well as a decline in the number of people seeking this career. The HPD continues to recruit, however, recruitment and retention can be difficult as many area PD's are seeking similar staffing and many have pay and benefit packages that are greater than HPD making HPD less desirable.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity Report**

Chief Edmiston reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activity report (attached) stating total crime is up 15% which mostly consists of increased property crimes and noted the Homicide rate increase of 100% is due to a shooting where the applicable charge was "Attempted Murder". Calls for service involving a transient(s) continues to hold steady at 24% of the demand of the HPD. Chief Edmiston stated he continues to believe crime increase is due to the continual decriminalization of certain crimes by the Oregon legislature and this will continue to adversely impact the livability of our citizens.

- **BIG 3 Synopsis**

Chief Edmiston stated this is the 9<sup>th</sup> year the HPD has presented these three things in policing that substantially increase liability to the city, ie: Personnel Complaints, Uses of Force, and Pursuits. By policy, all complaints about personnel, uses of force by personnel, and pursuits where personnel are involved, are thoroughly reviewed to ensure HPD is within policy and utilizing best practices.

- HPD has had 3 personnel complaints consisting of 10 allegations; of those 10 allegations, 30% were not sustained and 70% were exonerated. Chief Edmiston stated it is his belief wearing body cameras has led to less complaints.
- HPD was involved in 13 pursuits during the last fiscal year with the average duration at 3.85 minutes.
- HPD had 18 uses of force during the fiscal year and when comparing that number to the total of 1,251 arrests made during the same period, the percentage of force used was 1.4% of the time. Anything outside of compliant handcuffing, where other measures need to be taken, is reviewed during this process.



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- HPD also tracks pointing a firearm at a person and considers that a “show” of force. In the last fiscal year HPD pointed a firearm at 19 different people during 9 separate incidents.

Additionally, it is important to note that the HPD’s training budget has increased 92% since City Manager Smith was hired in 2014, going from \$26,000 annually to \$50,000; continued training is vital in law enforcement and public safety positions.

- **Past/Upcoming Events**

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. As in years past, there will be an Ice Cream Party for the neighborhood/person who finds the hidden medallion.

### **Municipal Court Update**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

Court Administrator Jillian Viles reviewed information (attached) regarding: crimes and violations filed in Municipal Court, including the most frequent crimes, city ordinance violations, and traffic offenses committed; annual comparison of the number of days case filed to adjudication for criminal and violation cases and how this has changed based on the previous and present Municipal Court Judge processes; average amount paid per case, and more.

### **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

Chief Edmiston answered questions from the Council regarding larceny, use of force, repeat offenders, HPD’s employee compensation package compared to other areas PD’s.

### **Adjournment**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

# Hermiston Police Department

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity Report



Hermiston Police Department 2014-2023 Patrol Stats - January through June

Incident Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Avg	Normal Range	2023	% Change Avg-'23	% Change '22-'23
Total Incidents	11719	11565	11521	10412	11326	11067	10686	10704	10864	11096	10855-11337	11332	2%	4%
Calls for Service	6985	4998	5063	5124	5620	5809	5076	5400	5728	5534	5270-5798	6273	13%	10%
Officer Initiated Activity	4734	6567	6458	5288	5706	5258	5610	5304	5136	5562	5345-5780	5059	-9%	-1%
Traffic Stops	2148	3260	3363	2211	2249	2484	2825	2126	2553	2580	2336-2824	2299	-11%	-10%
Case Investigations	1372	1671	1579	1496	1648	1678	1118	1235	1438	1471	1250-1692	1655	13%	15%
Total Arrests	630	722	728	622	608	674	385	389	531	588	472-703	665	13%	25%
Misdemeanor Arrests	434	557	561	437	437	495	249	284	405	429	336-522	507	18%	25%
Felony Arrests	196	165	167	185	171	179	136	105	126	159	131-187	158	0%	25%
Total Citations	2807	3384	3315	2738	2909	3158	2589	1776	2335	2779	2300-3258	2506	-10%	7%
POPULATION	17240	17345	17520	17730	17985	18200	18775	19354	19696			19973		

Incident Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Avg	Normal Range	2023	% Change Avg-'23	% Change '22-'23
Homicide	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	0-2	1	0%	100%
Rape	1	3	1	1	5	3	4	5	3	3	0-2	2	-33%	-33%
Robbery	7	2	0	1	5	4	5	4	4	4	3-4	3	-25%	-25%
Aggravated Assault	4	7	13	16	20	12	8	7	19	12	6-17	18	50%	-5%
Burglary	42	29	24	25	51	39	26	36	22	33	22-43	22	-33%	0%
Larceny	204	224	230	167	228	226	148	171	263	207	165-249	313	51%	19%
Auto Theft	10	27	17	23	21	22	17	14	25	20	16-23	25	25%	0%
Arson	2	1	0	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	0-3	3	200%	300%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>230-329</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14-24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>215-306</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>17240</b>	<b>17345</b>	<b>17520</b>	<b>17730</b>	<b>17985</b>	<b>18200</b>	<b>18775</b>	<b>19354</b>	<b>19696</b>			<b>19973</b>		

**Hermiston Police Department 2014-2023 Crime Stats**  
January through June 10-year Trends

## Personnel Complaints

Fiscal Year	Number of Complaints
2022-2023	3
2021-2022	2
2020-2021	2
2019-2020	2
2018-2019	3
2017-2018	4
2016-2017	2
2015-2016	6
2014-2015	6
2013-2014	5
2012-2013	6
2011-2012	6

## Pursuits

Fiscal Year	# of Pursuits	Avg. duration in minutes
2022-2023	13	3.85
2021-2022	11	9.92
2020-2021	9	2.4
2019-2020	7	4.8
2018-2019	8	1.9
2017-2018	14	4.9
2016-2017	9	2.5
2015-2016	12	3.8
2014-2015	4	4.3
2013-2014	9	7.1
2012-2013	8	7.6
2011-2012	9	4
Average per year	9.4	4.75

## Use of Force

Fiscal Year	# of Arrests	# of Uses of Force	% of Use of Force
2022-2023	1,251	18	1.4%
2021-2022	1,005	19	1.9%
2020-2021	808	23	2.8%
2019-2020	1,230	23	1.9%
2018-2019	1,546	20	1.3%
2017-2018	1,595	18	1.1%
2016-2017	1,495	11	< 1% (.73%)
2015-2016	1,687	14	<1% (.83%)
2014-2015	1,796	7	< 1% (.39%)
2013-2014	1,687	10	< 1% (.59%)
2012-2013	1,737	10	< 1% (.58%)
2011-2012	1,765	15	< 1% (.85%)
Average per year	1,467	15.75	1.2%

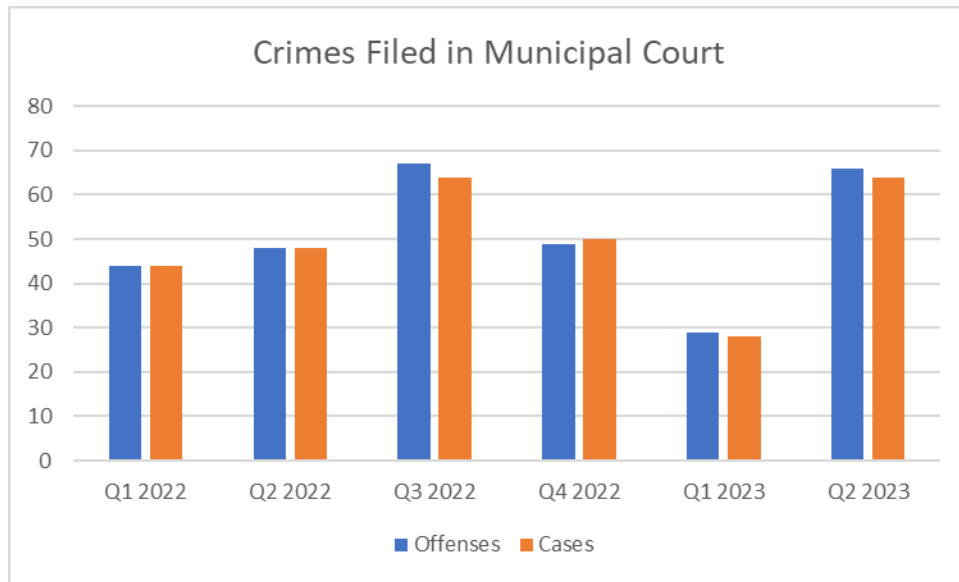


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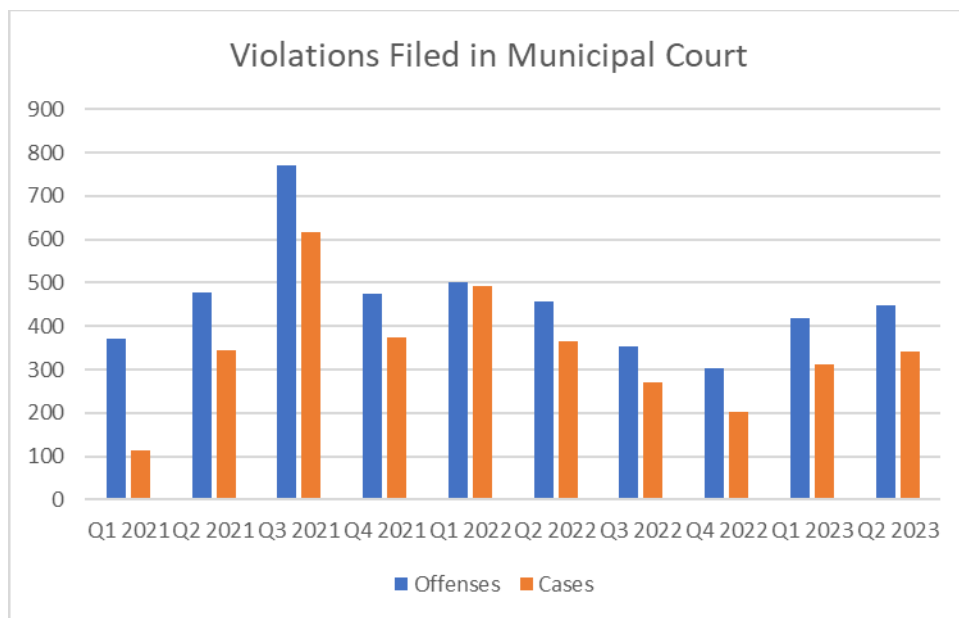
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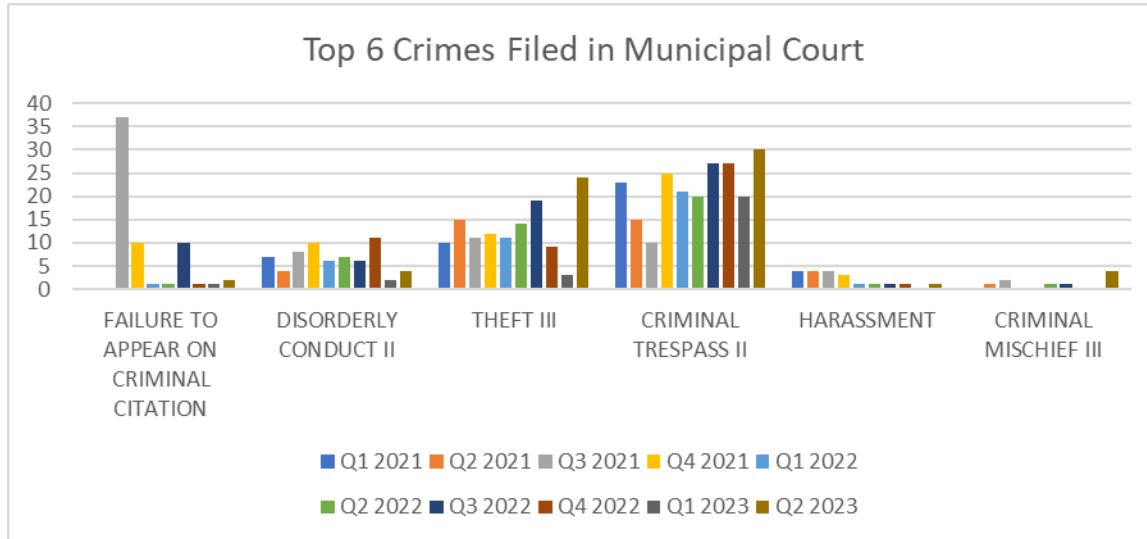
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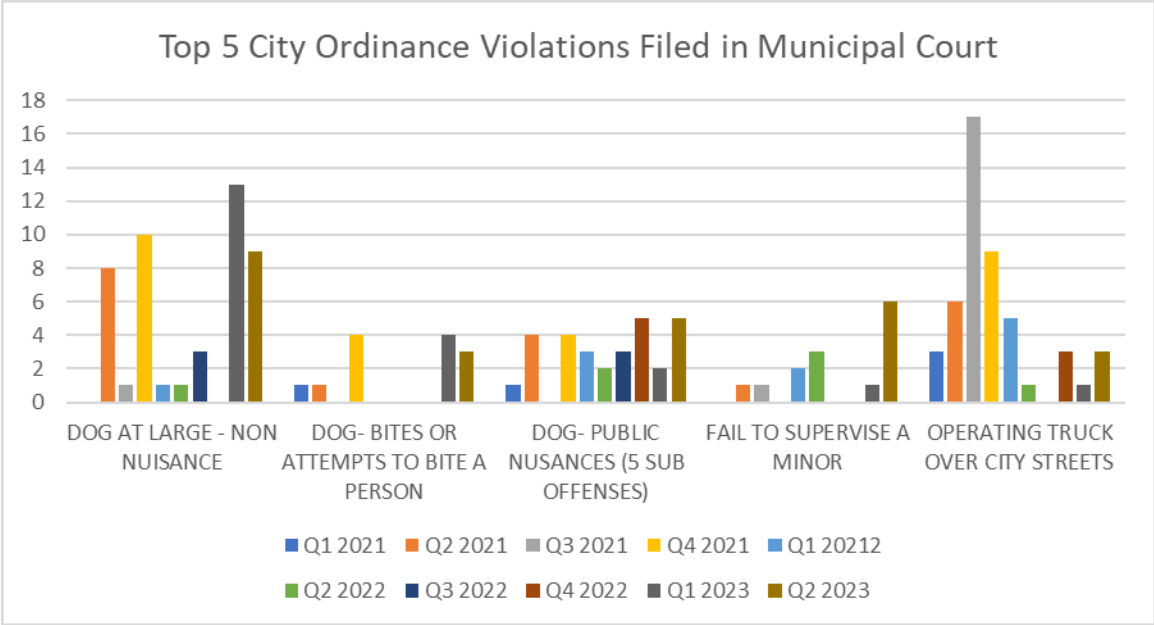
Crimes	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Cases	41	43	65	50	28	64
Offenses	45	48	67	49	29	66



Violations	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Cases	112	343	617	373	491	364	270	201	312	341
Offenses	371	477	770	474	500	458	353	304	417	447

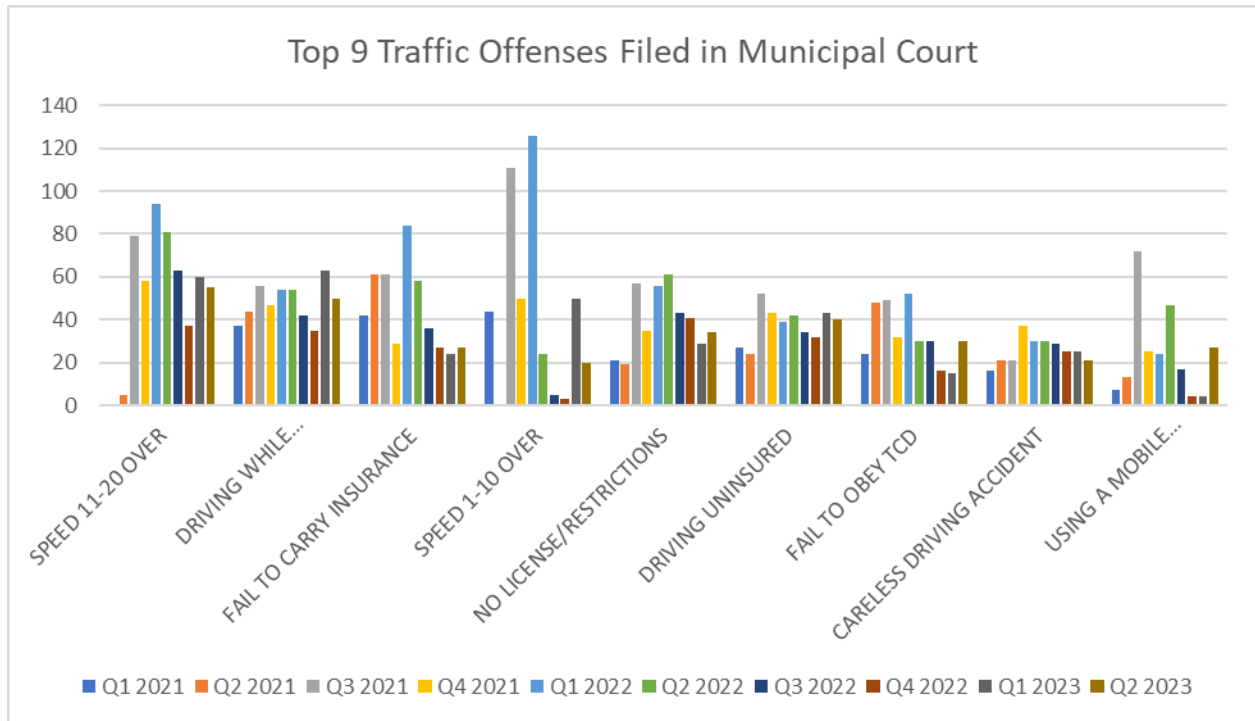


Crimes	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
FAILURE TO APPEAR ON CRIMINAL CITATION			37	10	1	1	10	1	1	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT II	7	4	8	10	6	7	6	11	2	4
THEFT III	10	15	11	12	11	14	19	9	3	24
CRIMINAL TRESPASS II	23	15	10	25	21	20	27	27	20	30
HARASSMENT	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1		1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF III		1	2			1	1			4

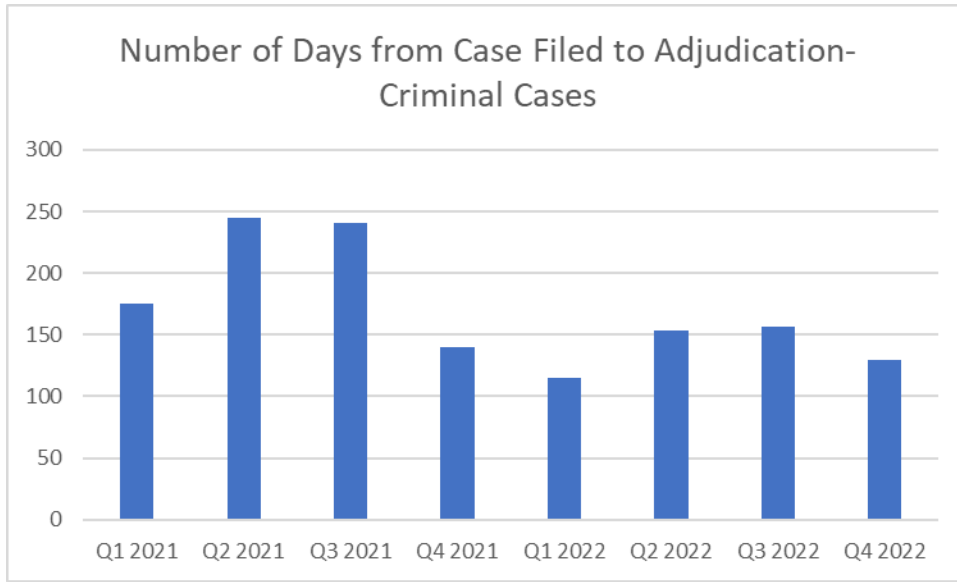


Ordinance Violations	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 20212	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
DOG AT LARGE - NON NUISANCE		8	1	10	1	1	3		13	9
DOG- BITES OR ATTEMPTS TO BITE A PERSON	1	1		4					4	3
DOG- PUBLIC NUSANCES (5 SUB OFFENSES)	1	4		4	3	2	3	5	2	5
FAIL TO SUPERVISE A MINOR		1	1		2	3			1	6
OPERATING TRUCK OVER CITY STREETS	3	6	17	9	5	1		3	1	3



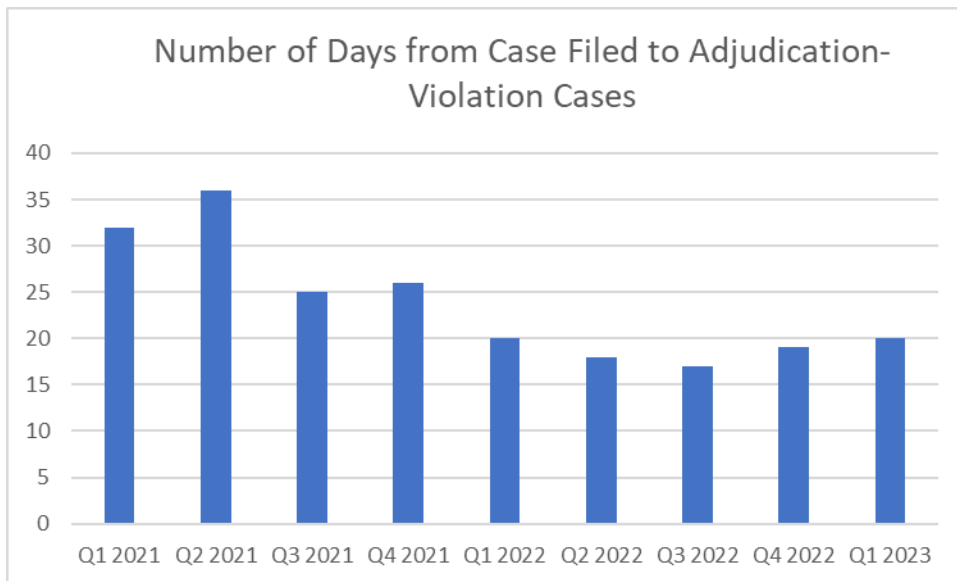


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SPEED 11-20 OVER		5	79	58	94	81	63	37	60	55
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED/REVOKED	37	44	56	47	54	54	42	35	63	50
FAIL TO CARRY INSURANCE	42	61	61	29	84	58	36	27	24	27
SPEED 1-10 OVER	44		111	50	126	24	5	3	50	20
NO LICENSE/RESTRICTIONS	21	19	57	35	56	61	43	41	29	34
DRIVING UNINSURED	27	24	52	43	39	42	34	32	43	40
FAIL TO OBEY TCD	24	48	49	32	52	30	30	16	15	30
CARELESS DRIVING ACCIDENT	16	21	21	37	30	30	29	25	25	21
USING A MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICE	7	13	72	25	24	47	17	4	4	27



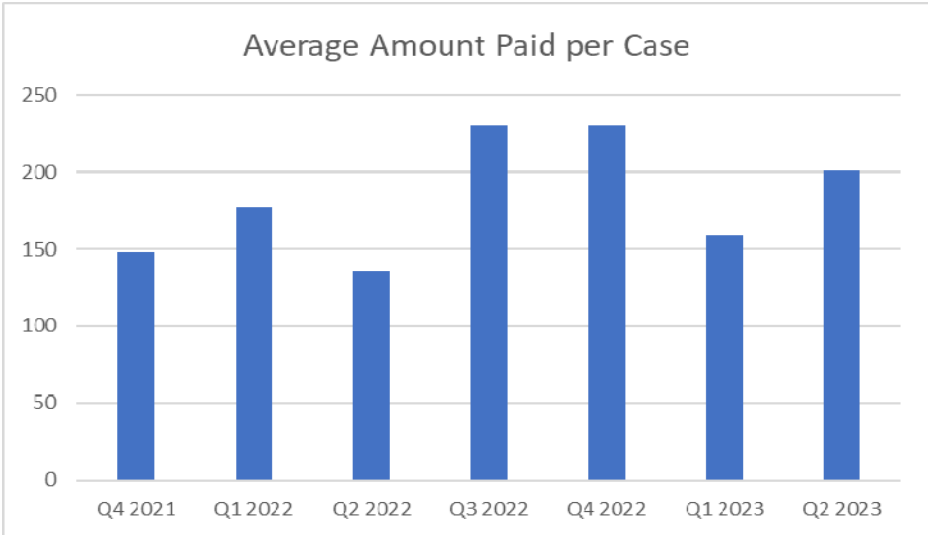
**Length of Time from Filing to Adjudication- Criminal Cases**

2021	200 Days
2022	138 Days



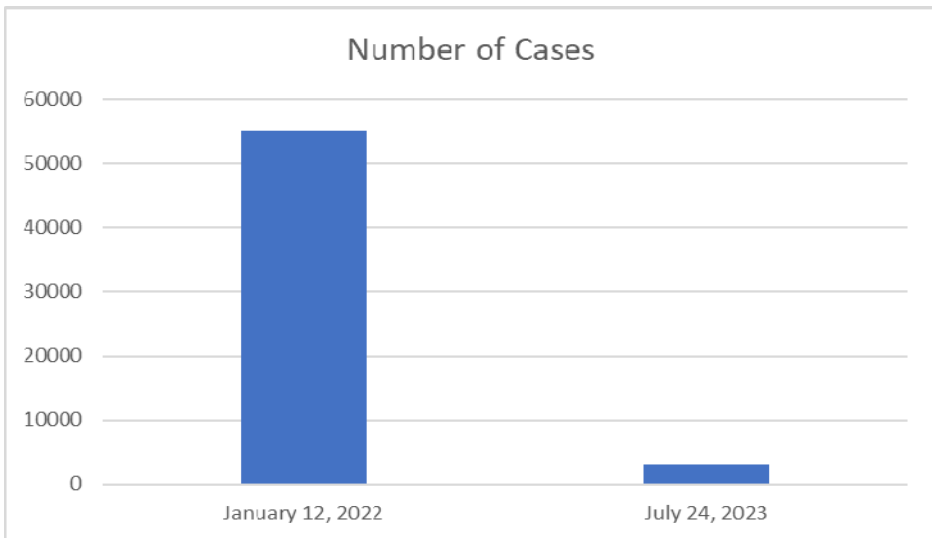
**Length of Time from Filing to Adjudication- Violation Cases**

2021	30 Days
2022	18 Days
2023	20 Days



**Average Amount Paid per Case**

Quarter	Amount
Q4 2021	\$148.00
Q1 2022	\$177.00
Q2 2022	\$135.00
Q3 2022	\$230.00
Q4 2022	\$230.00
Q1 2023	\$159.00
Q2 2023	\$201.00



**Open Violations**

January 12, 2022	55,035
July 24, 2023	3,060



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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of September 11, 2023

**Title/Subject**

Public Notice of the May 21, 2024 Primary Election- Seeking City Official Candidates

**Summary and Background**

Notice is being given that on May 21, 2024 the City of Hermiston will hold an election for the following elected positions:

- Mayor- Four-year term beginning 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2028
- Municipal Judge – Two-year term beginning 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2026

Elections shall be nonpartisan. Your choice of candidates will be presented upon the official ballot, conducted by mail, and shall be voted upon by all qualified voters of the City.

The City Charter states the Mayor and Municipal Judge candidates will run in the Primary Election. If there are two (2) or less candidates then the May Primary Election will determine who will be elected into office.

However, if three (3) or more candidates file, then the May Primary Election shall be considered the primary election and the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees whose names shall appear on the ballot for the November General Election. Should any candidate receive a majority of all votes cast for the office at the May Primary Election, then the name of that candidate shall be printed separately on the ballot at the November General Election under the designation equivalent to “Vote for One” and no other name shall be printed on the ballot in opposition to such candidate. One space, however, shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom the voter wishes to cast a ballot.

Candidates must file for office by submitting their completed declaration of candidacy to the Elections Officer/City Recorder from September 14, 2023 to no later than 5:00pm on March 12, 2024. Forms and more information is available in the Administrative Office at City Hall, 180 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hermiston, OR 97838 or at <https://www.hermiston.or.us/citycouncil/page/elections> .

Attached you will find the Public Notice for the Primary Election. Attachment A is being published in the Hermiston Herald and posted at the following locations: City Hall/Library, Post Office, and on the City’s website and social media sites.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

Goal 4: Community Engagement: Improve engagement and connection with the community.

**Fiscal Information**

Apart from a modest publication cost, there is no financial impact.

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

NA

Recommended Action/Motion

Information Only.

**Submitted By:**

Elections Officer/City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong

# Attachment A



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**CITY OF HERMISTON**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION - SEEKING CITY OFFICIAL CANDIDATES**

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, Elections Officer/City Recorder

Posted Date: 09/07/2023

Take Down Date: 03/12/2024



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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of September 11, 2023

**Title/Subject**

Ordinance No. 2348 – Amending Chapters 33, 93, and 96 and adding Chapter 97 of the Hermiston Municipal Code

**Summary and Background**

Oregon House Bill 3115 (2021) codified the Martin v. Boise decision out of the U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. This law allowed cities to have local ordinances to address time, place and manner restrictions on camping on public property. Staff has been reviewing a number of different city ordinances and has attempted to find provisions that match our community values and to comply with the law. This ordinance was developed with close collaboration of the Police and Parks and Recreation departments.

I will summarize the main provisions of the ordinance:

- Chapter 97 – Use of City Property for Camping – this chapter includes the new proposed language.
  - Establishes a number of definitions. I would highlight a couple of those definitions:
    - Individual Experiencing Homelessness applies when there are no shelter beds or transportation to those beds within our county
    - Established camping site comes into play after 5 days
    - Resting – is what we are required to allow according to the law
  - Time restrictions
    - Resting can happen between 7pm and 7am. Property must be removed from the site after 7am.
    - Must move at least one block or 600 feet after 12 hours.
  - Place restrictions
    - Not on playgrounds
    - Not in structures including temporary toilets
    - Not on city parking lots
    - Sidewalks only if leaving at least 36 inches

- Not within 750 feet from a public or private school (elementary to school)
- Not within 20 feet of a building
- Not under roads/bridges, on or near railroad tracks, or at the cemetery
- Manner restrictions
  - May not accumulate or leave behind garbage etc. including human waste
  - May not dig or excavate
  - May not obstruct public or private property
  - May not erect permanent temporary or permanent structures (does not include a tent or tarp that is readily portable)
  - Campsite must be smaller than 10x10 and separated from other campsites by 10 feet
  - May not make unauthorized utility connections
  - No open flames
  - Animals must be leashed or otherwise physically contained
  - Storage limited to items for personal use
- Vehicle Camping
  - Must be legally parked outside of residential areas
  - Moved every 24 hours (operational and licensed)
  - No storage or items outside the vehicle
  - No utility connections
- Campsite Removal
  - Complies with legal requirements for removing a campsite (campsites are after 5 days)
- Enforcement – Makes violations a Class D violation
- Car Camping on Private Property
  - Allows private entities (businesses, churches, etc.) to establish car camping areas.
    - Requires city approval
    - Provide sanitary facilities (garbage and toilet)
    - Not allow tents or other property to be attached to the vehicle
    - Vehicles must be registered, operable or towable
- Chapter 33.03 Treatment of Found, Stolen or Seized Property
  - Moved provisions related to Homeless Camp clean-up to Chapter 97
- Chapter 93 – Parks and Recreation – Removed language related to camping in the parks
- Chapter 96 -Rules of Conduct for City Property – Removed language related to camping on city property

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

N/A

### **Fiscal Information**



N/A

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

1. Adopt Ordinance 2348
2. Amend Ordinance 2348
3. Reject Ordinance 2348
4. Table and request more information.

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2348 as proposed.

**Submitted By:**

Richard Tovey and Byron Smith

**ORDINANCE NO. 2348**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HERMISTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 33, 93 AND 96 AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 97 ENTITLED “USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR CAMPING”**

WHEREAS, the court decisions *Martin v Boise* and *Johnson v Grants Pass* held that prohibiting camping in the absence of available shelter violates a person’s Eighth Amendment rights against cruel and unusual punishment, but that a municipality may adopt reasonable time, place, and manner regulations; and

WHEREAS, Oregon House Bill 3115 (2021) codified the *Martin v Boise* decision and required all local government regulation of sitting, lying, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property that is open to the public must be objectively reasonable as to time, place, and manner; and

WHEREAS, ORS 195.500 requires cities to develop a policy that recognizes the social nature of the problem of homeless individuals camping on public property and implement the policy as developed, to ensure the most humane treatment for removal of homeless individuals from camping sites on public property; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this ordinance is to enhance the livability, including health and safety, for all community members as well as to protect the environment, community assets, and infrastructure of Hermiston; and

WHEREAS, camping in certain locations or infrastructure prevents the public’s ability to use those locations for their intended purpose and may result in imminent threats to life and safety; and

WHEREAS, when shelter or housing is not available, this ordinance allows a person to sleep protected from the elements and maintain the essentials for living, while still allowing others to use public spaces in a safe way, as designed and intended; and

WHEREAS, to comply with state law and current federal case law, additions and revisions related to time, place, and manner of the use of public property for camping are necessary.

**THE CITY OF HERMISTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

(New language is in red and underlined and repealed language has ~~a line through it.~~)

**Section 1.** The Hermiston Municipal Code is amended by adding Chapter 97, “Use of City Property for Camping” as follows:

- Section
- 97.01 Purpose
- 97.02 Definitions

**97.03 Camping, Prohibited**  
**97.04 Vehicle Camping in a Lawful Parking Space**  
**97.05 Campsite Removal**  
**97.06 Enforcement**  
**97.07 Camping by Individuals Living in Vehicles**

**97.01 Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the time, place, and manner in which individuals may use City of Hermiston property and rights-of-way. Furthermore, the purpose of this chapter is to comply with Oregon House Bill 3115(2021) and House Bill 3124(2021), as well as current federal court decisions *Martin v. Boise*, 920 F.3d 584 (9th Cir., 2019) and *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass*, 50 F.4th 787 (9th Cir., 2022).

**97.02 Definitions**

The following definitions may apply:

- (A) “To camp or camping” means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite.
- (B) “Campsite” means any place established or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to lie, sleep, use bedding materials, or live, or where the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof is placed, established or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to live.
- (C) “Bedding materials” means a sleeping bag, bedroll, or other material used for bedding purposes, including materials used to keep warm and dry while sleeping.
- (D) “Individual Experiencing Homelessness” means the circumstance when there is no available emergency or transitional shelter or housing for a person and/or no transportation for such individual to available emergency or transitional shelter or housing within the county where the person is located.
- (E) “Vehicle camping in a Lawful Parking Place” refers to a person experiencing homelessness utilizing a motor vehicle in a lawful parking space as a temporary place to live.
- (F) “Personal property” means any item that can reasonably be identified as belonging to an individual and that has apparent value or utility.
- (G) “Established Camping site” means a campsite that has been in its current location for at least five days. If law enforcement officials do not have evidence about the age of the campsite, law enforcement should presume it is an established camping site.
- (H) “Rest” means to pause from exertion by stopping, sitting, lying, or sleeping.

**97.03 Camping Prohibited**

(A) Except as set forth in subsection (B) of this section, no person shall camp in or upon any public right-of-way or City property, unless specifically authorized:

- (1) By any provision of the Hermiston Municipal Code;
  - (2) By declaration of the Mayor in emergency circumstances, if so authorized by the declaration;
  - (3) By declaration of the City Manager in the case of a severe event, if so authorized by the declaration; or
  - (4) If the City publishes on its website a written policy authorizing tent camping or vehicle camping on specific publicly owned properties, then tent camping or vehicle camping on such properties is lawful and permissible consistent with the time, place, and manner constraints contained within any such written- and-published City policy.
- (B) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in subsection (A), an individual experiencing homelessness may camp in or upon right-of-way or city property if all of the following time, place, and manner regulations are followed.
- (1) Time. An individual experiencing homelessness may only camp between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am. After 7am, an individual experiencing homelessness must dismantle the campsite, remove all personal property and materials from the site, and the camp and all associated camp materials must be moved at least one block or 600 feet.
  - (2) Place. An individual experiencing homelessness may not camp in the following places:
    - (a) On a playground or sports field.
    - (b) Within any City owned structure, including but not limited to gazebos, cook shacks, restroom facilities, or portable toilets.
    - (c) Within any City owned or maintained parking lot.
    - (d) On publicly owned property not open to the public, including but not limited to Public Works and park areas temporarily closed for construction, repairs, maintenance, cleaning and similar activities.
    - (e) On streets, including planter strips, medians and parking spaces.
    - (f) On sidewalks, if by doing so, the person obstructs pedestrian traffic along the sidewalk or into private property and businesses adjacent to the sidewalk. For purposes of this provision, an individual obstructs pedestrian traffic if that individual, by camping, lying, sleeping, or using bedding materials, reduces the path of travel to less than 36 inches.
    - (g) Within 750 feet from a public or private elementary school, secondary school, or career school attended primarily by minors.
    - (h) Within 20 feet of a building, including but not limited to, residences, commercial buildings, and City buildings.
    - (i) On areas underneath roadways or bridges that are not open to the public.

- (j) On railroad tracks or within 15 feet of railroad tracks.
  - (k) Within the Hermiston Cemetery, or any other cemetery, mortuary, memorial park, or similar property.
- (3) Manner. An individual experiencing homelessness may camp on City property if the person complies with all of the following regulations:
- (a) A person may not accumulate, discard, or leave behind in or around a campsite any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris, or other refuse, unsanitary or hazardous materials, or any animal or human urine and feces.
  - (b) Digging, excavating, terracing of soil or other alteration of City property, or causing environmental damage or damage to vegetation or trees is prohibited.
  - (c) Obstruction or attachment of camp materials to public infrastructure or private property structures, including bridges or bridge infrastructure, fire hydrants, utility poles, streetlights, traffic signals, signs, fences, trees, vegetation, vehicles, or buildings is prohibited.
  - (d) Erecting, installing, placing, leaving, or setting up any type of permanent or temporary fixture or structure of any material or materials in or around a campsite is prohibited. For purposes of this section, a “permanent or temporary fixture or structure” does not include a tent, tarpaulin, or other similar item used for shelter that is readily portable.
  - (e) A campsite must be limited within a spatial footprint of 10 feet by 10 feet, or 100 square feet, and a campsite may not be within 10 feet of another campsite. Multiple persons may camp together in a single campsite, subject to the limitations of this subsection.
  - (f) Unauthorized connections or taps to electrical or other utilities, or violations of building, fire, or other relevant codes or standards are prohibited.
  - (g) Dumping of gray water (i.e. wastewater from bathwater, sinks and cooking) or black water (sewage) on City property is prohibited.
  - (h) Open flames, recreational fires, burning of garbage, bonfires, or other fires, flames, or heating are prohibited.
  - (i) Camping materials may not create a physical impairment to emergency ingress or egress or emergency response including within 10 feet of any fire hydrant, utility pole, or other utility, fire gate/bollards, or public infrastructure used for emergency response.
  - (j) All animals must be leashed, crated, or otherwise physically contained at all times.
  - (k) Storage of personal property such as vehicle tires, bicycles or associated components (except as needed for an individual’s personal use), gasoline,

generators, lumber, household furniture, extra propane tanks, combustible material, shopping carts, or other items or materials is prohibited, other than what is related to camping, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry.

#### **97.04 Vehicle Camping in a Lawful Parking Space.**

- (A) Individuals who are involuntarily homeless may use vehicles for shelter and/or sleeping in the following circumstances and subject to the conditions and restrictions provided in subsections above:
- (1) The vehicle is legally parked in compliance with the Hermiston Municipal Code.
  - (2) The vehicle must be moved every 24 hours.
  - (3) The parking space at issue cannot be adjacent to residences.
  - (4) Storage of material outside vehicles is prohibited, other than what is incidental to activities such as short-term (maximum 30 minutes) loading or unloading a vehicle.
  - (5) Vehicles must be operational, i.e., capable of being started and driven under their own power, or ready to be towed if designed to be towed and may not be discarded or left inoperable in public rights-of-way or on City property.
  - (6) Vehicles must be registered and insured, as required by the Oregon Vehicle Code.
  - (7) No building or erecting of any structures connecting or attaching to vehicles is permitted, including tents that are not designed and manufactured to be attached to a vehicle.
  - (8) Connections from vehicles to public or private stormwater, sewer, water, and electrical systems or to vehicles from public or private stormwater, sewer, water, and electrical systems are prohibited.

#### **97.05 CAMPSITE REMOVAL**

- (A) Upon a determination by enforcement personnel that a camp or camping is occurring in violation of this Chapter, an established campsite may be removed. Except as provided in subsection (I) of this section, at least 72 hours before removing homeless individuals from an established camping site, law enforcement officials shall post a written notice, in English and Spanish, at all entrances to the camping site to the extent that the entrances can reasonably be identified.
- (B) When a 72-hour notice is posted, law enforcement officials shall inform local agencies that deliver social services to homeless individuals as to where the notice has been posted. Any local agency, providing service within the city limits of Hermiston, desiring to be on this notification list must provide its name, address, telephone number, and name of contact person to the Hermiston Police Department, in writing, requesting notification.
- (C) The local agencies may arrange for outreach workers to visit the camping site that is subject

to the notice to assess the need for social service assistance in arranging shelter and other assistance.

- (D) All personal property at the camping site that remains unclaimed after removal shall be given to a law enforcement official, a local agency that delivers social services to homeless individuals, an outreach worker, a local agency official or a person authorized to issue a citation described in subsection 97.06 of this section, whether notice is required or not.
- (E) The unclaimed personal property must be stored in a facility located in the same community as the camping site from which it was removed. For purposes of this section, the City of Hermiston is considered a single community.
- (F) Items that have no apparent value or utility or are in an insanitary condition may be immediately discarded upon removal of the homeless individuals from the camping site.
- (G) Weapons, controlled substances other than prescription medication and items that appear to be either stolen or evidence of a crime shall be given to or retained by law enforcement officials.
- (H) The written notice required under this section must state, at a minimum:
- (1) Where unclaimed personal property will be stored;
  - (2) A phone number that individuals may call to find out where the property will be stored;  
or
  - (3) If a permanent storage location has not yet been determined, the address and phone number of an agency that will have the information when available.
  - (4) The unclaimed personal property shall be stored in an orderly fashion, keeping items that belong to an individual together to the extent that ownership can reasonably be determined.
  - (5) The property shall be stored for 30 days during which it shall be reasonably available to any individual claiming ownership. Any personal property that remains unclaimed after 30 days may be disposed of or donated to a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (I) The 72-hour notice requirement under this section does not apply:
- (1) When there are grounds for law enforcement officials to believe that illegal activities other than camping are occurring at an established camping site;
  - (2) In the event of an exceptional emergency at an established camping site, including, but not limited to, possible site contamination by hazardous materials, a public health emergency or other immediate danger to human life or safety; or
  - (3) If a funeral service is scheduled with less than 72 hours' notice at a cemetery at which there is a camping site, or a camping site is established at the cemetery less than 72 hours before the scheduled service, the written notice required under subsection (A) of this section may be posted at least 24 hours before removing homeless individuals from

the camping site.

**97.06 Enforcement.**

- (A) A person authorized to issue a citation for unlawful camping may not issue the citation if the citation would be issued within 200 feet of a notice required under 97.05 of this section and within two hours before or after the notice was posted.
- (B) Violation of 97.03 of this section constitutes a “Class D” violation. Violation of subsection 97.04 of this section consisting of vehicle camping in a lawful parking space constitutes a “Class D” violation. Every day in which such violations occur constitutes a separate violation.
- (C) Before a violation citation is issued, the enforcement personnel will contact the person and provide a reasonable opportunity to cure or remedy the alleged violation.

**97.07 Camping by Individuals Living in Vehicles.**

- (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Hermiston Municipal Code, any public or private entity may provide parking spaces for up to and not exceeding three vehicles for overnight sleeping in a vehicle on their parking lot if the public or private entity owns or leases real property on which a structure and an associated parking lot are located. City authorization is not a land use decision.
- (B) A public or private entity that allows a person or persons to sleep overnight in a vehicle on the premises pursuant to subsection (A) of this section shall:
  - (1) Agree to abide by all conditions, including acceptance of liability and demonstration of insurance coverage in amounts acceptable to the city;
  - (2) Provide, or make available on the premises, sanitary facilities including, but not limited to, toilet, hand washing, and trash disposal facilities;
  - (3) Not allow tents or other personal property to be attached to the vehicle as a means to expand the capacity of the vehicle for additional camping or to establish long term campsites; and
  - (4) Ensure vehicles maintain a minimum distance of 20 feet from other overnight camping vehicles; and
  - (5) Ensure that all vehicles are operable; and
  - (6) Vehicles must be registered and insured, as required by the Oregon Vehicle Code; and
  - (7) Ensure that all recreational vehicles are operable or towable; and
  - (8) Obtain a cost-free permit from the City of Hermiston to allow overnight vehicle camping on property owned or leased by the organization, which may set a maximum number of spaces used for this purpose as set forth in subsection (C) of this section; and



- (9) Not require payment of any fee, rent, or other monetary charge for overnight sleeping in a vehicle as authorized by this section.
- (C) If the public or private entity seeks to allow more than three vehicles to park on its property for this purpose, the entity must obtain preapproval from the City Manager or the City Manager's designee for a maximum number of vehicles. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee may designate the maximum number of vehicles used for sleeping for a property and may subsequently modify that maximum number based upon the totality of the circumstances, including performance of the entity's operation to date and impacts on surrounding properties.
- (D) A public or private entity that permits overnight sleeping in a vehicle pursuant to subsection (A) of this section may revoke that permission at any time and for any reason. Any person who receives permission to sleep on a premises as provided in subsection (A) of this section shall leave the premises immediately after permission has been revoked.
- (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the City Manager or the City Manager's designee may prohibit overnight sleeping in a vehicle at a premises as provided in subsection (A) of this section if the City Manager or the City Manager's designee finds that such activity does not meet the requirements of this section or constitutes a nuisance or other threat to public health, safety, or welfare.
- (F) In addition to any other penalties that may be imposed, any premises used for overnight sleeping in a manner not authorized by this section or other provisions of this code shall constitute a nuisance and may be abated as such.
- (G) Nothing in this chapter creates any duty on the part of the City, its employees, or its agents to ensure the protection of persons or property with regard to overnight sleeping in vehicles.

**Section 2.** Section 33.03 of the Hermiston Municipal Code is amended to read:

**33.03 TREATMENT OF FOUND, STOLEN OR SEIZED PROPERTY.**

(A) Any officer or employee of the city who has, for any reason, custody of found, stolen or seized property, shall deliver the property to the employee's department head or designee, or the Police Department. If the department head or designee deems the property to be of such value that more secure storage is advisable, the property shall be delivered to the custody of the Police Department.

(B) Within ten days of found or stolen property coming into the custody of the city, the city shall make reasonable efforts to discover the name and address of the owner, or any person(s) with an interest therein.

(C) If the owner or other interested person(s) is ascertained the city shall provide written notice to the owner or interested persons that the property may be claimed within 30 days of the date on which the notice is sent. Property shall be held for at least 30 days following the notice to the

owner or other interested person(s), if any, during which time the owner or interested person may redeem the property by satisfactorily establishing their ownership thereof or right thereto and payment of costs as provided herein. Thereafter the City Manager or designee may deem the property abandoned or surplus.

(D) Property seized by the Police Department as the removing authority under ORS [98.245](#), or for other law enforcement purposes may be held by the city or transferred to the District Attorney or other law enforcement agency. If returned to the city, property seized by the city Police Department as the removing authority shall be disposed of as provided in ORS [98.245](#). Any other property shall be disposed of as provided in subsections (A) through (C) of this section.

~~(E) Seizure of property from homeless camps on private property, such as in conjunction with a clean-up, shall be carried out as required by state law but at a minimum:~~

~~(1) Posted notice shall be provided in English and Spanish at least 24 hours in advance;~~

~~(2) Notice of the posting shall be provided to appropriate social service agencies;~~

~~(3) Seized property shall be stored for a minimum of 30 days and be reasonably available to any individual claiming ownership. Any personal property that remains unclaimed for 30 days may be disposed of. For purposes of this section, "personal property" means any item that is reasonably recognizable as belonging to a person and that has apparent utility. Items that have no apparent utility or are in an insanitary condition may be immediately discarded upon removal of the homeless individuals from the camping site. Weapons, drug paraphernalia and items that appear to be either stolen or evidence of a crime shall be given to the Police Department or County Sheriff;~~

~~(4) The 24 hour notice shall not apply when there are grounds for law enforcement officials to believe that illegal activities, other than camping, are occurring, or in the event of an exceptional emergency such as possible site contamination by hazardous materials or when there is immediate danger to human life or safety.~~

~~(5) A person authorized to issue a citation for unlawful camping under state law, administrative rule or city or county ordinance may not issue the citation if the citation would be issued within 200 feet of the notice described in this section and within two hours before or after the notice was posted.~~

(F) ~~(E)~~ The city shall have no obligation to return property deemed by law to be contraband or otherwise illegal to possess and may dispose of or destroy such property as the Chief of Police deems appropriate, consistent with any applicable laws.

(G) ~~(F)~~ The Chief of Police, whenever deemed necessary, shall transmit to the Evidence/Property Manager a list of all found, seized or unclaimed property in their possession. After this transmittal, the property shall come into the custody and control of the Evidence/Property Manager.

**Section 3.** Section 93.04 of the Hermiston Municipal Code is amended to read:

**93.04 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

For the conduct of persons using or frequenting the public parks of the city, the following rules and regulations to be observed and enforced within the public parks are hereby established:

- (A) Cutting, removing or damaging any flowers, trees, or shrubs or otherwise disturbing the surface of any public park is prohibited.
- (B) Defacing, mutilating or damaging any buildings, equipment, tables, benches, signs or other public property in any public park is prohibited. The use of metal detectors, digging or driving stakes in the ground is prohibited.
- (C) Motorized vehicles or remote-controlled devices shall not be operated in any city park except by authorized city personnel or contractors. No drones, remote controlled aircraft or similar devices may take off or land on any city park, except by authorized law enforcement.
- (D) Bicycles, skateboards or skates shall not be operated on park sidewalks in any manner so as to be a safety threat or hazard to pedestrians, or operated at any time on any tennis or basketball courts.
- (E) Riding or driving any horse or animal upon any portion of any public park is prohibited unless designated otherwise by Council rule or order.
- (F) Dogs shall not be permitted to run at large within any public park and all dogs shall be kept in control on a leash, cord, chain or otherwise at all times, except in designated areas. Owners or persons responsible for dogs or other animals destroying or damaging park property will be held liable for the full value of the property damaged or destroyed in addition to any fees or penalties imposed pursuant to Chapter [90](#). This prohibition shall not apply to any city-designated and posted off-leash area but the owner or person responsible for the dog shall comply with all rules and regulations governing off-leash areas.
- (G) All trash, garbage and litter shall be disposed of in the receptacles provided. Rummaging through or removing items from garbage receptacles is prohibited.
- (H) Fires and fireworks are prohibited.
- (I) Operation or playing of any amplified musical instrument or any equipment manufactured primarily for the purpose of amplifying sound in any public park which disturbs the repose of others is prohibited.
- (J) Park hours shall be from sunrise to 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted or as otherwise provided in a city approval for a community event. Lights at athletic facilities in a city park shall be off at 11:00 p.m. Loitering after hours ~~or overnight camping~~ is prohibited in any city park or associated public parking lot.
- (K) Sales of goods or services are prohibited in any city park unless a vendor permit or approval is obtained, in writing, by the city.

(L) Artwork, displays, or performances shall be located so as to minimize congestion and use of the park by others. To minimize such impacts, the city may designate reasonable areas for such use and the duration of displays provided that such limitations shall be without regard to content.

(M) The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in city parks; provided, however, that the consumption of alcoholic beverages may be permitted for special events on a case by case basis. Special events that include the consumption of alcohol must apply to the City Manager or designee 60 days in advance of the event. The application must include all required OLCC approvals. The City Manager or designee may impose reasonable requirements regarding fees, security, law enforcement and liability insurance or other requirements provided in park rules and regulations.

(N) Requests for reserving any park facility or entire park shall be made with the Parks and Recreation Department. The fees for reserving any park facility or an entire city park shall be as established by resolution of the City Council.

(O) Using any buildings, equipment, tables, benches, signs or other property provided by the city in any manner other than its intended use or design in any city park is prohibited.

(P) The City Council may adopt rules and regulations governing use of city parks, violation of which constitutes a violation of this chapter. This may include, but is not limited to, requiring a permit for and imposing regulations on organized activities or events making use of city parks.

**Section 4.** Section 96.04 of the Hermiston Municipal Code is amended to read:

**96.04 RULES OF CONDUCT AT CITY PROPERTY.**

(A) To maintain an environment that promotes orderly administrative and business operations, and to take reasonable and prudent actions to protect the health, welfare, and safety of all persons at city property, the rules of conduct in this section apply and are to be enforced at all city property except where specific rules of conduct or prohibitions have been adopted for designated real property the city owns or has a property interest or property management responsibilities.

(B) The rules of conduct for city property are as follows:

(1) No person shall engage in any activity that would constitute a violation of federal, state, or local law or regulation.

(2) No person may deface, damage, or destroy city property or city-owned personal property.

(3) No person shall enter, attempt to enter, or remain in any areas of city property designated as secured or restricted, or closed to public access.

(4) No person shall engage in activity that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation or administration of city business at city property; lawful use by city employees and authorized users at city property; or city-permitted activities.

- (5) No person shall refuse or fail to obey any reasonable direction of a person-in-charge of a city property. A direction of a person-in-charge is reasonable: if it directs a person to obey or to cease a violation of any rule of conduct, law, or regulation; if it is otherwise reasonably related to the protection of the health, welfare or safety of the person or any other person at the city property, or to the prevention of damage to property; or if it is reasonably necessary to preserve the peace or to prevent the disruption of city operations or permitted activities, including dangerous or threatening behavior as defined in this Code.
- (6) No person shall smoke or carry any lighted smoking instrument at city property. Smoking instrument additionally includes inhalant delivery system that delivers nicotine in the form of vapor or aerosol, and electronic cigarette, personal vaporizer, or electronic nicotine delivery system. Smoking additionally includes inhaling or exhaling from a smoking instrument.
- (7) No person shall make use of facility materials, equipment, furniture, or fixtures of a city property in a manner inconsistent with their customary or designated uses, or in a manner likely to cause property damage or personal injury to the actor or others.
- (8) No person shall interfere with or obstruct free passage of city employees or authorized visitors in or on city property, including but not limited to placing objects that impede free passage.
- (9) No person shall use city property for unauthorized storage of personal property or leave personal property unattended.
- (10) No person shall make or continue a noise disturbance as defined under § [92.23](#) or operate sound-producing devices or sound-producing equipment except as permitted by the City Manager or designee. Bullhorns and megaphones are not permitted in the interior of any building on city property, or within the loggia or portico of any structure on city property, except as permitted by the City Manager or designee.
- (11) No person shall use, sell, distribute or deliver any alcoholic beverage on city property, except as permitted by the City Manager or designee.
- (12) No person shall use, sell, distribute or deliver any controlled substances on city property. This does not prohibit a person from providing caretaking functions or assisting another in taking legally prescribed medication. Controlled substance shall have the meaning provided in ORS Chapter [475](#).
- (13) No person may bring animals onto city property, or leave animals tethered or unattended at city property, except as permitted by the City Manager or designee. This does not preclude entry by service animals defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act while performing services or tasks the animals are trained to do, animals employed in official performance of police or rescue activities, or animals authorized for entry by the property manager for the city property.
- (14) No person shall solicit for or conduct business at city property except as permitted by the City Manager or designee.

(15) No person shall use any wheeled devices, including but not limited to unicycles, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, motorized or nonmotorized scooters, inside the property boundary of city property. All persons must dismount at city property boundary. No bicycles and motorized wheel devices are allowed in the interior of any building on city property except as permitted by the City Manager or designee. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply to persons with mobility devices for mobility disability or medical purposes, child strollers or baby carriages.

~~(16) No person shall use city property for housing or camping except as permitted by the City Manager or designee, and provided such use conforms with land use, zoning, building and other property regulations.~~

(17) ~~(16)~~ No person shall misuse or damage the city’s technology systems or network, including its telecommunication equipment and data.

~~(18)~~ ~~(17)~~ No person shall enter, attempt to enter, or remain in any areas of city property for purposes other than to conduct legitimate business with city offices or tenants located at city property, to enjoy the publicly accessible amenities at a city property when the city property is open to the public, or to lawfully assemble for social or public interaction at portions of city property specifically designated for such assembly.

**Section 5.** All other provisions of the Hermiston Municipal Code remain unchanged and in full effect.

**Section 6.** The City Recorder is hereby authorized to correct any scrivener’s errors and to conform the revisions to the Hermiston Municipal Code with appropriate numbering.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Common Council this 11th day of September 2023.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 11th day of September 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC City Recorder



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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of September 11, 2023

**Title/Subject**

Resolution 2291 - Intervention Services/Opioid Funding Intergovernmental Agreement

**Summary and Background**

- The City and Umatilla County receive funds directly from the National Opioid Settlement.
- Hermiston Municipal Court has several repeat offenders that have need of mentor-type intervention services to help resolve challenges and barriers to more positive actions.
- Umatilla County is willing to utilize its share of Opioid Settlement funds to make a full-time position available in both Pendleton and Hermiston Courts.
- Agreement makes it possible to cancel with 90 days notice.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

2.3 Develop a plan, gather data, and explore partnerships for a community court program.

**Fiscal Information**

Approximately \$30,000 per year in Opioid Settlement Funds.

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution 2291
2. Reject Resolution 2291
3. Direct Staff to make changes to current agreement

**Recommended Action/Motion**

Motion to approve Resolution 2291

**Submitted By:**

Byron D. Smith

**RESOLUTION NO. 2291**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HERMISTON TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH UMATILLA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL COURT INTERVENTION PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County are recipients of proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide intervention services through the Hermiston Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City and Umatilla County have reached an agreement to provide intervention services through the Hermiston Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, City staff believe it is in the best interest of the City to approve and execute the Intergovernmental Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HERMISTON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the Intergovernmental Agreement attached to this resolution between the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County to pool Opioid Settlement funds to fund intervention services is hereby approved.
- 2. That the City Manager is authorized to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement.
- 3. That this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Common Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.  
SIGNED by the Mayor this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. David Drotzmann, MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, CITY RECORDER



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
CITY OF HERMISTON and UMATILLA COUNTY  
Municipal Court Intervention Program

WHEREAS the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County are recipients of proceeds from the National Opioid Settlements, include the including the Distributor and Janssen Settlements. Some settlement proceeds have been received by the parties and annual payments are expected to continue for several years into the future;

WHEREAS the parties desired to pool settlement proceeds to establish a municipal court intervention program and fund a mentor position to connect identified defendants with needed services within the region;

WHEREAS ORS 190.010 authorizes the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County to enter into an agreement for cooperative performance of any function or activity that a party to the cooperative agreement has authority to perform.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following regarding a municipal court intervention program within Umatilla County:

1. Umatilla County will provide for the administration of the municipal court intervention program within Umatilla County.
2. Umatilla County will contract with Community Counseling Services to provide the services for the program, including the employment of an individual to act as a mentor to participants and connect participants with needed services.
3. Umatilla County will fund the program from its proceeds from the National Opioid Settlements, along with other settlement proceeds the county receives from other entities, including City of Hermiston.
4. City of Hermiston agrees to pay its share of the National Opioid Settlements to Umatilla County, within 30 days of receipt of such funds.
5. Each party agrees to be responsible for its own employees, and shall to the extent permitted by applicable law (including the Oregon Constitution and the Oregon Tort Claims Act), defend, save and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, and agents from and against all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever resulting from, arising out of or relating to the actions of its employees under this IGA.
6. This understanding may be terminated by either party at any time on 90 days written notice to the other party.

SIGNED AND AGREED TO BY:

CITY OF HERMISTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Byron D. Smith, City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMATILLA COUNTY  
through its Board of Commissioners

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Daniel N. Dorrان, Chair

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

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Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

Date:



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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
 For the Meeting of September 11, 2023

**Title/Subject**

Community Survey Report

**Summary and Background**

- During the first six months of 2023, 398 people responded to the satisfaction survey administered by ZenCity. Down from 518 in the last survey period.
- Highlights of this report include the following:
  - Overall satisfaction with life in Hermiston is up 13% over the last half year.
  - Comparison of Top Areas

	Jan – Jun 2022	Jul – Dec 2022	Jan – June 2023
Quality of Parks/Rec Amenities	47%	43%	52%
Quality of Waste and Recycling Services	43%	34%	48%
Sense of Community Among Residents	42%	33%	41%
Acceptance of Residents of all Backgrounds	42%	40%	48%
Ease of Getting Around by Foot	Below 10%	41%	53%
Access to Quality Education	39%	40%	48%

- Sampling of Free Responses – Page 23
- Rotating Section – Page 25

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

4.2 Evaluate communication tools to improve connection with the community.

**Fiscal Information**

N/A

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

N/A

Recommended Action/Motion

N/A

**Submitted By:**

Byron D. Smith

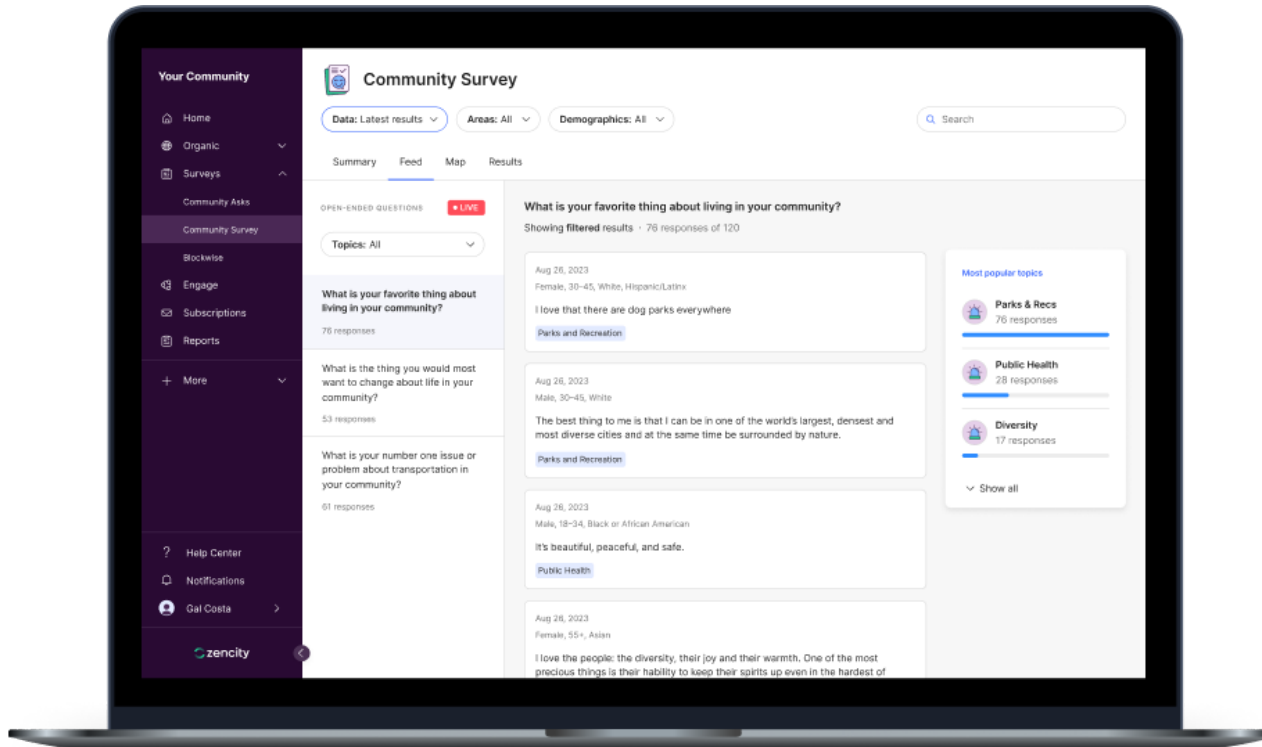


# Hermiston, OR

# Community Survey

## January - July 2023

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## The Zencity Community Survey

A recurring survey that never stops running, the Zencity Community Survey measures how satisfied residents are with their community and with local government-provided services and allows officials to compare these scores over time and against a cohort of similar communities.



## Survey Methodology

398 respondents were digitally recruited (e.g. over social media, mobile apps, local websites, and survey panels) between January - July 2023. An additional 18 responses were collected through the city's distribution efforts, which were used to supplement the Zencity-recruited responses for free-text questions. Zencity built a representative sample by matching respondent data to the U.S. Census Bureau's race, ethnicity, age, and gender distributions in Hermiston, OR. Finally, rake-weighting was applied as a statistical safeguard to balance out any remaining discrepancies in distribution, so no demographic group is overrepresented or underrepresented in the final score.

## Score Calculation

The overall satisfaction score is calculated by averaging how each resident rated quality of life and community characteristics on a numeric scale (1-5), and classifying this average as satisfied, neutral, or not satisfied. The resulting score, then, is the weighted percentage of residents who gave an overall satisfied rating.

# Overall Satisfaction

The overall satisfaction score is calculated from the questions in the two main sections of the survey: general quality of life and satisfaction with different characteristics of life in your community.

We take the average of these questions, then classify the score as positive (3+), neutral (1.5 to <3), or negative ( $\leq 1.5$ ). The percentages represent the percent of respondents in each category.

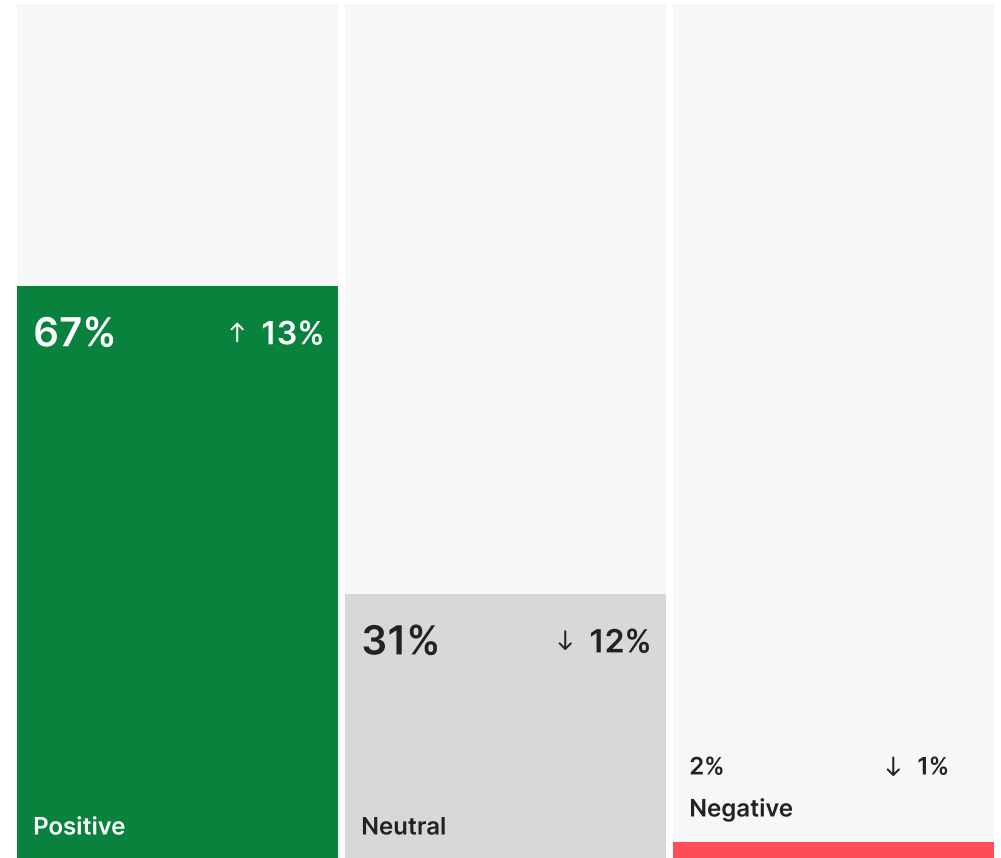
If you have a previous cycle, the up (↑) and down (↓) arrows will show the change in percentage points.



# 67%

of 398 surveyed residents are  
satisfied with life in Hermiston

↑ 13% vs. previous cycle



# Zencity Community Survey

Hermiston, OR  
January - July 2023





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## These are the main measures of satisfaction in your community

The bars on the right show the proportion of responses that are positive (4 or 5), neutral (3), or negative (1 or 2). The percentages show the percent in the positive category.

We take the average of the Community Characteristics, then classify the score as positive (3+), neutral (1.5 to <3), or negative ( $\leq 1.5$ ). The percentages represent the percent of respondents in each category.

If you have a previous cycle, the up ( $\uparrow$ ) and down ( $\downarrow$ ) arrows will show the change in percentage points.

QUESTION	RESIDENT SATISFACTION
<b>How is the overall quality of life in Hermiston?</b>	50% • $\uparrow$ 9% 
<b>How likely are you to recommend Hermiston as a place to live?</b>	44% • $\uparrow$ 10% 
<b>How likely are you to be living in Hermiston 5 years from now?</b>	61% • $\uparrow$ 7% 
<b>Average rating from the Community Characteristics questions</b>	56% • $\uparrow$ 17% 

# Demographic Breakdown

Smaller sample sizes can lead to unreliable estimates. For this reason, we hide scores for groups under 30 respondents.

For groups between 31 and 50 respondents, we highlight the small sample size using an asterisk (\*). Use these scores with caution.

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DEMOGRAPHIC	GROUP	SCORE	N
<b>Age</b>	18-34	63%	58
<b>Age</b>	35-54	64%	112
<b>Age</b>	55+	74%	221
<b>Education</b>	High school degree or less	70%	101
<b>Education</b>	Some college or college degree	65%	181
<b>Education</b>	Higher education degree	64%	116
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Hispanic/Latino	70%	67
<b>Ethnicity</b>	White	70%	312

DEMOGRAPHIC	GROUP	SCORE	N
<b>Gender</b>	Female	64%	246
<b>Gender</b>	Male	69%	145
<b>Income</b>	\$49,999 or less	67%	141
<b>Income</b>	\$50,000-\$149,999	67%	210
<b>Income</b>	\$150,000 or more	66% *	47

# Life in Hermiston

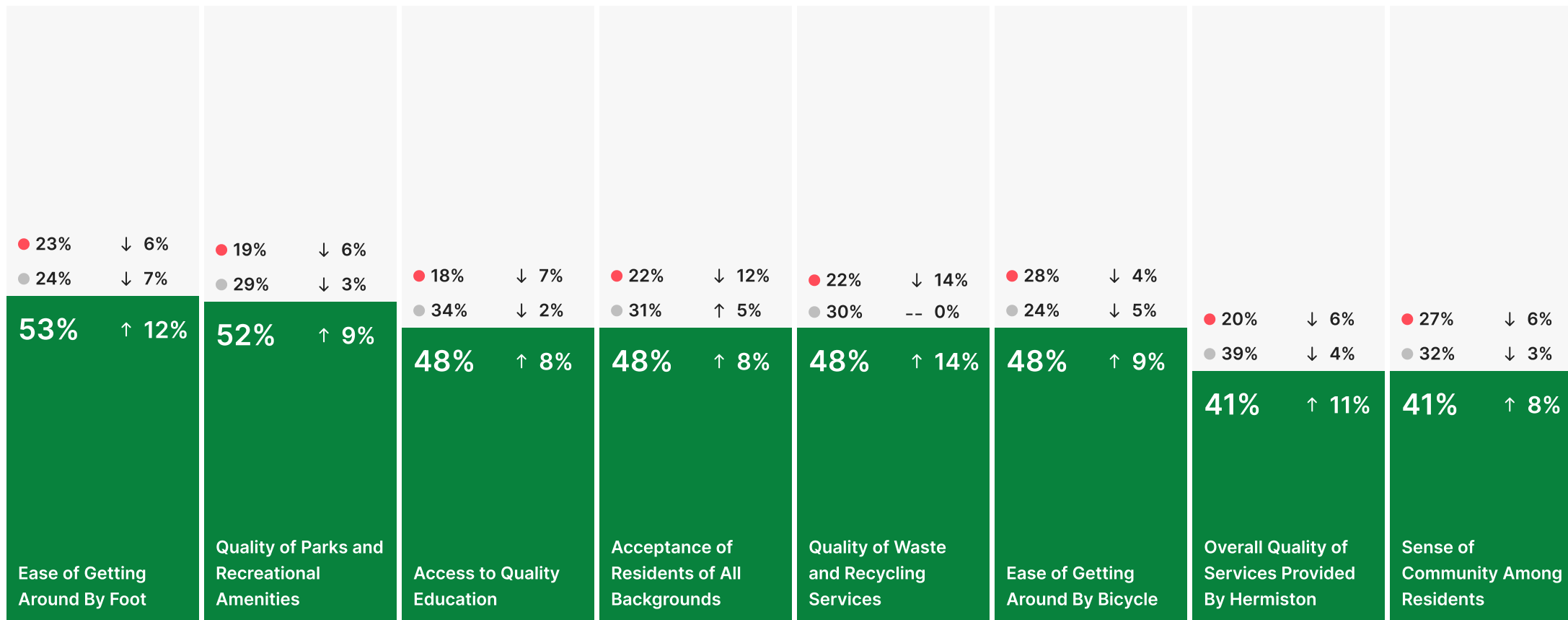
The bars show the percent of respondents who reported positively (4 or 5) in response to questions about community characteristics.

We also display the percent of respondents who were neutral (3, shown with a gray dot) or negative (1 or 2, shown with a red dot).

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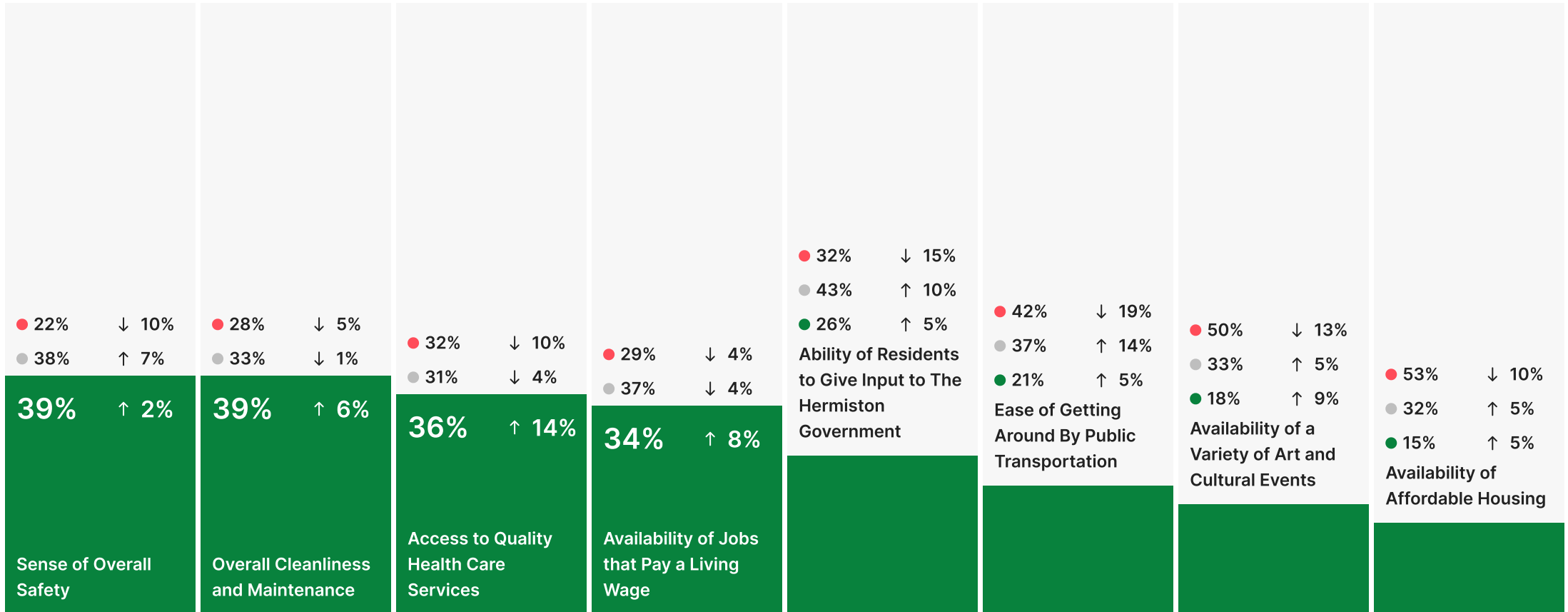
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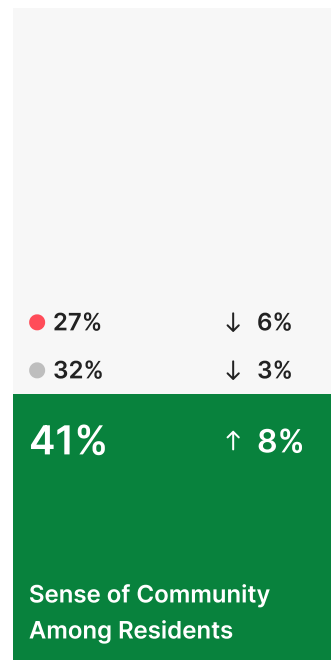
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## The ratings residents gave these parts of life showed a connection to their overall satisfaction

In order to appear here, a characteristic must a) demonstrate a strong correlation with how residents rated their overall satisfaction and b) receive a notably high or low satisfaction score

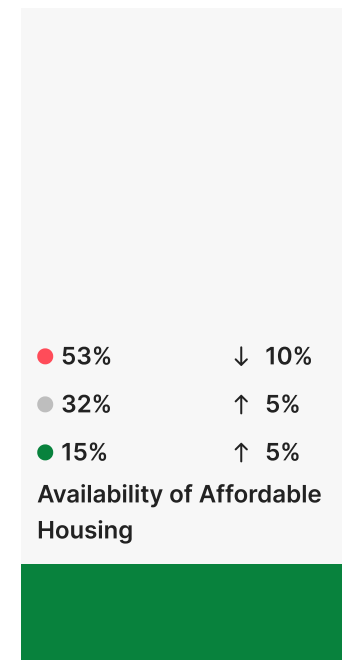
### Maintain

High-scoring characteristics with strong correlation to overall satisfaction



### Focus on

Low-scoring characteristics with strong correlation to overall satisfaction





# Strengths

This community characteristic was selected because it had a high correlation with satisfaction AND received a notably high score.

The percentages shown indicate the percent of respondents who responded positively (4 or 5). The bars indicate the proportion of respondents who were positive, neutral (3), or negative (1 or 2).

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# 41%

of residents are satisfied with  
the sense of community  
among residents

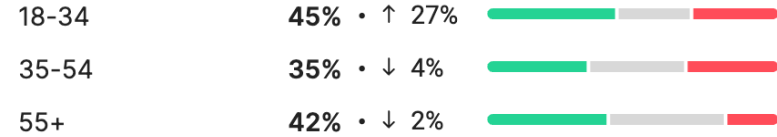
↑ 8% vs. previous cycle



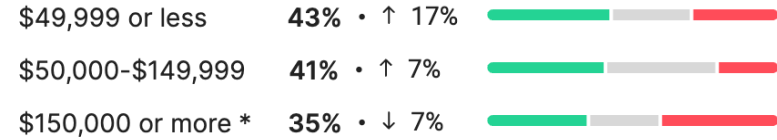
Neutral  
**32%** • ↓ 3%

Dissatisfied  
**27%** • ↓ 6%

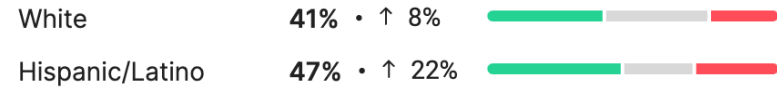
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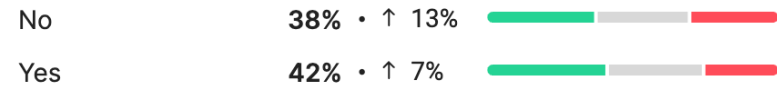
## INCOME



## RACE/ETHNICITY



## HOME OWNERSHIP



# In Focus

This community characteristic was selected because it had a high correlation with satisfaction AND received a notably low score.

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# 15%











of residents are satisfied with the availability of affordable housing

↑ 5% vs. previous cycle



Neutral  
**32%** • ↑ 5%

Dissatisfied  
**53%** • ↓ 10%

AGE		
18-34	13% • ↑ 11%	
35-54	15% • ↑ 1%	
55+	16% • ↑ 2%	
INCOME		
\$49,999 or less	13% • ↑ 6%	
\$50,000-\$149,999	14% • ↑ 4%	
\$150,000 or more *	23% • ↑ 7%	
RACE/ETHNICITY		
White	13% • ↑ 4%	
Hispanic/Latino	17% • ↑ 11%	
CHILDREN UNDER 18		
No	19% • ↑ 8%	
Yes	7% • -- 0%	

# Community Benchmark

## How we compare Hermiston, OR to other similar communities

Residents from more than 1,000 communities across the United States have participated in Zencity's Community Surveys. We use the combined results from these surveys to produce our benchmark estimates. By averaging across respondents from dozens or hundreds of different communities, it's possible to arrive at a picture of what the results for a "typical" community in that cohort look like. This offers a way to compare your results- particularly strengths and areas for improvement- within a greater context. Each community running a Community Survey with Zencity receives a customized community benchmark cohort that reflects its unique characteristics.

First, the cities, towns, and counties in the United States are allocated into cohorts using variables such as population size, geography, density, and demographics to group similar communities together. Then, each cohort's benchmarks are calculated using the same scoring methodology outlined in the Survey Methodology section. Finally, since recruitment methods can differ slightly according to the needs of each community, cohort benchmarks are adjusted accordingly to match the exact distribution of recruitment methods.

# Community Benchmark

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## These are some of the communities represented in your cohort

**Density** is calculated by people per square mile of land area.

**Diversity** is measured by percentage of people who are not in the largest race or ethnicity group.

**Median income** is the median annual dollars of income per household.

COMMUNITY NAME	TOTAL POP	DENSITY	DIVERSITY	MEDIAN INCOME (\$)
Hermiston, Oregon	17,512	2,114	14.01%	58,341
Rohnert Park, California	42,559	5,841	20.73%	77,831
Olympia, Washington	52,290	2,870	13.75%	63,185
Springfield, Oregon	62,729	3,959	8.66%	49,938
Tukwila, Washington	20,265	2,206	63.47%	63,053
Antelope, California	48,468	7,090	25.04%	82,095

+ more communities with similar characteristics

*The data displayed on this page was sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Census of Population and Housing.*

# Community Benchmark

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## The overall resident satisfaction in Hermiston is similar to its cohort.

**67%** Hermiston    **68%** Cohort    **75%** National

- Hermiston
- Cohort
- ▲ National

QUESTION	NATIONAL	COHORT	YOUR SCORE	SATISFACTION COMPARISON
How is the overall quality of life in Hermiston?	62%	57%	50%	
How likely are you to recommend Hermiston as a place to live?	59%	52%	44%	
How likely are you to be living in Hermiston 5 years from now?	62%	61%	61%	



# Community Benchmark

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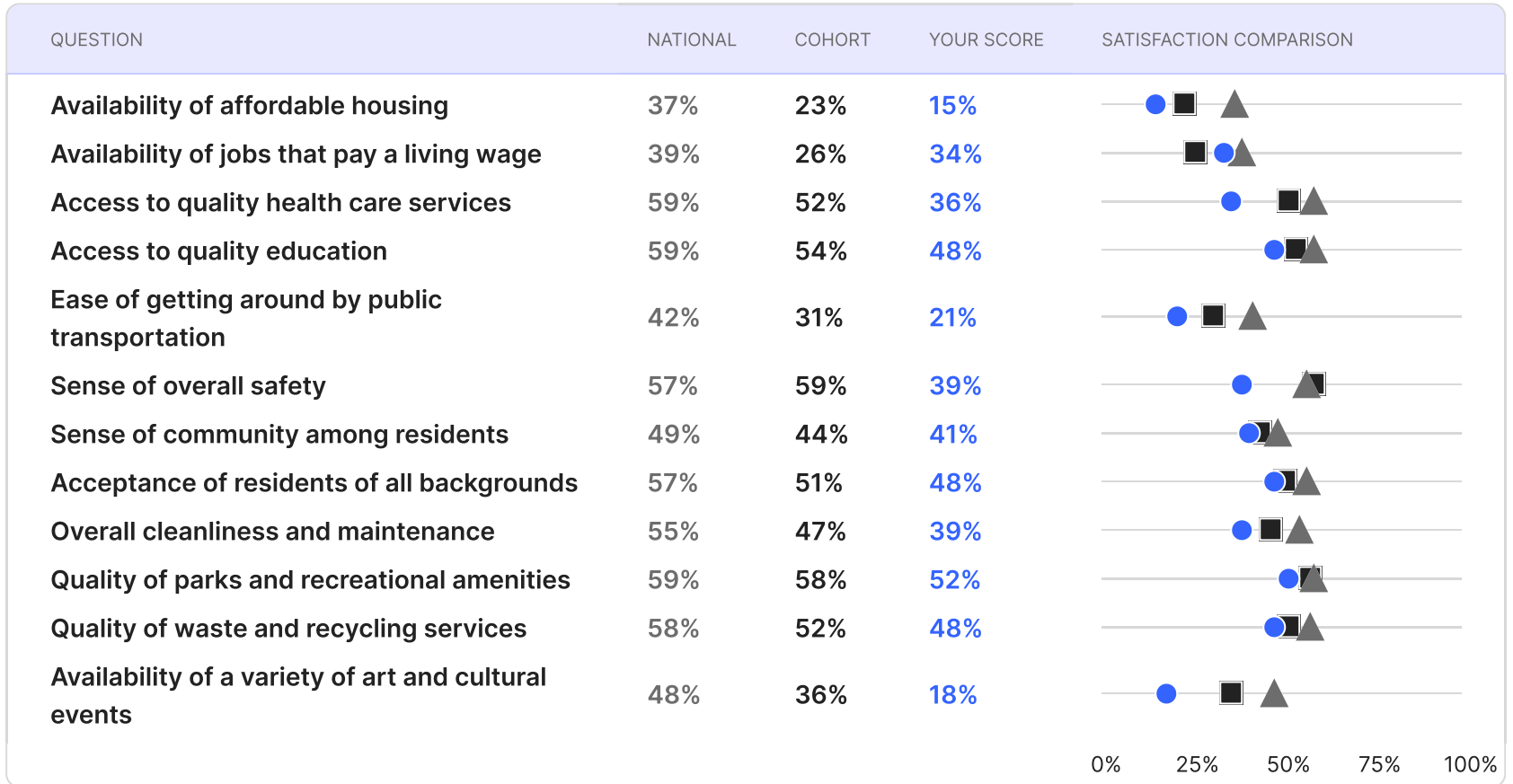
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## Satisfaction with Life in Hermiston, OR

Breakdown by characteristic

- Hermiston
- Cohort
- ▲ National



# Free-Text Responses

# Zencity Community Survey

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## What residents love

Question: What is your favorite thing about living in Hermiston?



## What residents want changed

Question: What is the one thing you would change in Hermiston?



# Rotating Survey Section

The rotating survey section focuses on one issue per survey cycle and can be updated as new areas of interest emerge.

# Zencity Community Survey

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# 40%

## of residents feel that homelessness is an issue in the city

↓ 7% vs. previous cycle



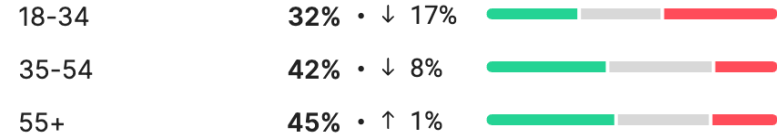
Neutral  
**31%** • ↑ 3%

Dissatisfied  
**29%** • ↑ 5%

The question:

In your experience, how much of an issue is homelessness in the city?  
(On a scale of 1 (Not at all) to 5 (to a large extent))

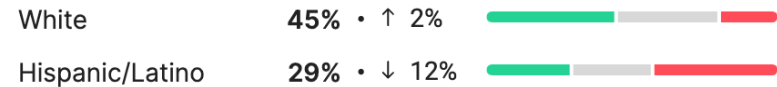
### AGE



### INCOME



### RACE/ETHNICITY

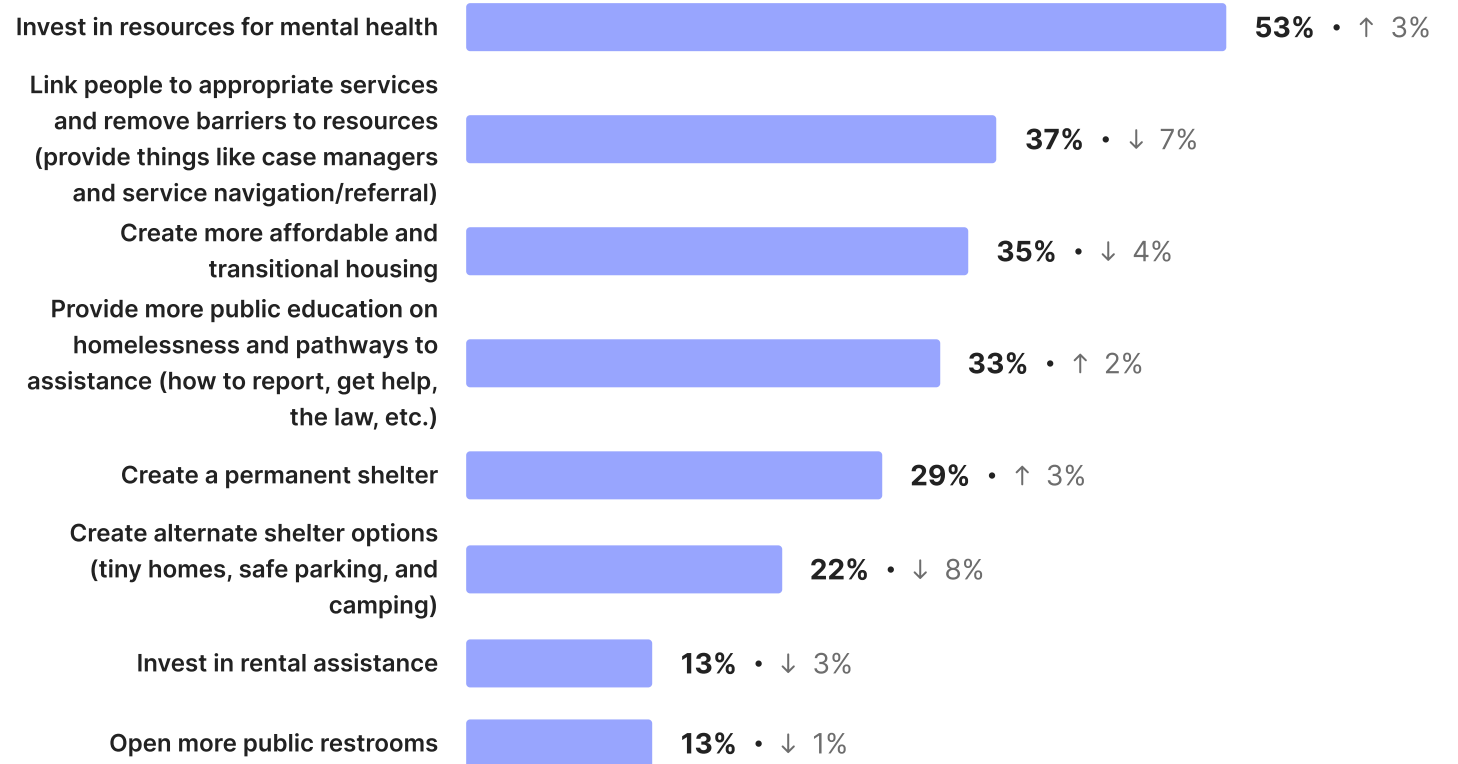


# 53%

of respondents believed that the city should **invest in resources for mental health** in order to support residents experiencing homelessness.

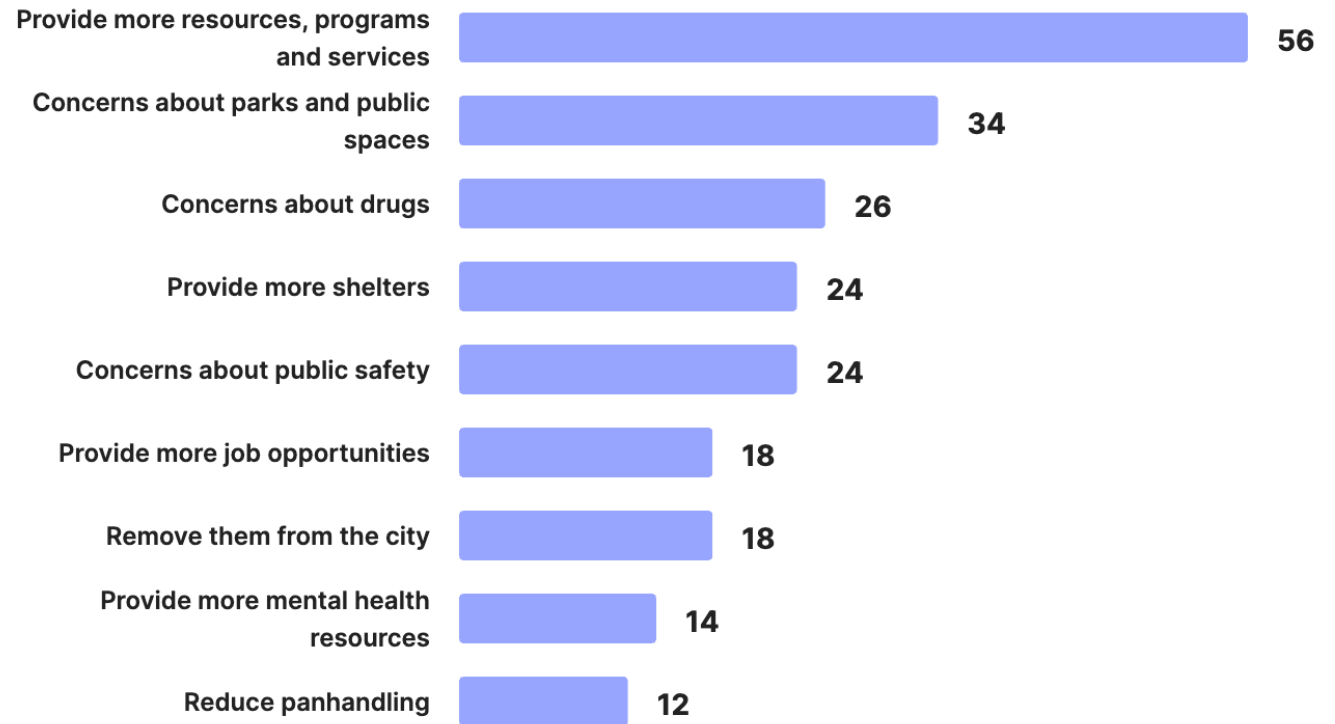
The question:

Where do you think the city should put the greatest effort to support residents experiencing homelessness?



Respondents most commonly reported wanting the city to **provide more resources, programs, and services to residents experiencing homelessness.**

The question:  
Any other ideas or concerns regarding the issue of homelessness that you'd like to share with the city?



# The Questionnaire



Section 1

## General Satisfaction

QUESTIONS	CHOICES
How is the overall quality of life in Hermiston? *	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
How likely are you to recommend Hermiston as a place to live? *	1 - 5 Scale (Very unlikely - Very likely)
How likely are you to be living in Hermiston 5 years from now? *	1 - 5 Scale (Very unlikely - Very likely)
What is your favorite thing about living in Hermiston?	Open Ended
What is the thing you would most want to change about life in Hermiston?	Open Ended

## Section 2 Community Characteristics

QUESTIONS
Availability of affordable housing
Availability of jobs that pay a living wage
Access to quality health care services
Access to quality education
Availability of a variety of art and cultural events
Ease of getting around by public transportation
Ease of getting around by bicycle
Ease of getting around by foot
Sense of overall safety

QUESTIONS
Sense of community among residents
Acceptance of residents of all backgrounds
Ability of residents to give input to the Hermiston government
Overall cleanliness and maintenance
Quality of parks and recreational amenities
Quality of waste and recycling services
Overall quality of services provided by Hermiston

## Section 3 Rotating Survey Section

QUESTIONS	CHOICES
<b>In your experience, how much of an issue is homelessness in the city?</b>	1 - 5 Scale (Not at All - To a Large Degree)
<b>Where do you think the city should put the greatest effort to support residents experiencing homelessness?</b>	Invest in rental assistance / Create a permanent shelter / Open more public restrooms / Invest in resources for mental health / Create more affordable and transitional housing / Link people to appropriate services and remove barriers to resources (provide things like case managers and service navigation/referral) / Create alternate shelter options (tiny homes, safe parking, and camping) / Provide more public education on homelessness and pathways to assistance (how to report, get help, the law, etc.)
<b>Any other ideas or concerns regarding the issue of homelessness that you'd like to share with the city?</b>	Open Ended

Section 4  
**Demographics**

QUESTIONS	CHOICES
<b>What year were you born in? *</b>	Open Ended
<b>Which of the following do you identify as? *</b>	Female / Male / Prefer to self-describe / Other
<b>What is your current employment status? *</b>	Employed full-time / Employed part-time / Not employed and looking for work / Not employed and not looking for work / In school / Retired
<b>Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x or Spanish origin? *</b>	Yes / No
<b>What is your race? *</b>	Asian / Black or African American / Native American or Alaskan Native / Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander / White / Prefer not to answer / Other
<b>Do you, or someone else in your family, own the home you currently live in? *</b>	Yes / No

Section 4  
**Demographics**

QUESTIONS	CHOICES
<p><b>What is the highest level of education you've completed to date? *</b></p>	<p>Less than high school / Some high school / High school degree or GED / Some college / Associate's degree / Bachelor's degree / Graduate degree</p>
<p><b>What is your marital status? *</b></p>	<p>Single / Married / Divorced or separated / Widowed</p>
<p><b>Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household? *</b></p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p><b>Were you born outside of the United States? *</b></p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p><b>Which category best represents your household's total income over the past year? *</b></p>	<p>\$14,999 or less / \$15,000-\$29,999 / \$30,000-\$49,999 / \$50,000-\$74,999 / \$75,000-\$99,999 / \$100,000-\$124,999 / \$125,000-\$149,999 / \$150,000-\$199,999 / \$200,000-\$299,999 / \$300,000 or more</p>



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