

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 03, 2025**  
**5:30 PM, City Hall and Remote**

Call-in numbers 253-215-8782, 669-900-6833, 346-248-7799, 312-626-6799, 929-205-6099 or  
301-715-8592, Meeting ID 889 7550 7011, Zoom link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88975507011> or via YouTube at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4k9bA0IEEvsF6PSoDwjJvA/>

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Items with an asterisk (\*) have been added or modified after the initial draft publication of the Agenda.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION TO THE FLAG:** Mayor to call the meeting to order, lead the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance and conduct roll call.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - City Council will convene in Executive Session under:

**a) Executive Session** - City Council will convene in Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) -To discuss potential litigation.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - City Council will convene in Executive Session under:

**a) Approve Resolution 2025-\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Policy Update** - Interim City Administrator Ben Shumaker presents a resolution revising the personnel policy for council consideration. The changes include address the job descriptions within the Public Works Department.

**b) \*6:00pm - Rezoning Public Hearing:** Proposal from property owners to rezone from R2 Two-Family to R3 Multi-Family residential.

- a. Appearance of Fairness Disclosures
- b. Presentation by Staff
- c. Presentation by Applicant
- d. Public Hearing
  - 1. Comments in Favor
  - 2. Comments in Opposition
  - 3. Comments Neither in Favor nor Opposition
- e. Close Public Hearing

f. Council Deliberation

g. Decision

Potential Motion: "I move to adopt a resolution of the City of Stevenson Amending the City of Stevenson Zoning Map by rezoning ~0.52 acres of land from R2 Two-Family Residential to R3 Multi-Family Residential, as presented."

**18. ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor will adjourn the meeting.

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# City of Stevenson

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Ben Shumaker, Interim City Administrator  
**DATE:** April 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Personnel Policy Modifications

### Introduction

Attached is a proposal to amend the City's Personnel Policy. The proposed changes advance the City Council's Strategic priorities related to Internal Processes and Quality Infrastructure. Staff recommends adoption of the changes, either on this, the first, touch or on a second touch later this month.



### Scope of Changes

The proposed changes appear on:

- The Front Cover, pages 82, 98, 102, 105, 108, 111, 115. The dates on these pages will reflect the actual meeting date when modifications are adopted.
- Page 84. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Addition of a preferred qualification and required certification. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 99. Incorporates current practice for on-call rotation. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 100. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 103. Incorporates current practice for on-call rotation. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 104. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 106. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 109. Incorporates current practice for on-call rotation. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 110. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Addition of a preferred qualification and required certification. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 111. Clarifies job duties. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 113. Incorporates current practice for on-call rotation. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Addition of a preferred qualification. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).

- Page 114. Addition of a required certification. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).
- Page 117. Change for consistency of driver's license language. Addition of a preferred qualification and required certification. Lengthens timeline to obtain certifications. Typographical change eliminates redundantly keyed space(s).

The changes are all tracked using the functions of our word processing software. These functions use red underlining to indicate new text, ~~red strikethrough~~ to indicate deleted text, ~~double green strikethrough~~ to indicate copied from, and double green underlining to indicated copied to.

Prepared by,

Ben Shumaker  
Interim City Administrator

Attachments:

- Draft Resolution & Redline Policy

**CITY OF STEVENSON**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON**  
**REVISING THE PERSONNEL POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the City has in place a personnel policy that needs updates to ensure the City can recruit and retain knowledgeable and capable staff and practicably implement adopted policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the adoption of this resolution to be in the best interest of the City and all city employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Stevenson, Washington, hereby adopts the following policies as described and revised in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, for the benefit of the City, its employees and managers.

Key: ~~Strikethrough~~ means repealed. Underlined means new.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson, Washington at its regular meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Stevenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for the City of Stevenson



# City of Stevenson

## Personnel Policy

Revised ~~January 16~~April 3, 2025



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# RECEIPT OF PERSONNEL POLICIES

All employees should read the following; then sign, date and return the form to your supervisor. The form will be placed in the employee’s personnel file.

Enclosed are the City of Stevenson’s personnel policies. It is your responsibility to read these policies, as they will acquaint you with your employee benefits, our personnel practices and rules, and some organizational philosophy.

It is important to understand that these policies do not create an employment contract or a guarantee of employment of any specific duration between the City and its employees. Although we hope that your employment relationship with us will be long term, we recognize that at times things do not always work out as hoped, and either of us may decide to terminate the employment relationship.

***At Will Notice: Unless specific rights are granted to you in employment contracts, civil service rules, or elsewhere, all employees of the City are considered at-will employees and may be terminated from City employment at any time, with or without cause and with or without notice.***

As the City grows and changes, personnel policies may change. The City, therefore reserves the right to revise, supplement, clarify or rescind any policy or portion of a policy when deemed appropriate by the Mayor or City Administrator. You will be notified of any such changes.

Please also understand that no supervisor, manager or representative of the City other than the Mayor or the City Administrator has the authority to make any written or verbal statements or representations which are inconsistent with these policies.

I hereby consent to deduction from my final paycheck of any amounts advanced to me that remain unearned when my employment with the City ends, including unearned vacation leave.

If you have any questions about these policies or any other policies of the City, please feel free to ask your supervisor, the Mayor or City Administrator.

I have read and understand the statements above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return one signed copy of this form to payroll.



# City of Stevenson Personnel Policy

## CHAPTER 1: PURPOSE AND SCOPE

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

These personnel policies serve as a general guide to the City's current employment practices and procedures. As such, we hope they will help you better understand how the City operates and what is expected of you as an employee. These policies also describe what the City provides you in terms of compensation, benefits and other support.

The City places the highest value on our employees and their well-being. We want to see that you are a satisfied worker, with the support necessary to achieve the objectives of your position. Only in this manner can your contribution to the City organization be the most productive.

It is our belief that when consistent and equitable personnel policies are known and communicated to all the choices for greater job satisfaction increase. We encourage you to read these policies. If you have any questions, please ask your supervisor. As you have ideas or suggestions for improvement, please do the same.

### 1.2 INTENT OF POLICIES

These policies are not intended to be a contract, expressed or implied, or any type of promise or guarantee of specific treatment upon which you may rely, or as a guarantee of employment for any specific duration. Although we hope that your employment relationship with us will be long term, we recognize that things may not always work out as hoped, and either of us may decide to terminate the employment relationship. Unless specific rights are granted to you in employment contracts, civil service rules, or elsewhere, all employees for the City are considered at-will employees and may be terminated from City employment at any time, with or without cause and with or without notice. Please understand that no supervisor, manager or representative of the City other than the Mayor or City Administrator has the authority to enter into any agreement with you for employment for any specified period or to make any written or verbal commitments contrary to the foregoing.

### 1.3 SCOPE OF POLICIES

These personnel policies apply to all City employees. In cases where these policies conflict with any City ordinance, Civil Service rules and regulations, the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement, state or federal law, the terms of that law or agreement prevail. In all other cases, these policies apply.



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## 1.4 CHANGING OF POLICIES

As the need arises, the City Council may modify these policies and any changes in compensation or benefit levels by Resolution. The Mayor or City Administrator may deviate from these policies in individual situations, particularly in an emergency, in order to achieve the primary mission of serving the City's citizens. Employees may request specific changes to these policies by submitting suggestions to their supervisor. Employees must be notified in writing of modifications or revisions to this policy within 30 days of adoption and provided a copy of the change.

## 1.5 DEFINITIONS

**Accident:** An incident involving City owned vehicles which resulted in damages amounting to at least \$1,000.00.

**Alcohol:** The intoxicating element of whiskey, beer, wine and other fermented or distilled liquors.

**Alcohol Use:** The consumption of any beverage, mixture or preparation, including any medication, containing alcohol.

**Child:** Biological, adopted, foster or stepchild or legal ward under 18 or a child older than 18 incapable of self-care. (See 7.3 for unique definition of dependent child as it relates to health insurance coverage).

**Class:** A group of positions sufficiently similar in duties, responsibilities, authority, and minimum qualifications to permit combining them under a single title, and to permit the application of common standards for selection and compensation.

**Commercial Driver:** Any employee who has a commercial driver's license (CDL) and who may operate a commercial motor vehicle on a regular or intermittent basis at the direction of, or with the consent of the City, including, but not limited to full or part-time, regularly appointed employees, and temporary or intermittent employees.

**Compensation Schedule.** A schedule of salary ranges of all position classes in the service of the city, including single position classes, setting forth the salary range for each such position in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in these rules and regulations and also setting forth the salary rates by step in each range.

**Compensatory Time Off.** Time off from work to compensate the employee for overtime worked.

**Controlled Substance/Drugs:** Prohibited drugs are any illegal controlled substance including, but not limited to, marijuana (THC), cocaine, opiates, phencyclidine (PCP), and amphetamines, as well as any drug not approved for medical use by the USDA or the



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USFDA. Illegal use includes use of or impairment by any illegal drug, misuse of legally prescribed or over the counter drugs or illegally obtained prescription drugs.

**Department Head:** An employee designated by the Mayor with confirmation of the City Council to be responsible for management and supervision of a Department

**Impaired.** Under the influence of drugs or alcohol meeting or exceeding the standard of RCW 46.61.502(1), Driving Under the Influence, regardless of whether the employee is charged or convicted of the criminal conduct described therein.

**Medical Review Officer:** A licensed physician (medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy) responsible for receiving laboratory results generated by the City’s drug testing program who has knowledge of substance abuse disorders and has appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate an individual’s confirmed positive test result together with the individual’s medical history of any other relevant biomedical information.

**Overnight Travel:** You must be more than 50 road miles from your home or work (one-hour travel time). Exceptions can be made by the supervisor in special circumstances such as:

- a) To avoid driving back and forth for back-to-back late night/early morning meetings.
- b) To avoid driving in inclement weather.

**Overtime.** Time worked in excess of the regularly scheduled 40-hour workweek.

**Parent:** Biological parent or someone who was “in loco parentis” a legal term meaning a person or entity that stands in place of a parent.

**Regular Full-Time Employee:** An employee who has successfully completed a trial period as defined in these policies and who regularly works a minimum of forty (40) hours a week.

**Regular Part-Time Employee:** An employee who has successfully completed a trial period as defined in these policies and who regularly works less than forty (40) but at least twenty (20) hours a week.

**Retirement:** The separation from service with the City of an employee who is retiring under regulations for the Washington State Department of Retirement systems or upon eligibility for full age retirement or early retirement benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act. The employee shall select which of these criteria to use for determination of retirement.

Memo: PERS 2

- 65 with five service credit years
- 55 with twenty service credit years

PERS 3

- 65 with 10 service credit years
- 55 with 10 service credit years



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**Salary Range.** The range of salary rates for a position as set forth in the compensation plan as established by the legislative body of the City.

**Supervisor:** An employee who is responsible for directing one or more departments or staff members.

**Standby Pay:** An employee is required to remain at a specific location or in an immediate vicinity of a specific location and be prepared to report immediately to work if the need arises, although the need may not arise.

**Temporary Employee:** Employees who hold jobs of limited duration due to special projects, abnormal workloads or emergencies. Temporary employees are not eligible for City benefits.

**Trial Employee:** Employees who have not yet completed their trial period in a regular position and who have not been certified to regular employment status. Unless otherwise specified, when regular employees are referred to in these policies, they shall include trial employees.





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### CHAPTER 2: GENERAL POLICIES & PRACTICES

#### 2.1 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

The City is an equal employment opportunity employer. The City employs, retains, promotes, terminates and otherwise treats all employees and job applicants on the basis of job-related qualifications and competence. These policies and all employment practices shall be applied without regard to any individual's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, pregnancy, age, marital status, or disability.

#### 2.2 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

The City will not discriminate against qualified applicants or employees with a sensory, physical or mental disability, unless the disability cannot be reasonably accommodated and prevents proper performance of an essential element of the job. The City will reasonably accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities.

#### 2.3 LIFE THREATENING/COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Employees with life threatening illnesses or communicable diseases are treated the same as all other employees. They are permitted to continue working as long as they are able to maintain an acceptable level of performance and medical evidence shows they are not a threat to themselves or their co-workers. The City will work to preserve the safety of all of its employees and reserves the right to reassign employees or take other job actions, including discharge, when a substantial and unusual safety risk to fellow City employees or the public exists.

#### 2.4 ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

It is the City's policy to foster and maintain a work environment that is free from discrimination and intimidation. Toward this end, the City will not tolerate harassment of any kind that is made by employees toward co-workers or to members of the public. Employees are expected to show respect to each other and the public at all times, despite individual differences.

Harassment is defined as a verbal or physical conduct that demeans or shows hostility or aversion toward another employee or members of the public. Examples of prohibited conduct include slurs or demeaning comments to employees or members of the public relating to race, ethnic background, gender, religion, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, or disability.



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### 2.5 SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROHIBITED

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and is illegal. Sexual harassment is also inappropriate and offensive and will not be tolerated by the City.

Sexual harassment is behavior of a sexual nature which is unwelcome. Examples of sexual harassment include verbal behavior such as unwanted sexual comments, suggestions, jokes, or pressure for sexual favors; non-verbal behavior such as suggestive looks and leering; and physical behavior such as pats or squeezes, or repeatedly brushing against someone's body. Other conduct also may constitute sexual harassment depending upon given facts and circumstances.

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct constitute sexual harassment when:

- It is part of a manager's or supervisor's decision to hire or fire;
- It is used to make other employment decisions like pay, promotion, or job assignments;
- It creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Employees engaging in improper harassment are subject to discipline, including termination.

### 2.6 DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Each member of management is responsible for creating an atmosphere free of discrimination and harassment, sexual or otherwise. Further, employees are responsible for respecting the rights of their co-workers and others, including the citizens they serve. The following procedure outlines the steps to follow if you believe you have experienced harassment or discrimination on the job.

Should you believe that you have been harassed or are the victim of discrimination, you should try, if possible, to identify the offensive behavior to the harasser and request that it stop. In the event such informal direct communication is either ineffective or impossible, you should discuss your concern **immediately** with the Mayor or the City Administrator. If supervisors or managers receive a report from an employee, they must document and refer to the Mayor or City Administrator as soon as possible. No employee will suffer retaliation for reporting such concern. To the extent possible, complaints will be handled confidentially.

If an investigation shows the accused employee or member of the public did engage in improper harassment or discrimination, appropriate action will be taken, as in the case of any other serious employee misconduct. Such actions may include warnings, verbal



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and/or written reprimands, a letter to the employee's file or an employee transfer, demotion, suspension or termination.

### 2.7 EMPLOYEE RECORDS

A personnel file is maintained for each employee. An employee's personnel file(s) contains the employee's name, title and/or position held, job description, department to which the employee is assigned, changes in employment status, training received, performance evaluations, personnel actions affecting the employee, including discipline, and other pertinent information.

It is the City Administrator's responsibility to ensure complete personnel files are maintained for each employee to demonstrate legal requirements have been satisfied; to provide a basis for personnel actions; and to document the attainments of each employee.

Employees have the right to review their file. An employee may request removal of irrelevant or erroneous information in their personnel file. If the City denies the employee's request to remove the information, employees may file a written rebuttal statement to be placed in their file.

Personnel files are kept confidential to the maximum extent permitted by law. Except for routine verifications of employment, no information from an employee's personnel file will be released to the public, including the press, without a written request for specific information as regulated by the Washington State Public Disclosure Act.

### 2.8 EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES

Only the Mayor, the City Administrator or the supervisor will provide employment references on current or former City employees. Other employees shall refer request for references to the appropriate person. References will be limited to verification of employment and salary unless the employee has completed a written waiver and release.



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## CHAPTER 3: RECRUITING & HIRING

### 3.1 RECRUITING

Recruiting practices are conducted solely on the basis of ability, merit, qualifications and competence, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, pregnancy, physical handicap, disability or age.

Each applicant shall complete and sign an application form prior to being considered for any position. Resumes may supplement, but not replace, the City's official application.

Any applicant supplying false or misleading information is subject to immediate termination, if hired. All statements submitted on the employment application shall be subject to investigation and verification prior to appointment.

### 3.2 HIRING

When a position becomes vacant or is newly created and prior to any posting or advertisement of the vacancy, the supervisor shall review the position, its job description and the need for such a position. The supervisor will prepare and submit a written request to fill the position to the City Administrator or the Mayor. The position will be posted in house and/or advertised only after the request is approved. All candidates for employment must file an employment application form with the City.

The City may administer pre-employment examinations to test the qualifications and ability of applicants, as determined necessary by the City, pre-employment drug tests and certain background checks as needed. Examples of such procedures include: requiring applicants/employees to show proof they are authorized to work in the United States, requiring applicants/employees who have unsupervised access to children or developmentally disabled adults to complete a disclosure statement and background check, or requiring applicants/employees who handle money to pass a background check.

Residency within the City shall not be a condition of initial appointment or continued employment; provided, however, that an employee's selection of residence shall not interfere with the daily performance of the employee's duties and responsibilities.

Applicants for positions in which the applicant is expected to operate a motor vehicle must be at least 18 years old and will be required to present a valid driver's license with any necessary endorsements. Driving records of applicants may be checked. Applicants with poor driving records, as determined by the City, may be disqualified for employment with the City in positions requiring driving.

After an offer of employment has been made and prior to commencement of employment, the City may require persons selected for employment to successfully pass a medical examination which will include testing for alcohol and controlled substances.



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The purpose of the examination is to determine if the individual is physically able to perform the job and to ensure the employee's physical condition will not endanger the health, safety or well-being of other employees or the public. The offer of employment may be conditioned on the results of the examination.

A candidate may be disqualified from consideration if: (1) found physically unable to perform the duties of the position (and the individual's condition cannot reasonably be accommodated in the workplace); (2) the candidate refuses to submit to a medical examination or complete medical history form; or (3) if the exam reveals use of alcohol and/or controlled substances.

### 3.3 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Supervisors may use temporary employees to temporarily replace regular employees who are on vacation or other leave, to meet peak work load or emergency needs, or to temporarily fill a vacancy until a regular employee is hired. Temporary employees may be hired without competitive recruitment or examination, although all hiring processes must comply with state and federal laws.

Compensation/Benefits: Temporary employees are eligible for overtime pay as required by law. Temporary employees do not receive vacation, health insurance, holidays or any other benefits during their employment.

Temporary employees pay contributions to the Social Security system, as does the City on their behalf. Temporary employees will not normally be placed on the state PERS retirement system, although there are a few exceptions depending on PERS eligibility criteria.

### 3.4 TRIAL PERIOD

Upon hire or appointment, all employees enter a trial period that is considered an integral part of the selection and evaluation process. The trial period is designed to give the employee time to learn the job and to give the supervisor time to evaluate whether the match between the employee and the job is appropriate. An employee on their trial period may be terminated by their supervisor without cause and is notified of such action in writing.

The normal trial period is six months from the employee's date of hire, rehire or promotion. The Mayor and/or the City Administrator may authorize the supervisor to extend the trial period for up to an additional six (6) months. An extension may be granted due to circumstances such as an extended illness, a continued need to evaluate an employee's performance, or the need to meet specific trainings and certifications.

There will be a performance review at mid-point and prior to the end of the trial period to ensure that the employee is performing up to City standards.



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Once the trial period is successfully completed, the employee may be certified to regular employment status. Satisfactory completion of the trial period does not create an employment contract or guarantee employment with the City for a specified duration.

**Use of Sick Leave/Vacation During Trial Period:** Trial employees may use their accrued sick leave from the beginning of their employment but may not use vacation until they have successfully completed their trial period, at which time they will be credited for six days of vacation. Certain employees may have training and certifications to get that are required over an extended period of time. These employees will have access to their vacation at the 6-month period.

### 3.5 EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES (NEPOTISM)

The City will consider a member of a current employee's immediate family for employment if the applicant possesses all the qualifications for employment. However, an immediate family member may not be employed, if the employment would place one of the family members in a position:

- (1) Of authority or practical power to supervise, appoint, remove, influence salary or compensation decisions, or discipline the other;
- (2) To handle confidential material that creates improper or inappropriate access to that material by the other;
- (3) Of responsibility for auditing the work of the other; or
- (4) That might lead to potential appearance of favoritism, conflict among the parties, or conflict between the interest of one or both parties and the best interests of the City.

**Change in Circumstances:** If two employees become immediate family and, if in the City's judgment, any of the potential conflicts noted above exist or reasonably could exist, only one of the employees will be permitted to remain employed by the City, unless appropriate action can be taken to reduce or eliminate the potential conflict, as determined by the City Administrator. The decision as to which employee will remain with the City must be made by the two employees within 30 calendar days of the date they become immediate family. If no decision is made during this time, the City reserves the right to terminate either employee.

For the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Immediate family" includes the employee's spouse, domestic partner, parent, stepparent, parent-in-law, child, stepchild, child-in-law, sibling, sibling-in-law, and any other member of the employee's household.
- (2) "Employee" also includes co-workers paid by an entity other than the City and volunteers.



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### 3.6 PROMOTIONS

The City encourages promotion from within the organization whenever possible. All openings will be posted so that employees may become aware of opportunities and apply for positions in which they are interested and qualified.

Before advertising a position to the general public, the Mayor or the City Administrator may choose to circulate a promotional opportunity within the City. This will not apply for temporary employees.

The City reserves the right to seek qualified applicants outside of the organization at its discretion.

To be considered for promotion, an employee must be employed in their position for at least six (6) months and meet the qualifications for the vacant position.

New Trial Period: After promotion to a new position, a new trial period of six (6) months must be completed, unless waived or reduced by the supervisor. In the case of unsatisfactory performance in a promotional situation, the employee may be considered for transfer back to the previous position held by the employee.



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## CHAPTER 4: HOURS & ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 WORKING HOURS

The City's standard work week consists of 40 hours with an unpaid lunch period. Due to the nature of the City's operation, longer hours may be necessary in some instances.

A normal working schedule for regular, full-time employees consists of forty (40) hours each work week. Different work schedules may be established by the City to meet job assignments and provide necessary City services. Each employee's department head will advise the employee regarding the employee's specific working hours.

Flexible scheduling will be considered with the approval of the appropriate department head and City Administrator. All requests will be evaluated against the need for continuity in access by and service to the citizens and the facilitation of staff teamwork.

Part-time and temporary employees will work hours as specified by their department heads.

### 4.2 HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

All City positions are designated as either "exempt" or "non-exempt" according to the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and Washington Minimum Wage Act regulations. You will be informed of your status by the City.

For most City employees, the established work period is forty (40) hours within a seven (7) day work week. In some instances, under the City's flexible scheduling, the department head may define a work week/work period as something other than the standard Monday through Sunday. All personnel are responsible for accurately reporting all hours worked on forms supplied by the City. Employees failing to accurately record time worked are subject to discipline.

Non-exempt employees are entitled to additional compensation, either in cash or compensatory time off, when they work more than the maximum numbers of hours during a work period. All overtime must be authorized in advance by the employee's department head. Overtime pay is calculated at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay for all time worked beyond the established work period. When computing overtime, *time taken as compensatory time off*, is not counted as hours worked.

Neither the federal FLSA nor the state Minimum Wage Act (Ch 49.46) requires payment of overtime for work on a holiday. It is the City's practice to allow on call field staff to charge a minimum of two (2) hours of overtime for any call outs when on call. When that call out is on a holiday the rate of pay will be double time and a half (2 ½ ) rather than overtime for all call outs on a holiday.





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Exempt employees are not covered by the FLSA or Washington Minimum Wage Act overtime provisions and do not receive either overtime pay or compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay except as otherwise approved by City Council.

### 4.3 COMPENSATORY TIME

Non-exempt employees entitled to overtime pay may request compensatory time off instead of cash payment. This is approved on a case-by-case basis by the employee's department head. The City is not required to grant comp time instead of overtime pay. If the compensatory time option is exercised, the employee is credited with one and one-half times the hours worked as overtime. Maximum accrual of compensatory time shall be limited to two hundred forty (240) hours when combined with vacation (ex: vacation + comp time = 240 max). All compensatory time will be paid out in the year it is earned.

Employees may use compensatory time after getting approval from the employee's department head. The use of comp time may be denied if such time used would disrupt City operations.

### 4.4 ATTENDANCE

Punctual and consistent attendance is a condition of employment. Each department head is responsible for maintaining an accurate attendance record of their employees.

Employees unable to work or unable to report to work on time should notify their supervisor as soon as possible, ordinarily before the work day begins or within thirty (30) minutes of the employee's usual starting time. If an absence continues beyond one day, the employee is responsible for reporting in each day. If the supervisor is unavailable, the employee may leave a message on the answering machine stating the reason for being late or unable to report for work.

An employee who is absent without authorization or notification is subject to disciplinary action, including possible termination.

### 4.5 UNUSUAL CONDITIONS

WEATHER During times of inclement weather or natural disaster, it is essential that the City continue to provide vital public services. Therefore, it is expected that employees make every reasonable effort to report to work without endangering their personal safety.

PANDEMIC During pandemic flu or other community health emergencies the City Administrator shall identify a set of procedures to be approved by Council to maintain essential city functions while protecting the health of the staff. Those procedures shall be tailored to the specific health emergency and could include but are not limited to staggered work schedules, working from home (remote computer connections), allowing



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employees to use accrued leave or comp time, furloughing certain employees, and other appropriate actions.

### 4.6 BREAKS AND MEAL PERIODS

Employees may take one (1) fifteen-minute break for every four hours worked. All breaks shall be arranged so that they do not interfere with City business or service to the public. Meal periods shall be scheduled by the employee's supervisor. The scheduling of meal periods may vary depending on department workload. Meal periods are unpaid.

### 4.7 CALL BACK

All employees are subject to call back in emergencies or as needed by the City to provide necessary services to the public. A refusal to respond to a call back is grounds for immediate disciplinary action, including possible termination. An employee who is not fit to respond shall not accept a call back. Employees called back to duty will be paid their appropriate rate of pay for hours worked (the overtime rate for hours worked over the applicable overtime threshold).

### 4.8 PAYROLL RECORDS

The official payroll records are kept by the City Administrator. Each department head shall turn in, on a monthly basis, a signed work record for each employee within their department, noting hours worked, and leave taken and overtime worked. The Mayor shall sign work records for the City Administrator.



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## CHAPTER 5: COMPENSATION

### 5.1 SALARY CLASSIFICATION AND GRADES

The City Administrator, Mayor and City Council shall be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the City's position classifications for salary purposes. Each position classification is designated a particular salary or salary range as shown on the City's salary and wage schedule, which is approved annually by the City Council. The City Administrator shall, every five years, conduct comparative studies to ensure the salaries are competitive and justified and to ensure that the City's position classifications and compensation plan are properly connected. The most current salary schedule and job classifications will be filed in Appendix A-8.

The City's salary and wage schedule (the compensation plan) consists of a series of salary ranges. Within each range there are a series of steps graduated by standard percentage increments.

### 5.2 EMPLOYEE PAY RATES

Employees shall be paid within the limits of the wage range to which their positions are assigned. Usually, new employees will start their employment at the minimum wage rate for their classification. However, a new employee may be employed at a higher rate than the minimum when the employee's experience, training or proven capability warrant, or when prevailing market conditions require a starting rate greater than the minimum.

Pay increases are contingent on satisfactory performance. If an employee's performance is consistently unsatisfactory, the supervisor may defer a scheduled pay increase for a stipulated period of time or until the employee's job performance is satisfactory. All employees no longer in their probationary period with satisfactory performance will receive a step increase each year on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Mayor may propose and the City Council may grant an across-the-board pay adjustment (COLA) from time to time, raising the salaries of all positions by a specified amount within a defined group of classifications. Such adjustments, if any, will not change an employee's pay anniversary date.

Any employee promoted to a position in a higher classification and salary range shall receive, at a minimum, the next highest available pay amount within the range of the higher classification. For Example a Utility Maintenance Worker at a step 7 promoted to Field Supervisor may go to a step 3 or higher (based on the 2023 salary schedule) depending on their qualifications.



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### 5.3 CERTIFICATION PAY

An incentive plan is established to provide a means for rewarding employees who assume additional certification beyond what is considered a normal part of their position. The plan shall further provide a means for rewarding such exemplary professional development of direct value to the City, as determined by the Mayor or City Administrator. Such reward shall be granted through a salary adjustment of 2% for each certification, up to a maximum of 6%. The adjustment shall start beginning in the pay period following the City's receipt of certification and is conditioned on the following:

- Certifications will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- It is the responsibility of the employee to maintain and renew their certification.
- Any employee receiving a less than satisfactory Performance Review will not be awarded new certification pay until a satisfactory Performance Review is given.

Examples of certifications include:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Group II
- American Institute of Certified Planner Certification
- American Public Works Association Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision
- American Public Works Association Certified Public Works Professional-Management
- Permit Technician Certification
- Certified Public Records Officer
- Certified Public Finance Officer
- Master Municipal Clerk
- International City/County Management Association Credentialed Manager
- Any other certification program approved by the Department Head and Mayor in alignment with city's goals and objectives.

An additional certification pay of 15% will be provided for a Professional Engineer. The maximum reward available to such an employee is 21%.

The percent increases established herein shall be arithmetic based on the City's adopted Compensation Plan; percentages do not compound.

### 5.4 OUT OF CLASS PAY

“Out-of-class pay” means the temporary adjustment of an employee to perform most of the normal ongoing duties and responsibilities associated with a higher-paying job classification. The Director or City Administrator may temporarily assign the duties of higher-paying classification to an employee in order to continue or complete essential public services and compensate the employee for that performance. The threshold for granting an out-of-class assignment is when the employee who normally performs the duties will be away for 4 consecutive weeks or more. The temporary pay adjustment will increase the employee's regular base rate of pay to the greater of: 1) the Classification



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salary beginning rate of pay for the higher-level position or 2) ten percent above the Employee's regular base of pay.

If such an employee is also receiving certification pay, the percent increases shall be arithmetic based on the City's adopted Compensation Plan; percentages do not compound.

### 5.5 ON CALL PAY

The City requires some employees to be "on-call" when needed to protect the health, safety and property of the City and its residents. Upon supervisor approval and demonstrated proficiency in wastewater and water treatment plant operations, employees within the Public Works Department will be required to be "on call" on a rotating basis. "On Call" requires that the employee will be available for all emergencies by an effective means, to be determined by each employee (telephone, cell phone, pager, radio, etc.). The employee must be able to respond to a call within 30 minutes and shall not be impaired at any time while on call. If the scheduled employee cannot fulfill their standby obligation, it is their responsibility to find an employee to take their place.

As compensation for "on call" coverage, "on call" pay will be paid to these employees on an hourly basis according to the Salary Key approved by City Council annually. It will be the responsibility of the Department Head to ensure that the stand-by days are equally shared among the responsible personnel.

### 5.6 PAYDAYS AND PAY PERIODS

City employees are paid monthly on the last business day of each month. If a regularly scheduled payday falls on Saturday or Sunday, pay will be distributed on Friday.

New monthly employees working less than a calendar month will be paid at a rate per hour determined by dividing the annual salary by 2080 hours for the actual day or hours worked. Permanent monthly employees after the probationary period is completed, who have used all accumulated sick leave and vacation leave will lose pay at a rate determined by dividing the annual salary by 2080 hours on the basis of eight hours for each day lost.

Part time employees shall be paid on an hourly basis. The hourly wage will be determined by dividing the annual salary by 2080 or will be set by contract in the case of contracted employees.

### 5.7 DEDUCTIONS

Some regular deductions from the employee's earnings are required by law; other deductions are specifically authorized by the employee. The city will withhold from the employee's paycheck those deductions required by law and any voluntary deductions authorized by the employee or by statute.



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### 5.8 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

**Responsibilities:** The Mayor, City Administrator or Director of Public Works are primarily responsible for ensuring that any cost incurred pursuant to this chapter are directly work related, ***obtained within the state rate***, and are both critical and necessary for city business. Prudent judgment is to be exercised in approving these costs. Receipts showing proof of payment will be required for all expense except for per diem meal reimbursements.

**Travelers:** A traveler on official city business is expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses and accomplishing the purposes of the travel that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business. Excess costs, circuitous routes, delays or luxury accommodations unnecessary or unjustified in the performance of official city business travel are not considered acceptable as exercising prudence. Travelers are responsible for excess cost and additional expenses incurred for personal preference or convenience.

**General:**

Travelers are to receive prior approval by the Mayor, City Administrator or Director of Public Works before embarking on any out of city travel for city business. Local travel within the Gorge and to the metropolitan area of Portland/Vancouver requires verbal permission of the appropriate Department Head. The City has established a set of guidelines for the handling of expenses while on city business:

**Mileage:** City owned vehicles should be used when traveling by automobile whenever possible for City business. If, however, there is reason to use a privately-owned automobile and the employee expects to be compensated for expenses (i.e., mileage allotment), prior approval must be obtained. In this case the rate of mileage reimbursement will be based on the standard mileage rate approved by the US Internal Revenue Service. The City Administrator will update the City's Travel Guide Sheet with the most current reimbursement rate on file with this policy. Each employee who drives a private vehicle on City business must have liability insurance on said vehicle. Carpooling is encouraged. Either state mileage charts or odometer readings can be used for calculating mileage reimbursement.

If public transportation is used, reimbursement shall not exceed the dollar amount of a round trip air fare at the coach rate on a licensed common carrier, plus auto rental or taxi fare at point of destination, and any associated parking fees.

**Lodging:** The reimbursement for lodging and associated travel expenses (such as parking fees) incurred on official city business in all areas of the Continental USA is to be on an actual expense basis for lodging and other travel expenses, as evidenced by a receipt, up to a specified maximum. Generally, the maximum for reimbursement for lodging expenses (before tax) shall not exceed the maximum allowable as stated in Schedule A or Schedule B of the State of Washington Policies, Travel and Transportation Regulations and Procedures Issued by the Office of Financial Management (as updated). The single



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rate should be clearly indicated on all receipts. If the employee is accompanied by another, it will be the employee's responsibility to pay the additional charges for the second person.

It is recognized that on certain occasions it will be necessary to exceed the adopted guidelines when an alternate reasonable accommodation is not available. This will require council approval with full documentation of the situation.

**Meals:** Meal reimbursements for all overnight trips incurred on official city business will be set on a per meal entitlement basis for subsistence (per diem). When the travel includes a partial day, the reimbursement will be prorated based on the time of travel. For example, a training in Vancouver requiring travel from 7am-5pm would include lunch whereas travel to a location from 3pm-8pm would include dinner, etc. The reimbursement amounts in both non-high cost and high cost areas of the USA shall not exceed the maximum allowable per diem rates stated in Schedule A or Schedule B, except as authorized by Subsection 4.2.7.2.2 of State of Washington Policies, Travel and Transportation Regulations and Procedures Issued by the Office of Financial Management. Annually, the City Administrator will update the City's Travel Guide Sheet with the most current reimbursement rate on file with this policy. It is recognized that it may be necessary on certain occasions (banquets at a conference) to exceed the above guidelines. Prior permission will be needed and receipts will be required. If a meal is included in the tuition or registration during a conference, training or other form of official city business, no meal reimbursement will be made if the employee opts to eat elsewhere. Breakfast compensation does not need to be reduced if continental breakfasts are provided with the lodging rate.

On occasion employees of the City must attend a seminar or conference as a City representative in the local area that will include a meal. A request for reimbursement for these meals must include date, place, meeting attended, and the specific reason for attendance. Receipts will be required.

### 5.9 COMPENSATION UPON TERMINATION

When an employee's employment with the City is terminated, the employee will receive the following compensation on the next regularly scheduled payday:

- (1) Regular wages for all hours worked up to the time of termination which has not already been paid.
- (2) Any overtime or holiday pay due.
- (3) A lump sum payment of any accrued but unused vacation and compensatory time.
- (4) Unused accumulated sick time will be compensated at the rate of 25% of the total remaining balance on retirement or separation after twenty-five years.



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### CHAPTER 6: TRAINING & PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

#### 6.1 TRAINING

The City seeks, within the limits of available resources, to offer training to increase an employee's skill, knowledge and abilities directly related to City employment to obtain or maintain required licenses and certifications, and to develop staff resources. Opportunities may include, but are not limited to: on-the-job training, in-house workshops, and seminars sponsored by other agencies or organizations.

#### 6.2 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

To achieve the City's goal to train, promote and retain the best qualified employee for every job, the City conducts periodic performance evaluations for all positions. The City Administrator is responsible for developing and maintaining the City's performance evaluation program. Employees are to be evaluated by their supervisor prior to completion of their trial period and usually once every year thereafter.





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## CHAPTER 7: BENEFITS POLICY

### 7.1 RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The City makes contributions on behalf of all eligible employees to the Social Security System in addition to those contributions made by the employee through FICA payroll deductions.

All regular and part-time employees are covered under the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Benefit levels, membership qualifications and contribution rates are set by the State of Washington.

Employees intending to retire should notify their supervisor of their intent to retire at least three months prior to the date of retirement.

The City is a member of a deferred compensation plan which allows employees to make deferred deposits up to certain dollar limits defined by the IRS.

### 7.2 DISABILITY BENEFITS (WORKERS COMPENSATION)

When an employee is absent for one or more days due to an on-the-job accident, they are required to file a claim for Workers' Compensation. If the employee files a claim, the City will continue to pay (by use of the employee's unused sick leave) the employee's regular salary pending receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits.

Coordination of Benefits: When the employee receives Workers Compensation benefits, they are required to repay to the City the amount covered by Workers' Compensation and previously advanced by the City. This policy is to ensure that employees will receive prompt and regular payment during periods of injury or disability so long as accrued sick leave is available, while ensuring that no employee receives more than they would have received had the injury not occurred. Upon the repayment of funds advanced, the appropriate amount of sick leave shall be restored to the employee's account.

The City may require an examination at its expense, performed by a physician of its choice to determine when the employee can return to work and if they will be capable of performing the duties of the position.

### 7.3 HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Regular full-time employees, their spouses (including Domestic Partners as defined by City policy) and their dependents are eligible to participate in the City's various insurance programs on the first day of the month following employment. The programs and criteria for eligibility will be explained upon hire. The City contributes toward the cost of premiums in the amounts authorized by the City Council. The remainder of the premiums, if any, shall be paid by the employee through payroll deduction. For the purposes of medical insurance, the term dependent child includes children below the age



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of 23; for children 23 to 26 the employee may choose to pay for coverage through the City's medical program. The City reserves the right to make changes in the carriers and provisions of these programs when deemed necessary or advisable, with prior notice to affected employees.

Part time employees may participate in the City's various insurance programs. Part time employees will contribute toward the cost of premiums based on a pro rata system established by the City Council for each position.

Employees may opt for pay in lieu of their medical benefits provided they have medical coverage through other means (spouse, domestic partner, Veteran's benefits, etc).

Temporary employees will normally not be eligible for insurance coverage.

Both retired and disabled employees shall have access to health insurance after leaving employment with the City. Eligible participants wanting to continue participation in the health plan will be responsible to pay the full cost of the medical coverage.

The City offers a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) benefit. The terms of the HRA are governed by the HRA VEBA policy as adopted by council.

### 7.4 CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

Workers Compensation Leave: An employee receiving Workers Compensation benefits continues to accrue vacation leave and sick leave for up to six (6) months. The City also continues to pay for the employer's portion of health insurance premiums, provided that the employee continues to pay their share of premiums, if any. After six (6) months, the employee's benefits shall cease unless the Mayor or City Administrator makes an exception in individual situations pursuant to Section 1.4 criteria of these policies. The employee may continue health care benefits by self-paying insurance premiums for the remainder of the time they receive Workers Compensation benefits.

COBRA Rights: Upon an employee's termination from City employment or upon an unpaid leave of absence, at the employer's option and expense, the employee may be eligible to continue City health insurance benefits to the extent provided under the federal COBRA regulations. An administrative handling fee over and above the cost of the insurance premium may be charged to the employee or their dependents who elect to exercise their COBRA continuation rights.

Termination, Retirement, Leave of Absence: For eligible employees who terminate, retire or are on an approved leave of absence, the City will pay the premium for the month the employee is leaving if the employee works less than 80 hours in the month. If the employee works more than 80 hours in the month of termination, the City will pay the premium for the month following their departure.



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### 7.5 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

City employees may qualify for State Unemployment Compensation after termination from City employment depending on the reason for termination and if certain qualifications are met.

### 7.6 FIRE/EMERGENCY CALLS

Regular full-time city employees that also serve as Volunteer Firefighters may need to respond to emergency calls during working hours. It is the policy of the city to pay the employee for the entire day worked as if the emergency call had not occurred. If an employee needs to work additional hours to complete their job outside of their regular schedule due to an emergency call, the city will not pay overtime unless the total hours worked exclusive of the emergency would trigger overtime pay. For example, if an employee responded to a call that lasted one hour and worked three hours over their scheduled shift, they would be compensated for two hours of overtime.

Temporary city employees may respond to the emergency call but will not be compensated for the time away from their position.

### 7.7 BOOT ALLOWANCE

Regular full-time, non-probationary city employees working in the Public Works department will receive a bi-annual \$400 boot reimbursement allowance. An employee may receive reimbursement of up to \$400 every other year, or \$200 annually, for safety boots required to perform their job duties. The city will comply with all IRS regulations regarding taxable fringe benefits and reimbursements.

### 7.8 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Employee recognition means any award, token of appreciation, prize, meal, entertainment or event that is intended specifically to promote good will, foster a sense of pride in affiliation with the City, promote safety, productivity, reliability, efficiency, dedication, commitment to the community and/or cost savings for the City among City employees. The expenditure of funds for recognition of longevity of employment and/or retirement is limited to no more than \$200 total per employee, plus \$5 for every year of service. This limit does not include sales tax, shipping and handling, and engraving charges.

The expenditure of funds for meals related to an employee recognition event may not exceed the per diem rate for the City of Stevenson as established by the Washington State Office of Financial Management. A list of attendees must be submitted with the itemized meal costs.



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### 7.9 Hepatitis B Vaccination (Optional)

Employees whose duties require them to work at the wastewater treatment plant may choose to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. The City will bear the cost of such vaccination.



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## CHAPTER 8: LEAVES

### 8.1 VACATION LEAVE

Each regular full-time employee is entitled to vacation leave as follows:

<u>Years of Employment</u>	<u>Vacation Hours Earned</u>
0- 5 years	8 hours/month
6 years +	add 8 hours per year but not to exceed 240 hours per year.

All new employees must satisfactorily complete their 6-month trial period to be entitled to the accrual and use of vacation leave. (After satisfactorily completing the probation period, the 48 hours will be accrued.) Regular part-time employees will receive vacation on a pro-rata basis. Temporary employees are not eligible for any vacation benefits. Employees do not accrue vacation benefits during a leave without pay.

Employee Vacation Accruals are calculated yearly as of Jan 1st and are based on the complete number of years employed (i.e. Jan 1 – December 31).

Each department is responsible for scheduling its employees’ vacations without undue disruption of department operations. All requests for vacation must be approved by the department head and leave requests should be submitted at least two weeks prior to taking vacation leave. In the event of a conflict, the department head’s decision will be guided by “first in” and seniority.

240 is the maximum number of vacation hours which may be accumulated. In cases where City operations have made it impractical for an employee to use vacation time, the department head with the approval of the Mayor may authorize additional carryover and/or a buyout. Minimally the employee must use or have a plan to use 80 hours of vacation within a full year of employment and the employee must have a minimum of eighty (80) hours remaining in the leave bank. Cash out will be at the rate of pay in effect on the date of the cash out payment. Vacation leave compensation may be part of the negotiations for employment for exempt employees. Employees will be paid for unused vacation time upon termination of employment.

### 8.2 SICK LEAVE

All full-time regular employees accrue sick leave benefits at the rate of 8 hours for each calendar month of continuous employment. Regular part-time employees may accrue sick leave benefits on a pro-rata basis according to hours worked, with a minimum rate of 1 hour for every 40 hours worked. Sick leave compensation may be part of the negotiations for employment for exempt employees. Temporary employees will accrue



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sick leave benefits at the rate of 1 hour for every 40 hours worked. Employees do not accrue sick leave benefits during a leave without pay. Such leave shall be accumulated up to a maximum of 1,440 hours.

Allowable uses of Sick Leave: Sick leave covers those situations in which an employee is absent from work due to:

1. Employee's own health condition (illness, injury, physical or mental disability, including disability due to pregnancy or childbirth);
2. The need to care for the employee's dependent children under the age of 18 who are ill.
3. To care for a spouse, child, parent, parent-in-law, or grandparent with a health condition requiring treatment or supervision, or for emergency purposes.
4. Medical or dental appointments for the employee or dependent child, provided that the employee must make a reasonable effort to schedule such appointments at times which have the least interference with the work day.
5. Exposure to a contagious disease where on the job presence of the employee would jeopardize the health of others;
6. Use of a prescription drug which impairs job performance or safety;
7. Additional leave beyond bereavement leave for a death in the immediate family, to be authorized by the Mayor.
8. When the employees' workplace or their child's school or place of care has been closed by a public official for any health-related reason.
9. For absences that qualify for leave under the state's Domestic Violence Leave Act.

A doctor's certificate may be required when an employee is absent for a period in excess of 3 days. The City may also request the opinion of a second doctor at the City's expense to determine whether the employee suffers from a chronic physical or mental condition which impairs the employee's ability to perform the job. Employees who are habitually absent due to illness or disability may be terminated if their disability cannot be reasonably accommodated and/or when the employee's absenteeism prevents the orderly and efficient provision of services to the citizens of the City.

Employees who use all their accumulated sick leave and require more time off work due to illness or injury may, with their department head's approval, request a leave without pay. (See Leave Without Pay Policy.)

Employees will be paid for unused sick leave as stipulated in section 5.7 Compensation upon termination.

### 8.3 LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

The Mayor or City Administrator may grant leaves of absence without pay for absence from work not covered by any other type of leave or if other leave balances are exhausted. Examples of situations for which leave without pay may be granted include



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time off work for personal reason, such as a prolonged illness, parenting, caring for an ill relative, or pursuing an education.

### 8.4 JURY AND WITNESS LEAVE

It is the civic obligation of each employee to serve on a jury if the employee is called. While on jury duty or while appearing as a legally required witness, an employee will receive full pay from the city but the city shall deduct or the employee shall sign over the amount equal to jury fees actually received by the employee.

### 8.5 ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

On a case-by-case basis, the City may place an employee on administrative leave with or without pay for an indefinite period of time. Administrative leave may be used in the best interests of the City (as determined by the Mayor) during the pendency of an investigation or other administrative proceeding.

### 8.6 MILITARY LEAVE

The City provides all employees leave while performing military service in accordance with federal and state law. Regular full-time and part-time employees receive paid military leave of up to 15 working days per year for military service. In general, if military service extends beyond 15 working days, the additional leave will be unpaid. Exempt salaried employees who serve longer than two weeks should contact the City Administrator to discuss whether further paid leave will be provided. All employees who are not eligible for paid military leave are provided unpaid leave for a period of their military service. Military service includes active military duty and Reserve or National Guard training. You are required to provide your supervisor with copies of your military orders as soon as possible after they are received. Reinstatement upon return from military service will be determined in accordance the applicable federal and state law. Health insurance will be paid for the first 30 days of active duty and Cobra-like benefit will be available to continue insurance coverage beyond the 30-day period.

During a period of military conflict as defined by SB 6447 an employee who is the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States, national guard, or reserves who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty is entitled to a total of fifteen days of unpaid leave per deployment as described in SB 6447.

### 8.7 FAMILY LEAVE

The City complies with the federal Family and medical Leave Act of 1993 (the FMLA) and all applicable state laws related to family and medical leave. This means that, in cases where the law grants you more leave than our leave policies provide, we will give you the leave required by law.



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**Family Leave Eligibility:** The FMLA provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave every 12 months to eligible male and female employees for certain family and medical reasons. To be eligible you must have worked for us for at least one year, and for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months.

**Reasons for Taking Leave:** Unpaid FMLA leave is granted for any of the following reasons:

- To care for your child after birth or placement for adoption or foster case.
- To care for your spouse, son, daughter or parent who has a serious health condition.
- For a serious health condition that makes you unable to perform the essential functions of your job.
- To care for a spouse, child, parent, or next of kin injured in the line of duty as a member of the Armed Forces and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for serious injury or illness incurred in the line of active duty for up to a total of 26 weeks (12 weeks as outlined above plus an additional 14 weeks) of protected leave within a 12-month period.
- To address a “qualifying exigency” arising out of the employee’s spouse, child, or parent in the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

Leave to care for a child after birth or placement for adoption or foster care must be concluded within 12 months of the birth or placement.

Under some circumstances, FMLA leave may be taken intermittently – which means taking leave in blocks of time, or by reducing your normal weekly or daily work schedule. FMLA leave may be taken intermittently if medically necessary because of a serious health condition. FMLA leave may be taken by victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking to take “reasonable” or intermittent leave from work to obtain legal or law enforcement assistance, medical treatment or counseling. If FMLA leave is for birth or placement for adoption or foster care, use of intermittent leave is subject to our approval.

**Substitution of Paid Leave:** At your request or ours, certain kinds of paid leave may be substituted for unpaid FMLA leave. Accrued vacation may be substituted for any type of FMLA leave. Accrued sick leave may be substituted only in the circumstances where our policies or state law allow you to use that paid leave. This means, in general, that sick leave may be used only for leave taken because of your own health condition or a spouse, child, parent, parent-in-law, or grandparent with a health condition requiring treatment or supervision, or for emergency purposes.

If you have any sick leave available that may be used for the kind of FMLA leave you are taking, it is our policy that you must use that paid sick leave as part of your FMLA leave. Use of vacation time for FMLA leave, however, is at your option.





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If you use paid leave for a purpose for which FMLA leave would be available, it is our policy to designate your paid leave as counting against your FMLA leave allowance. You are required to notify us if you use paid leave for a reason covered by the FMLA so that we may properly account for the leave.

Advance Notice and Medical Certifications: We require that you provide us with advance leave notice, with medical certification, of the need for a leave related to a health condition, and with medical certification of your fitness to return to duty after medical leave. Taking leave, or reinstatement after leave, may be denied if these requirements are not met.

You must give us at least 30 days' advance notice of your request for leave if the reason for the leave is foreseeable based on an expected birth, placement for adoption or foster care, or planned medical treatment. If 30 days' notice is not practicable, you must give us notice as soon as practicable, usually within one or two business days of when the need for leave becomes known to you. If you do not give us 30 days' advance notice, and if the need for the leave and the approximate date of the leave were clearly foreseeable by you, we may deny your request for leave until at least 30 days after the date you give us notice.

We require that you provide a medical certification to support a request for leave because of a serious health condition (your own or your child's, spouse's or parent's) whenever the leave is expected to extend beyond five consecutive working days or will involve intermittent or part-time leave. We may require second or third opinions, at our option, at our expense.

We require that you provide a medical certification of your fitness for duty to return to work after a medical leave that extends beyond 10 consecutive working days, that involves a mental disability or substance abuse, or where the medical condition and your job are such that we believe you may present a serious risk of injury to yourself or others if you are not fit to return to work.

Periodic Reporting: If you take leave for more than two weeks, we require that you report to us at least every two weeks on your status and intent to return to work.

Health Insurance: If you are covered by our group health plan (medical, dental or vision), we will continue to provide paid health insurance during FMLA leave on the same basis as during regular employment. But if you don't return to work after the leave, you will be required to pay us back for our portion of the insurance premiums unless your failure to return was beyond your control.

Other Insurance: If you are covered by other insurance plans through us, such as life or disability insurance, those coverages will continue during paid leave on the same basis as during regular employment. If you take unpaid FMLA leave, you will be responsible during the leave for the premiums you normally pay plus the premiums we normally pay for you. If you don't pay these premiums, we may choose to pay them for you, to keep



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your coverage from lapsing, but you will be responsible for repaying us whether or not you return to work.

Couples Employed by Us: If both you and your spouse work for us and you request leave for the birth, adoption or foster care placement of a child, to care for a new child, or to care for a sick parent, the total annual FMLA leave available to you as a couple for those purposes is 12 weeks.

Determining Leave Availability: FMLA leave is available for up to 12 weeks during a 12-month period. For purposes of calculating leave availability, the “12-month” period is a rolling 12-month period measured backwards from the date you use any FMLA leave.

Leave Related to Pregnancy: If you take leave for the disability phase of pregnancy or childbirth while you are physically unable to work, this time is counted against your annual 12-week FMLA leave allowance. For example, if you take six weeks of FMLA leave for childbirth to recover from childbirth, you are entitled to only six weeks of FMLA leave after that to care for your new child.

You are entitled to unpaid leave for the full period of your physical disability resulting from pregnancy and childbirth, even if you are disabled for more than 12 weeks, and even if you don’t qualify for leave under the federal law.

### 8.8 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

We provide regular, full-time and part-time employees with paid leave for up to three (3) days in the event of the death of an immediate family member. An immediate family member is defined as parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or significant other.

### 8.9 SHARED LEAVE PROGRAM

The Mayor or Administrator may authorize employees to donate their accrued vacation or sick leave to another City employee who is suffering from or who has an immediate family member suffering from an extraordinary or severe illness, injury, or physical or mental condition which has caused or is likely to cause the employee to take leave without pay or to terminate their employment. The following conditions apply:

- To be eligible to donate vacation or sick leave, the employee who donates leave must have at least ten days of accrued leave. In no event shall a leave transfer result in the donor employee reducing their vacation or sick leave balance to less than ten days. Transfer of leave will be in increments of one day of leave. All donations of leave are strictly voluntary.
- The employee receiving donated leave shall have exhausted all their accumulated vacation and sick leave.



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- While an employee is using shared leave, they will continue to receive the same treatment, in respect to salary and benefits, as the employee would otherwise receive if using vacation or sick leave.



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## 8.10 HOLIDAYS

The following are recognized as paid holidays for all regular full-time and part-time employees:

New Year’s Day	January 1
MLK Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in January
President’s Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in September
Veteran’s Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving	Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	December 25
Personal Day (16 hrs)	Optional

Any holiday falling on Saturday will be celebrated on the preceding Friday. Any holiday falling on Sunday will be celebrated on the following Monday.

In their first year of employment, newly hired employees with a start date prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 2 Personal Days, while those with a start date of July 1<sup>st</sup> or later will receive 1 Personal Day. Personal Days follow the same process for approval as Vacation Leave.

Non-exempt regular full-time or part-time employees will be paid for the holiday plus 2½ times their regular rate of pay for any time worked on the holiday. Such time must be pre-authorized by the department head. An employee substituting paid sick/vacation for unpaid FMLA leave is entitled to any holiday pay that would be normally paid.

Temporary employees will be paid at their regular straight-time rate for hours worked on a holiday.

## 8.11 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

If an employee’s religious beliefs require observance of a holiday not included in the basic holiday schedule, the employee may, with their departments head’s approval, take the day off using vacation, compensatory time, personal day or leave without pay.

## 8.12 BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Unless noted otherwise in these policies, benefits for regular part-time and temporary employees are as follows:



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Regular Part-Time Employees: All leaves, including holidays, and insurance premiums are pro-rated. Pro-rated means the ratio between the number of hours in the employee's normal work schedule and 40 hours per week.

Temporary Employees: Temporary employees are not eligible to receive benefits, including leaves other than Sick Leave, holidays and insurance.



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## CHAPTER 9: EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES & CONDUCT

### 9.1 GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

It shall be the responsibility of all employees to represent the City to the public in a manner which shall be courteous, efficient, and helpful.

The City is a relatively small organization. To function as efficiently as possible, we may ask you to perform seemingly “menial” duties outside your regular assignments. It is no reflection on your worth to the City but a necessary arrangement for most small organizations.

To make the most efficient use of personnel, the City also reserves the right to change your work conditions and the duties originally assigned. If these arrangements become necessary, we expect your best cooperation.

### 9.2 OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The City of Stevenson allows its employees to engage in outside work subject to certain restrictions. Employees are required to disclose outside work, other jobs, contractual commitments or self-employment to their department head and obtain prior approval to perform outside work or hold another job.

Employees shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in any outside employment or financial interest which may conflict, in the City’s opinion, with the best interests of the City or interfere with the employee’s ability to perform their assigned City job. Outside work will not be considered an excuse for poor job performance, absenteeism, tardiness, leaving early, refusal to travel, or refusal to work overtime or different hours.

### 9.3 CODE OF CONDUCT

From time to time employees will be asked to participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by federal and/or state grant funds. The employee shall NOT participate in the selection, award or administration of the contract if there is a conflict of interest, real or apparent, such as:

- The employee, elected official, or agent;
- Any member of the employee’s immediate family;
- The employee’s partner; or
- An organization that employs, or is about to employ any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

Furthermore, the employee shall not solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or subcontractors.



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### 9.4 REPORTING IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION

In compliance with the Local Government Employee Whistleblower Protection Act, RCW 42.41.050, this policy is created to encourage employees to disclose any improper governmental action taken by City Officials or employees without fear of retaliation. This policy also safeguards legitimate employer interests by encouraging complaints to be made first to the City, with a process provided for speedy dispute resolution. (See Appendix #A-5, A-6)

### 9.5 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

City employees may participate in political or partisan activities of their choosing provided that City resources and property are not utilized, and the activity does not adversely affect the responsibilities of the employees in their positions. Employees may not campaign on City time or in a City uniform or while representing the City in any way. Employees may not allow others to use City facilities or funds for political activities. No person may solicit on City property for contributions to be used for political subdivisions.

Any City employee who meets with or may be observed by the public or otherwise represents the City to the public, while performing their regular duties, may not wear or display any button, badge or sticker relevant to any candidate or ballot issue during working hours. Employees shall not solicit, on City property or City time, for a contribution for a partisan political cause. Except as noted in this policy, City employees are otherwise free to fully exercise their constitutional First Amendment rights.

For persons employed by the City in positions which are financed primarily by federal grant-in-aid funds, political activity will be regulated by the rules and regulations of the United States Civil Service Commission.

### 9.6 NO SMOKING POLICY

For health and safety considerations, the City prohibits smoking by employees in all City facilities, including City owned buildings, vehicles, and offices or other facilities rented or leased by the City, including individual employee offices.

### 9.7 PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The City furnishes desks, closets, and/or lockers for security of employee coats, purses, and other personal possessions. We do not, however, assume responsibility for any theft or damage to the personal belongings of employees, and we reserve the right to search employee desks, lockers, and personal belongings brought onto City premises, if necessary.



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The City also furnishes computers for use in conducting City business. Because the computers are for City business, the City reserves the right to review the contents of any files or documents on the computer including contents of any electronic mail. City Department heads may and will intermittently monitor internet usage. Receipt of a public records request for public employees' internet usage places all internet usage subject of public disclosure without prior consent or notice. City computers are not for personal use. See appendix A-4 for policy, procedures and agreements regarding Cell Phones and A-9 for policy, procedures and agreement regarding Internet.

### 9.8 USE OF CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Use of City phones for personal phone calls should be kept to a minimum. Other City equipment, including vehicles, should be used by employees for City business only. An employees' misuse of City services, telephones, vehicles, equipment or supplies can result in disciplinary action including termination.

It is important to clarify the use of City vehicles to better interpret City policy and maintain community confidence in the wise use of city resources. City vehicles may not be used for personal use including personal errands such as banking, shopping and etc. City-owned vehicles/equipment are restricted to City business and are for employee use only. Children or individuals not engaged in a direct City business activity are not permitted. Any driver of a City vehicle will not consume alcohol or illegal drugs while conducting City business.

City vehicles may be used to attend business functions, for out of town travel, and to travel between the job site and lunch or break sites when working in the field. There is a group of employees who are required to drive motorized vehicles in the performance of their jobs and who have been assigned first responder responsibilities. These activities require emergency duties. For those City staff that are assigned stand-by duty, City vehicle use may be authorized for commuting between the place of residence and place of work both for regular work hours and after work hour periods.

### 9.9 USE OF CITY CREDIT CARDS (Ref. Resolution No. 132)

Gas Credit Cards – An employee whose job responsibilities would be facilitated by the use of a credit card will be assigned a gas credit card to be used in the day-to-day operations of the employee's department. Cash Advances, purchases of food or other non-automotive related items are not authorized.

Other Credit Cards – Other credit cards may be used by City employees for advanced payment of expenses associated with authorized travel such as registration and tuition fees, lodging expenses and transportation expenses. The credit cards may also be used for official government purchases and acquisitions, including supplies, small tools and equipment. Credit cards shall not be used for cash advances. The employee is expected to submit a fully itemized expense voucher for the charges. The employee will be responsible for repayment for disallowed charges.





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## 9.10 CONTACT WITH THE NEWS MEDIA

The City Administrator shall designate the person to be responsible for official contacts with the news media during working hours, including answering of questions from the media. The City Administrator may designate specific employees to give out procedural, factual or historical information on particular subjects.

## 9.11 DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

As part of the requirements for certain specific City positions, an employee may be required to hold a valid driver's license with the appropriate endorsements. If an employee's license is revoked, suspended or lost, or is in any other way not current, valid, and in the employee's possession, the employee shall promptly notify their supervisor and will be immediately suspended from driving duties. The employee may not resume driving until proof of a valid, current license is provided to the employee's supervisor. Depending on the duration and the employee's duties, the license suspension, revocation or other inability to drive, an employee may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination. The City may review the driving record of any employee whose job requires them to drive City vehicles at least annually. The driving record will be evaluated according to the matrix in appendix A-14 and a determination Borderline or Poor may lead to a loss of driving duties and consequences as outlined above. It is the responsibility of the employee to inform their supervisor if a physical condition or medical treatment might impair their driving ability.

## 9.12 SOLICITATIONS

Most forms of selling and solicitations are inappropriate in the workplace. They can be an intrusion on employees and citizens and may present a risk to employee safety or to the security of City or employee property. The following limitations apply:

1. Persons not employed by us may not solicit, survey, petition, or distribute literature on our premises at any time. This includes persons soliciting for charities, salespersons, questionnaire surveyors, labor union organizers, or any other solicitor or distributor.
2. Employees may not solicit for any purpose during work time. Reasonable forms of solicitation are permitted during non-work time, such as before or after work or during meal or break periods. Soliciting employees who are on non-work time may not solicit other employees who are on work time. Employees may not distribute literature for any purpose during work time or in work areas. The employee lunchroom is considered a non-work area under this policy.



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### 9.13 SAFETY

The City Administrator recognizes the need for the development of safe working conditions and practices for every employee and desires to promote on-the-job safety by encouraging the proper design and use of buildings, equipment, tools, and other design and use of buildings, equipment, tools, and other devices. Responsibility for development, promotion and coordination of the safety program throughout the various City departments shall be a primary function of the supervisors of each department.

Administration of the adopted safety program is the responsibility of supervisors. Supervisors and employees should be constantly on the alert to observe and report unsafe working practices or existing hazardous working conditions with the aim of immediate correction. Each supervisor shall insure that the employees under their supervision are well acquainted with existing safety rules and shall make certain that the rules are uniformly enforced. Each employee will be personally responsible for keeping informed and being constantly aware of all the latest State Industrial Safety guidelines and Safety Policies as they are presented and/or approved by the City. Safety education of all employees shall be promoted by supervisors adhering to all safety rules. Any employee who habitually or purposely ignores or fails to comply with established safety rules, as outlined by the State Industrial agency or the City, will be subject to suspension, without pay, or dismissal as deemed necessary by the supervisor.

### 9.14 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

The City will strive to educate and increase employee awareness of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the City's commitment to maintaining a drug-free workplace, the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations in the workplace, and the City's commitment of support for employees undergoing treatment and rehabilitation for chemical dependencies.

The City recognizes maintenance of a drug-free workplace as essential to the safety and welfare of its employees and the public. This policy establishes programs and practices that promote and support a drug-free working environment and brings the City into compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

- The manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession and use of unlawful drugs or alcohol on City premises or during work hours by City employees are strictly prohibited.
- The use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs which compromise safety in the workplace or the quality of the employee's work product is prohibited. It is the employee's responsibility to check with their physician as to whether or not a prescription or over-the-counter drug will impair performance and to notify their supervisor of the physician's opinion.
- As a condition of employment, all employees must notify their supervisor of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such a conviction.



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Violation of this policy can result in immediate disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The employee may be required to participate satisfactorily in an alcohol or drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

The City will utilize available City resources, including drug education programs to educate employees about the dangers of drug abuse.

All complaints and reported violations for these policy provisions will be strictly confidential, except as required by public disclosure laws or court order.

### 9.15 DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY & PROCEDURES

The City of Stevenson provides vital public services to our community. In an effort to ensure that services are delivered safely and efficiently, we are intent on providing and maintaining a drug and alcohol-free working environment. It is the City of Stevenson's policy to:

- Create a workplace free from the adverse effects of drugs and alcohol abuse or misuse;
- Assure that all employees have the ability to perform assigned duties in a safe, healthy and productive manner.
- Comply with all regulations applicable to City employees under the federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, 49 CFR Part 40, as amended, 49 CFR Part 382, as amended, RCW 46.25, as amended and the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. Copies of 49 CFR Parts 382 and 40 can be found on the Internet at the Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance website <http://www.transportation.gov/odapc>. A copy of RCW 46.25 may be found on the Internet at the Washington State Legislature Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act Website <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.25>.

#### DEFINITIONS

Covered Employee: An employee that performs safety-sensitive functions.

Safety-sensitive functions:

- Driving a commercial motor vehicle which requires the driver to have a CDL:
  - (1) Has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of 11,794 kilograms or more (26,001 pounds or more), whichever is greater, inclusive of a towed unit(s) with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds), whichever is greater; or
  - (2) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 11,794 or more kilograms (26,001 or more pounds), whichever is greater; or
  - (3) Is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or



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(4) Is of any size and is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 5103(b)) and which require the motor vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR part 172, subpart F).

- Waiting to be dispatched to operate a commercial motor vehicle
- Inspecting, servicing, or conditioning any commercial motor vehicle
- Performing all other functions in or upon a commercial motor vehicle (except resting in a sleeper berth)
- Loading or unloading a commercial motor vehicle, supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading, attending a vehicle being loaded or unloading, remaining in readiness to operate the vehicle, or giving or receiving receipts for shipments being loaded or unloaded
- Repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled vehicle

### SCOPE

This policy outlines the City's position relative to alcohol and drug control in the workplace and applies to all employees at all levels of the City of Stevenson. The City will not tolerate use of this policy to harass or intimidate employees.

- The following policy has been adopted not only to protect the health and safety of all employees, but to encourage any employee with a drug or alcohol dependence problem to help him/herself by voluntarily seeking professional assistance. The City is committed to helping employees deal with any drug or alcohol abuse problem they may have.
- The City recognizes that each employee has a desire to maintain a degree of privacy and that this desire should be respected. The City believes that the provision of this policy, in conjunction with its general commitment to helping individuals with a drug or alcohol dependency problem, creates a balance between the interest of the City and the rights and needs of its employees.
- The City will assist any employee, who voluntarily seeks help for a drug or alcohol abuse problem, in initial intervention and referral. Employees who voluntarily seek assistance for an alcohol or drug related problem before it becomes a subject of formal discipline will not be subject to disciplinary action. Rehabilitation, however, is the responsibility of the employee.
- Employees shall be subject to random testing for the purpose of discovering possible drug or alcohol abuse and as mandated by state or federal law.

### PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

All employees are prohibited from behavior which is outlined in the City of Stevenson's Drug Free Workplace Policies and Procedures. Federal regulation (Title 49, CFR subtitle B, Chapter III, part 382 subpart B) prescribes prohibited behavior for employees subject to those regulations. Prohibited behavior includes:



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- Alcohol concentration: Reporting for duty or remaining on duty while having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater
- Alcohol Possession: Possession of alcohol while on duty or operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- On Duty Use of Alcohol: Use of alcohol while on duty. (This includes alcohol that may be in medications.)
- Pre-duty Use of Alcohol: Performance by an on-call employee of safety sensitive functions within four hours after using alcohol. If called out, pre-duty use of alcohol must be discussed with supervisor. If the on-call employee claims the ability to perform their safety-sensitive function, they must take an alcohol test with a result of less than 0.02 prior to performance. All employees are prohibited from consuming alcohol within four (4) hours prior to the performance of safety-sensitive job functions.
- Use Following Accident: Use of alcohol within eight hours following an accident or before undergoing a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first.
- Use of Controlled Substances (Drugs): Reporting for duty or remaining on duty after having used any controlled substance, except when the use is pursuant to the instructions of a physician who has advised that the substance does not adversely affect the employee's ability to safely perform their duties.
- Use of Illegal Drugs: Use of illegal drugs is prohibited at all times. All employees are prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty any time there is a quantifiable presence of a prohibited drug in the body at or above the minimum thresholds defined in 49 CFR Par 40. Prohibited drugs include:
  - Marijuana
  - Cocaine
  - Phencyclidine (PCP)
  - Opioids
  - Amphetamines
- Refusal to Submit to a Required Test: Refusing to submit to a post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, or follow-up alcohol or controlled substances test as directed pursuant to this policy.
- Positive Drug Test: Reporting for duty, or remaining on duty, after having tested positive for a controlled substance.

City supervisors and managers shall not permit employees to remain on duty when they engage in any of the above prohibited behavior.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE

The appropriate use of legally prescribed drugs and non-prescription medications is not prohibited. However, the use of any substance which carries a warning label that indicates that mental functioning, motor skills, or judgment may be adversely affected must be reported to the immediate supervisor. Medical advice should be sought, as appropriate, while taking such medication and before performing safety-sensitive duties.



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Regardless of State Laws on recreational and medical marijuana use, marijuana (THC) is a schedule I prohibited substance as defined by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and is a banned substance under this policy. A positive marijuana test is a violation of this policy. A violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action that may include termination.

### PROCEDURES

- All employees who are required to have a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) must be tested for the presence of controlled substances and alcohol as a condition of employment in accordance with these regulations and randomly on an ongoing basis.
- All employees may be subject to testing prior to employment in permanent full-time positions, for reasonable suspicion, and prior to return after failing a test or upon the completion of substance abuse treatment.
- All City employees who have a permanent, full-time status may be subject to testing following an on-duty incident or accident if there is reasonable suspicion of impairment.
- City employees may be requested to undergo a drug screen test if the City has reasonable suspicion that an employee is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. "Reasonable suspicion" shall mean that articulable facts or information exists which appears reliable and discloses facts or circumstances which, when taken together, would convince an ordinary, reasonable person that the suspected person is under the influence of a controlled substance. Test results gathered under this policy will not be used in a criminal investigation or prosecution.
- Following an accident in a City owned vehicle the employee(s) involved must immediately submit to an alcohol or drug screen test if such test is required by the supervisor. The test must be taken within 8 hours following the accident or incident, if the employee's performance either contributed to the accident, or cannot be discounted as a contributing factor. The term "accident" is defined as an incident involving City owned vehicles which resulted in damages amounting to at least \$1,000.00.
- No alcohol or drug test shall be conducted without the consent of the employee, but refusal by the employee to submit to a drug screen test will be deemed an admission of violation of this policy, thus subjecting the employee to the risk of discipline, including termination.
- Any employee who tests positive for drugs or alcohol (BAC at or above 0.04) or refuses to test (as defined by 49 CFR Part 40) will be immediately removed from safety-sensitive duty and referred to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40, Part 382 and RCW 46.25, et.al. **A violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, at the company's discretion.**
- Following a BAC of 0.02 or greater, but less than 0.04, the employee will be immediately removed from safety-sensitive duties until the start of the employee's



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- next regularly scheduled duty period, but not less than 24 hours following administration of the test.
- The City may request that a specific employee submit to a search of their person or possessions if the City has probable cause that the employee has any drugs and/or alcohol concealed in a particular place on City property.
  - A medical Review Officer (MRO) shall be utilized to review and interpret positive test results. The MRO must examine alternate medical explanations for any confirmed positive test result. This action may include conducting a medical interview with the addicted employee, review of the employee's medical history and review of any other relevant biomedical factors. The MRO must review all medical records made available by the tested employee when a confirmed positive test could have resulted from legally prescribed medication.
  - The City recognizes that a flexible approach will be necessary in handling violations of this policy. As a result, the measures taken in response to a particular violation will depend on a number of factors including the nature of the violation, the risks to health and safety created by the violation, the employee's willingness to take steps toward rehabilitation and the employee's length of service and employment record. **All employees should be aware that any violation, by any employee, may result in termination of employment.**
  - Employees who violate this policy may be subject to progressive discipline. Normally, a first offense will result in requirement that the employee successfully complete a course of rehabilitation if such course is suggested by a counselor. An employee may be suspended during such rehabilitation depending on the facts of each case. Upon completion of a course of rehabilitation following a first offense, the employee will sign an agreement (form attached), agreeing to submit to random testing at the City's expense and on City time during the six calendar months following the employees return to work. During this period, failure to submit to the appropriate drug screen test will result in immediate termination. However, if there are mitigating circumstances and the employee has 2 yrs. of service with the City and a work record which is otherwise good, a second rehabilitation may be attempted. A third violation will result in immediate termination. See Appendix A-1 for agreement.
  - Related records will be maintained by the employer as prescribed in the City's Records Retention Guidelines and file.

### CIRCUMSTANCES FOR TESTING

#### *Pre-Employment Testing*

A negative pre-employment drug test result is required before an employee can first perform safety-sensitive functions (as defined by 49 CFR Part 40). If a pre-employment test is cancelled, the individual will be required to undergo another test and successfully pass with a verified negative result before performing safety-sensitive functions.

If a covered employee has not performed a safety-sensitive function for 30 or more consecutive calendar days and has not been in the random testing pool during that time,



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the employee must take and pass a pre-employment test before they can return to a safety-sensitive function.

A covered employee or applicant who has previously failed or refused a DOT pre-employment drug and/or alcohol test must provide proof of having successfully completed a referral, evaluation, and treatment plan meeting DOT requirements. **If the employee has a Washington State issued Driver's License, they must provide proof of reinstatement of that CDL endorsement.**

### *FMCSA Drug Testing Exceptions*

A driver is not required to undergo a pre-employment test if:

- (1) The driver has participated in a DOT testing program within the previous 30 days; and
- (2) While participating in that program, either:
  - (i) Was drug tested within the past six months (from the date of application with the City), or
  - (ii) Participated in the random drug testing program for the previous 12 months (from the date of application with the City); and
- (3) The City can ensure that no prior employer of the driver of whom the City has knowledge has records of a violation of this part or the controlled substances use rule of another DOT agency within the previous six months.

### *Reasonable Suspicion Testing*

All employees shall be subject to a drug and/or alcohol test when the City has reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has used a prohibited drug and/or engaged in alcohol misuse. A reasonable suspicion referral for testing will be made by a trained supervisor or other trained company official on the basis of specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the employee (See Appendix A-11).

Employees may be subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing any time while on duty. Employees may be subject to reasonable suspicion alcohol testing while the employee is performing safety-sensitive functions, just before the employee is to perform safety-sensitive functions, or just after the employee has ceased performing such functions.

### *Post-Accident Testing*

#### DOT FMCSA Procedures

Covered employees shall be subject to FMCSA post-accident drug and alcohol testing under the following circumstances (Also, see Appendix A-12):

#### Fatal Accidents

As soon as practicable following an occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a public road in commerce, and involving the loss of a





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human life, drug and alcohol tests will be conducted on each surviving covered employee who was performing safety-sensitive functions with respect to the vehicle.

### Non-fatal Accidents

As soon as practicable following an occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a public road in commerce, and not involving the loss of a human life, an alcohol test will be conducted on each driver who receives a citation within eight (8) hours of the occurrence under State or local law for a moving traffic violation arising from the accident, if:

- (1) The accident results in injuries requiring immediate medical treatment away from the scene; or
- (2) One or more motor vehicles incur disabling damage and must be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle.

As soon as practicable following an occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a public road in commerce, and not involving the loss of a human life, a drug test will be conducted on each driver who receives a citation within thirty-two (32) hours of the occurrence under State or local law for a moving traffic violation arising from the accident, if:

- (1) The accident results in injuries requiring immediate medical treatment away from the scene; or
- (2) One or more motor vehicles incur disabling damage and must be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle.

A covered employee subject to post-accident testing must remain readily available, or it is considered a refusal to test. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the delay of necessary medical attention for the injured following an accident or to prohibit a covered employee from leaving the scene of an accident for the period necessary to obtain assistance in responding to the accident or to obtain necessary emergency medical care.

### *Random Testing*

Random drug and alcohol tests are unannounced and unpredictable, and the dates for administering random tests are spread reasonably throughout the calendar year. Random testing will be conducted at all times of the day when safety-sensitive functions are performed.

Testing rates will meet or exceed the minimum annual percentage rate set each year by DOT FMCSA. The current year testing rates can be viewed online at <http://www.transportation.gov/odapc/random-testing-rates>. If a given driver is subject to random testing under the rules of more than one DOT agency, the driver will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing at the annual percentage rate established by the DOT agency regulating more than 50% of the driver's function.



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The selection of employees for random drug and alcohol testing will be made by a scientifically valid method, such as a random number table or a computer-based random number generator. Under the selection process used, each covered employee will have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made.

A covered employee may only be randomly tested for alcohol misuse while the employee is performing safety-sensitive functions, just before the employee is to perform safety-sensitive functions, or just after the employee has ceased performing such functions. A covered employee may be randomly tested for prohibited drug use anytime while on duty.

Each covered employee who is notified of selection for random drug or random alcohol testing must immediately proceed to the designated testing site.

### *Return to Duty Testing*

Any employee who is allowed to return to safety-sensitive duty after failing or refusing to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test must first be evaluated by a substance abuse professional (SAP), complete a SAP-required program of education and/or treatment, and provide a negative return-to-duty drug and/or alcohol test result. All tests will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40, Subpart O.

### *Follow-up Testing*

Employees returning to safety-sensitive duty following leave for substance abuse rehabilitation will be required to undergo unannounced follow-up alcohol and/or drug testing for a period of one (1) to five (5) years, as directed by the SAP. The duration of testing will be extended to account for any subsequent leaves of absence, as necessary. The type (drug and/or alcohol), number, and frequency of such follow-up testing shall be directed by the SAP. All testing will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40, Subpart O.

### *Testing Procedures*

All DOT FMCSA drug and alcohol testing will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40, as amended.

### *Dilute Urine Specimen*

**If there is a negative dilute test result, the City will conduct one additional retest.** The result of the second test will be the test of record.

Dilute negative results with a creatinine level greater than or equal to 2 mg/dL but less than or equal to 5 mg/dL will require an immediate recollection (as indicated on the MRO result letter). The re-collection will be conducted under direct observation as required under 49 CFR Part 40.

### *Split Specimen Test*



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In the event of a verified positive test result, or a verified adulterated or substituted result, the employee (and only the employee) can request to the MRO that the split specimen be tested at a second laboratory. The City guarantees that the split specimen test will be conducted in a timely fashion.

### *Test Refusals*

As a covered employee, you have refused to test if you:

- (1) Fail to appear for any test (except a pre-employment test) within a reasonable time, as determined by the City.
- (2) Fail to remain at the testing site until the testing process is complete. An employee who leaves the testing site before the testing process commences for a pre-employment test has not refused to test.
- (3) Fail to attempt to provide a breath or urine specimen. An employee who does not provide a urine or breath specimen because they have left the testing site before the testing process commenced for a pre-employment test has not refused to test.
- (4) In the case of a directly-observed or monitored urine drug collection, fail to permit monitoring or observation of your provision of a specimen.
- (5) Fail to provide a sufficient quantity of urine or breath without a valid medical explanation.
- (6) Fail or decline to take a second test as directed by the collector or the City for drug testing.
- (7) Fail to undergo a medical evaluation as required by the MRO or the City's Designated Employer Representative (DER).
- (8) Fail to cooperate with any part of the testing process.
- (9) Fail to follow an observer's instructions to raise and lower clothing and turn around during a directly-observed test.
- (10) Possess or wear a prosthetic or other device used to tamper with the collection process.
- (11) Admit to the adulteration or substitution of a specimen to the collector or MRO.
- (12) Refuse to sign the certification at Step 2 of the Alcohol Testing Form (ATF).
- (13) Fail to remain readily available following an accident.

As a covered employee, if the MRO reports that you have a verified adulterated or substituted test result, you have refused to take a drug test.

As a covered employee, if you refuse to take a drug and/or alcohol test, you incur the same consequences as testing positive and will be immediately removed from performing safety-sensitive functions, and referred to a SAP. **A violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action that may include termination.**

DOT-FMCSA CLEARINGHOUSE



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The Clearinghouse is a centralized database that employers will use to report drug and alcohol program violations and to check that current or prospective employees are not prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions, such as operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), due to an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation—that is, a violation for which the driver has not completed the return-to-duty (RTD) process. This query must be conducted as part of a pre-employment driver investigation, and at least annually for current employees. The driver’s commercial driver’s license (CDL) number and issuing State will be used when reporting a drug and alcohol program violation in the Clearinghouse.

The Clearinghouse will contain records of violations of drug and alcohol prohibitions in 49 CFR Part 382, Subpart B, including positive drug or alcohol test results and test refusals. When a driver completes the return-to-duty (RTD) process and follow-up testing plan, this information will also be recorded in the Clearinghouse.

Drivers are not required to register for the Clearinghouse. However, a driver will need to be registered to provide electronic consent in the Clearinghouse if a prospective or current employer needs to conduct a full query of the driver’s record. A driver must also be registered to electronically view the information in the driver’s own Clearinghouse record.

Any covered employee refusing to provide consent (See Appendix A-13) for the company to conduct a limited query of the Clearinghouse will be prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions, including driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), as required by FMCSA drug and alcohol program regulations.

### TRAINING

- The City will ensure that all employees will receive material explaining the City’s policy on alcohol and drug use and misuse.
- All supervisors must receive training on alcohol misuse and drug abuse within the first year of employment with the City. Training must address skills needed to determine “reasonable suspicion”.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality is to be maintained throughout the drug/alcohol testing process. All positive test results shall be first forwarded to a Medical Review officer (MRO) for review. The MRO shall review the individual medical history and afford the employee an opportunity to offer any clarifying information that would explain the positive test. The City will maintain results in the strictest of confidence in a medical file separate from the official personnel file. In cases where disciplinary action results from a positive test, such information shall be shared only with those in a supervisory capacity involved in that action. The City of Stevenson will carry out this policy in a manner which respects the dignity and confidentiality of those involved.

### VOLUNTARY SELF-REFERRAL



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Any employee who has a drug and/or alcohol abuse problem and has not been selected for reasonable suspicion, random or post-accident testing or has not refused a drug or alcohol test may voluntarily refer themselves to the City Administrator, who will refer the individual to a substance abuse counselor for evaluation and treatment. **A self-referral is not a violation of this policy and will not, in itself, be grounds for termination.**

The substance abuse counselor will evaluate the employee and make a specific recommendation regarding the appropriate treatment. Employees are encouraged to voluntarily seek professional substance abuse assistance before any substance use or dependence affects job performance.

Any safety-sensitive employee who admits to a drug and/or alcohol problem will immediately be removed from the employee's safety-sensitive function until successful completion of a prescribed rehabilitation program. Prior to participating in a safety-sensitive function, the employee must also undergo a DOT return-to-duty drug test with a verified negative result and/or a return-to-duty alcohol test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02.



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### CHAPTER 10: DISCIPLINE & TERMINATIONS

#### 10.1 ACTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Our success in providing excellent service to our citizens and maintaining good relationships with the community depends on our employees. We have therefore provided for your guidance certain conduct which, if engaged in, would be detrimental to our objective and could lead to disciplinary action including discharge. The following specified conduct is illustrative and not comprehensive.

1. Misrepresentation or withholding of pertinent facts in securing employment.
2. Unauthorized use or possession of the City facilities/property.
3. Unauthorized use of position with the City for personal gain or advantage.
4. Accepting unlawful gratuities or bribes.
5. Lying.
6. Smoking in any unauthorized posted area or creating fire hazards in any area.
7. Violation of the City's telephone use policy.
8. Failure to report an occurrence causing damage to City, customer, or public property.
9. Failure to properly secure the City facilities or property.
10. Loitering after completing day's work which results in the disruption of the City's business or the work effort of other employees.
11. Vending, soliciting, or collecting contributions for any purpose whatsoever during working time on the premises without the permission of the supervisor.
12. Unauthorized operation or using machines, tools, or equipment to which the employee has not been specifically assigned.
13. Unauthorized recording of another employee's time record. Both employees can be subject to disciplinary action.
14. Habitual lateness for work.
15. Absence without prior notification to immediate supervisor, excessive absenteeism, or insufficient reasons for absenteeism.
16. Loitering, goofing off, failing to assist others in a work situation.
17. Making malicious, false, or derogatory statements that are intended or could reasonably be expected to damage the integrity or reputation of the city or our employees, on or off premises.
18. Disorderly conduct, including fighting on the premises.
19. Rudeness, discrimination, intimidation, coercion, use of obscene language, gesture or lack of courtesy to the public or fellow employees.
20. Immoral conduct while on duty.
21. Intentional falsification of records/paperwork required in the transaction of the City business.
22. Inability, inefficiency, negligence, or insubordination, including a refusal or failure to perform assigned work.
23. Concealing defective work.
24. Failure to observe safety practices, rules, regulations, and instructions.



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25. Negligence that results in injury to others.
26. Failure to wear required safety clothing and equipment.
27. Failure to promptly report to your immediate supervisor an on-the-job injury or accident involving an employee, equipment, property, or visitor.
28. Failure to obtain necessary certifications.
29. Dishonesty or theft, including deliberate destruction, damage, or removal of the city's or other's property from the premises, or any job site.
30. Possession, use, sale, or being under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances while on the city business (including standby duty). The only exception to this rule shall be for an employee using or possessing a controlled substance prescribed by a doctor if such employee has given their supervisor prior notice of such use and/or efficient work performance.
31. Possession of explosives or weapons on the premises or at any job site.
32. Conviction of a gross misdemeanor or felony.

### 10.2 POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

In the event that discipline is necessary, the following types of disciplinary actions may be used, depending on the particular situation:

1. Oral Warning.
2. Written Reprimand.
3. Suspension
4. Demotion.
5. Termination.

Progressive discipline is the preferred alternative when appropriate. This system gives the employee an opportunity to correct problems. The choice of what discipline to apply in any particular case is solely the City's. Employees who are exempt from overtime laws will not be suspended without pay for disciplinary purposes for periods less than a full workweek, unless the infraction involves violation of safety rules of major significance. Serious misconduct may result in immediate discharge of any employee.

Employees shall comply with all existing rules that are not in conflict with the express terms of this policy, provided that reasonable notice has been given of the existence of the rule. Any unresolved complaint as to the reasonableness of any new or existing rule, or any complaint involving discrimination in the application of new or existing rules shall be resolved through the complaint procedure. The City will make a good faith effort to enforce rules uniformly. (Supervisors reference [Appendix A-2](#) for guidelines.)

### 10.3 PRE-TERMINATION HEARING

In the case of termination or demotion of an employee (other than trial employees), the city will conduct a pre-termination or pre-demotion hearing. The pre-termination or pre-demotion hearing serves as a check against mistaken decisions and as an opportunity for an employee to furnish additional facts before a termination or demotion decision is



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finalized. Thorough investigation is critical to comply with all constitutional safeguards and rules of just cause.

In the event a supervisor desires to terminate an employee, the employee shall be provided with a written notice of the recommendation for termination. The notice shall include an explanation for the charges on which the recommendation is based, and the time, place and date for a pre-termination hearing. If the employee fails or refuses to appear, the termination may proceed.

Pre-termination hearings will be presided over by the Mayor or a designated representative. The hearings are intended to be informal. The employee may show cause why they should not be terminated. The employee may bring one person to the hearing as a representative.

Usually within two (2) working days after the pre-termination hearing, the Mayor will issue a decision on whether there are reasonable grounds to believe the charges against the employee are true and support termination. A longer review period may be required in more complex situations.

### 10.4 LAYOFF

The Mayor may lay off employees for lack of work, budgetary restrictions, reorganization or other changes that have taken place.

Temporary employees or employees who have not completed their trial period will be laid off before regular employees are affected. In determining who is to be laid off, consideration will usually be given to individual performance and the qualifications required for remaining jobs. Seniority will be considered when performance and qualifications are equal, as determined by the City. Employees who are laid off may be eligible to be re-employed, if a vacancy occurs in a position for which they are qualified.

### 10.5 RESIGNATION OR RETIREMENT

An employee should provide at least 2 weeks written notice of resignation or retirement. This time limit may be waived by the employee's supervisor or the Mayor. A Separation Agreement will be signed upon departure from City employment (Appendix A-3).





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### CHAPTER 11: COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

#### 11.1 COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The City recognizes that sometimes situations arise in which employees feel that they have not been treated fairly or in accordance with City policies. The complaint could be a dispute or misunderstanding between the employee and the employee's direct supervisor concerning the application or interpretation of specific provisions of this policy. For this reason, the City provides its employees with procedures for resolving complaints. Use of this procedure will not reflect unfavorably on the employee or the employee's immediate supervisor.

Step 1: Employees should first try to resolve any problem or complaint with their supervisor.

Step 2: If the employee is not satisfied with the response from the supervisor, the employee may submit the problem, in writing, to the Mayor or City Administrator. The written complaint must contain, at a minimum:

1. A description of the problem, identifying the facts and identity of involved parties;
2. A specific policy or procedure which the employee believes has been violated or misapplied;
3. The date of the circumstances leading to the complaint or the date when the employee first became aware of those circumstances;
4. The remedy sought by the employee to resolve the complaint.
5. The date the written complaint was submitted.

The written complaint must be filed within 10 working days of the occurrence leading to the complaint, or 10 working days after the employee becomes aware of the circumstances.

As a part of the inquiry or investigation, the Mayor or City Administrator may meet with the parties, either individually or together to compile the facts necessary to reach a decision. The Mayor or City Administrator will usually respond in writing to the aggrieved employee within ten working days of the meeting. The Mayor's or City Administrator's response and decision shall be final and binding.

Under no circumstances shall an employee have the right to utilize both this process and any other complaint or appeal procedure that may be available to an employee.



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Appendix # A-1

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is between the CITY OF STEVENSON and (employee) \_\_\_\_\_.

As a result of access to the City’s Employee Assistance Program Services, and upon the recommendation of the assistance provider, the employee in this agreement is being returned to work on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

Return to work and continued employment with the City is based upon the following voluntary agreement between the City and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter referred to as the Employee).

During the six calendar months immediately following the employee’s return to work date, the employee agrees to submit to random testing at the City’s expense.

Failure or refusal of the employee to comply with a City request to submit to a drug test as agreed to in this document will be grounds for immediate termination from employment.

Any positive test of the employee during the period outlined above will be grounds for immediate termination from employment or as outlined in Section 9 of the Policy.

I have read and understand this document and voluntarily agree to comply and abide with its provisions.

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



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## Appendix # A-2

### SUPERVISOR GUIDES

To ensure consistency, supervisors should be familiar with the City's workplace expectations before issuing any discipline. If there are any questions, consult with the City Administrator and/or Mayor. Suspensions, demotions and terminations can only be determined by the City Administrator and/or Mayor.

#### Oral Warnings

- Talk to the employee in private.
- Oral warnings are appropriate for relatively minor infractions where the employee will have an opportunity to correct the condition.
- Supervisor should file a written, dated notation that an oral warning was given with a reference to subject matter.

#### Written Reprimand

- Supervisor should issue a written reprimand when an employee has disregarded an oral warning or if the infraction severity warrants a written reprimand.
- The supervisor should describe in writing the nature of the infraction in detail and the supervisor should sign and date the reprimand.
- Prior to meeting with the employee, the supervisor should discuss the warning notice with his/her supervisor.
- The supervisor should then meet with the employee to be certain the employee understands the nature of the reprimand. The employee should receive a copy.
- The written reprimand should be filed with the employee's personnel file.

#### Suspension

- This form of discipline is administered as a result of a severe infraction or for excessive violations after a written reprimand. Suspension should not be considered without first discussing the issues with the Administrator and /or Mayor.
- The supervisor shall set forth in writing all facts for the reason for the Notice of Suspension and the duration of the suspension. A copy will be filed with the employee's personnel file and given to the employee.
- The supervisor should demonstrate that a thorough investigation is completed with both sides of the facts being objectively investigated.
- The supervisor shall meet with the employee and give the employee an opportunity to respond. If major issues are raised, the City may investigate further before confirming intent.

#### Demotion

- This form of discipline is rare – used in instances when an employee has been promoted to a position to which they are unable to perform the responsibility or in instances when a City is reducing its force and laying staff off.
- See terminations.

#### Terminations

- Prior to a supervisor taking any actions on discharge of an employee, the supervisor must discuss his/her recommendation for discharge with the Administrator and/or Mayor.
- A thorough investigation is critical. All facts should be reviewed objectively. Review the personnel file to determine if there is a pattern of behavior. Get witness statements.
- Review the issues for justification of the discharge. Follow rules of just cause. Were all procedural protections applied?
- If paid suspension is needed to complete an investigation, use it.
- Document.
- Provide the employee a hearing where the employee will have an opportunity to explain before final action.
- Follow Loudermill guidelines.



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## Appendix # A-3

### SEPARATION AGREEMENT (a)

This separation agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is made effective \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between the City of Stevenson and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the "Employee").

For and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the City of Stevenson and Employee agree as follows:

1. EMPLOYEE will separate active employment with the City of Stevenson effective \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.
2. The City of Stevenson will pay EMPLOYEE a total severance benefit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, less required deductions upon the signing of this Agreement, equal to \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) of salary continuation. This severance payment will be payable over the three-month period, on the City of Stevenson's regularly scheduled pay periods. This payment is in lieu of all accrued salary, and benefits and continuation of EMPLOYEE'S salary, benefits, and any other matters to which EMPLOYEE might otherwise be entitled. EMPLOYER further agrees to provide EMPLOYEE with continued medical, dental and vision benefits under its current policies so long as EMPLOYEE is eligible under federal COBRA laws. If EMPLOYEE makes timely application for these COBRA benefits, EMPLOYER will pay the premium for these benefits, less any deduction for dependent coverage, for the period of salary continuation. After this period, for the remaining portion of the CORA benefits, EMPLOYEE will pay the premiums.
3. EMPLOYEE agrees that this severance benefit is not a benefit that he/she would otherwise be entitled to under existing employee benefit plans provided by the City of Stevenson. The severance payment will be made irrespective of whether EMPLOYEE accepts other employment or dies, and is subject to the usual federal income tax, social security, and any other applicable withholdings.
4. EMPLOYEE accepts the benefits specified herein in full payment and satisfaction of all his/her rights and interest relating to his/her employment with the City of Stevenson its affiliates, owners, directors, stockholders, agents, employees, and successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action, which he/she now has or any manner arise out of his/her employment with, or separation from, the City of Stevenson. This release specifically covers, but is not limited to, any and all claims EMPLOYEE may have under federal, state, and local laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, any contract or tort claims arising under federal, state, or local law, and any claims under any express or implied contract or legal restriction on the City of Stevenson's rights to deal with employees. EMPLOYEE hereby covenants not to assert any such claims or causes of action.
5. EMPLOYEE represents that he/she has not filed any complaints, charges or lawsuits against the City of Stevenson with any governmental agency or any court, and that he/she will not do so at any time hereafter.
6. EMPLOYEE represents that he/she has read, considered, and fully understands this Agreement, and all its terms, and executes it freely and voluntarily.
7. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that he/she has had the opportunity to consult with his/her attorney prior to accepting this Agreement, and has had an adequate opportunity to do so.
8. EMPLOYEE agrees to maintain the confidentiality of this Agreement. EMPLOYEE agrees not to divulge the terms of this Agreement to, or discuss the events leading up to his/her separation from the City of Stevenson with, any person other than his/her attorney and members of his/her immediate family.
9. EMPLOYEE represents that in entering into this Agreement, he/she does not rely and has not relied upon any representation or statement made by the City of Stevenson or any of its employees or agents concerning this Agreement or Employee's separation from employment with the City of Stevenson.
10. It is understood and agreed that by entering into this Agreement, the City of Stevenson expressly denies that it has any legal liability in this matter. This Agreement is solely intended as the resolution of a disputed claim and may not be used by anyone as an admission of any kind by the City of Stevenson.
11. This Agreement is intended to constitute a full and final resolution of this matter. Interpretation of this Agreement shall be under Washington law. If any such action is necessary to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to receive reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
THE CITY OF STEVENSON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## SEPARATION AGREEMENT (b)

This separation agreement (“Separation Agreement”) by and between the City of Stevenson and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Employee”).

For good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. Separation of Employment. EMPLOYEE’S last date of employment with the City of Stevenson shall be \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.
2. Severance Pay. The City of Stevenson agrees to pay EMPLOYEE \_\_\_\_\_ weeks of severance pay at his/her current regular rate of pay. Such severance pay shall be paid by check in a lump sum payment; provided, however, that the severance payment shall not be made until after EMPLOYEE has returned the executed Separation Agreement to the City of Stevenson, and the Revocation Period specified in Paragraph 8 below has expired. The severance payment made under this Separation Agreement shall be subject to all withholdings required by state and federal law. The parties agree that the separation pay described in this Paragraph 2 is designed to aid EMPLOYEE’s transition to alternative employment, and that the specified benefits do not constitute benefits to which she would otherwise be entitled upon separation under existing employee benefit plans provided by the City of Stevenson or under any pre-existing benefit plans provided by the EMPLOYEE and the City of Stevenson.
3. Health Insurance. If EMPLOYEE makes timely application and remains eligible for such benefits, the City of Stevenson will provide EMPLOYEE and his/her dependents with continued medical, dental and vision benefits under its current health insurance policies for 18 months following the Separation Date (“COBRA” benefits). It is the intent of the parties that EMPLOYEE’s COBRA rights begin to run on the Separation Date.
4. Accrued Vacation and Floating Holidays. The City of Stevenson agrees to pay EMPLOYEE for vacation and floating holidays that he/she has accrued but not used, if any, as of the Separation Date.
5. Release. EMPLOYEE accepts the benefits contained in this Separation Agreement in full satisfaction of all his/her rights and interests relating to his/her employment with and separation from the City of Stevenson and, in consideration therefore, EMPLOYEE hereby releases the City of Stevenson, its affiliates, successors, predecessors, past and present officers, directors agents, and employees from all claims (other than claims for the payments provided for under this Separation Agreement), causes of action or liabilities, suspected or unsuspected and irrespective of any present lack of knowledge of any possible claim or of any fact or circumstance pertaining thereto, which EMPLOYEE may have or claim to have against the City of Stevenson arising from or during his/her employment or as a result of his/her separation from employment. This release specifically covers, but is not limited to, any workers’ compensation or disability claims under state law; any claims of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age (including claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act) or physical or mental disability under any federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation; any contract or tort claims arising under federal, state, or local law; any claims arising under federal, state or local law based on promises made or allegedly made by the City of Stevenson to EMPLOYEE; and any claims under any express or implied contract or legal restrictions on the City of Stevenson’s right to terminate its employee. EMPLOYEE hereby covenants not to assert any such claims or causes of action.
6. Other Claims or Lawsuits. EMPLOYEE represents that as of the date she executes this Separation Agreement, she has not filed any complaints, charges or lawsuits against the City of Stevenson with any governmental agency or any court.
7. No Admission. Nothing in this Separation Agreement shall be construed as any indication that the City of Stevenson has acted wrongfully towards EMPLOYEE or any other person.
8. Review and Revocation. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that:
  - a. Pursuant to applicable law, she has been offered the opportunity to review a copy of this Separation Agreement for a period of twenty-one (21) days (the “Review Period”).
  - b. The City of Stevenson advised EMPLOYEE at the beginning of the Review Period to consult with an attorney concerning the terms and conditions of this Separation Agreement, including without limitation the release set forth in this Separation Agreement; and
  - c. The terms and conditions of this Separation Agreement have not been amended, modified, or revoked during the Review Period. The City of Stevenson and EMPLOYEE agree that EMPLOYEE shall have seven (7) calendar days (the “Revocation Period”) following the date on which EMPLOYEE signs this Separation Agreement to revoke his acceptance of the Separation Agreement and the release set forth in this Separation Agreement, and this Separation Agreement shall not become effective until the Revocation Period has expired.



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9. Confidential Information. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that while employed by the City of Stevenson and its predecessor, she had access to certain confidential information relating to the business of the City of Stevenson and its predecessor which constitute trade secrets of the City of Stevenson under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, RCW 19.108. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, she has an obligation to maintain the confidentiality of such trade secrets of the City of Stevenson.
10. Voluntary Execution. EMPLOYEE represents that she has read, considered, and fully understands this Separation Agreement and all its terms, and executes it freely and voluntarily.
11. Construction of Agreement; Governing Law. Each party has had a full and complete opportunity to review this Separation Agreement, and has been given the opportunity to have counsel review it. Accordingly, the parties agree that the common law principles of construing ambiguities against the drafter shall have no application to this Separation Agreement. Interpretation of this Separation Agreement shall be under Washington law. If any such action is necessary to enforce the terms of this Separation Agreement, the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
12. No Representations. EMPLOYEE represents that in entering into this Separation Agreement, she does not relay and has not relied upon any representation or statement made by the City of Stevenson or any of its employees or agents concerning this Separation Agreement.
13. Confidentiality. EMPLOYEE Agrees to keep the terms of this Separation Agreement confidential, except for communications about it with his/her immediate family, attorney or accountants or other professional financial advisors.
14. Remedies for Breach of Covenants. In the event of a breach or threatened breach by EMPLOYEE of any covenants herein, EMPLOYEE agrees that the City of Stevenson shall be entitled to a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction (without the necessity of the City of Stevenson posting any bond in connection therewith) restraining EMPLOYEE from such breach or threatened breach. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the City of Stevenson from pursuing any other remedies available to it for such breach or threatened breach, including the recovery of damages from EMPLOYEE.
15. Complete Agreement. This Separation Agreement constitutes a full and final resolution of all matters in any way related to EMPLOYEE's employment with and separation from the City of Stevenson. This Separation Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements between the parties.
16. Amendment. The parties agree that no modification, change or amendment of this Separation Agreement or any of its provisions shall be valid, unless in writing and signed by the party against whom such claimed modification, change or amendment is sought to be enforced.
17. Severability. If any provision of this Separation Agreement, or portion thereof, shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or in any arbitration proceeding, such invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to such provision or portion thereof, and shall not in any way affect or render invalid or unenforceable any other provision of this Separation Agreement or portion thereof, and this Separation Agreement shall be carried out as if any such invalid or unenforceable provision or portion thereof were not contained herein. In addition, any such invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed, without further action on the part of the parties, modified, amended or limited to the extent necessary to render the same valid and enforceable.
18. Titles. The titles of the paragraphs of this Separation Agreement are inserted merely for convenience and ease of reference and shall not affect or modify the meaning of any of their terms, covenants or conditions of the Separation Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Separation Agreement as their free and voluntary act on the dates set forth below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

THE CITY OF STEVENSON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## Appendix # A-4:

### CELL PHONE POLICY

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide cell phone use guidelines. This policy enables the City of Stevenson to meet its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers. It is recognized that the day-to-day operations of the workforce require voice and data communications and there is often a need to communicate when access to a regular telephone or computer is unavailable. Cell phones are a valuable resource for certain personnel in order to conduct City business in an effective and timely manner.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Employee**—A person employed by the City, does not include an independent contractor.

**City Business**—Official City business is business that relates directly to a person's work function and benefits the City.

**Cell Phone**—Cellular telephones including smart phones: any device that is used, by any measure, to send or receive wireless voice or data transmissions including text messaging.

#### POLICY

This policy shall apply to all City employees.

1. The City recognizes that cell phones are an important and necessary tool for certain employees to perform their job duties. For this purpose, the City will provide a cell phone.
2. The City Administrator will determine which employees require a cell phone by considering the individual job duties and related wireless communications needs. The Purchasing Officer will procure the most cost-effective cell phone and plan. State contracts, pooling of minutes, and free phone offers are examples of the methods that will be used to establish the most cost-effective alternative for cell phones and plans.
3. The use of a cell phone, whether owned by the employee or the City, creates data that is stored on the devices, including, without limitation, e-mails, text messages, communication logs (such as records of the numbers called and received). When the cell phone is used for City business that record is, in nearly every case, a public record, subject to possible disclosure under the Public Records Act. It is the employee's responsibility to ensure that all cell phone data related to City business is retained consistent with this policy and all City rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
4. All communications created or received using a City cell phone and all data stored on the devices is the property of the City. Employees have no personal or property right



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in these communications and data and no expectation of privacy with regard to their use of City communication devices. Furthermore, the City reserves the right to access and monitor any and all communications created or received using a City-owned cell phone, any record of such communications and all data stored on City cell phones, including, without limitation, e-mails, text messages, communication logs (such as records of the numbers called and received) to ensure that all use of a City cell phone is consistent with this policy and all City rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

### PROCEDURE

#### 1. Determination of Cell Phone Eligibility

- a. Eligibility is based on the need for frequent use of a cell phone, such as an employee who needs to be frequently available for emergency contact, and whose duties require him/her to be quickly contacted, anywhere, anytime as determined by the City Administrator.
- b. Employees leaving City employment must turn in City-owned cell phones as part of their termination process. Employees transferring or promoting within the City must re-establish their eligibility in their new position.

#### 2. Determination of Phone or Plan

- a. The City Administrator is responsible for projecting business use, and for communicating this estimate to the Purchasing Officer. The Purchasing Officer is responsible for purchasing City-owned cell phones and establishing plans with providers that best meet the City's business needs at the lowest cost.

#### 3. Use of Cell Phone

- a. Except for incidental personal use, City-owned cell phones shall be used for business purposes only. Incidental personal use is defined as use that is infrequent and insubstantial. Incidental personal use phone calls shall be made at times that do not adversely affect the performance of official duties and are brief in duration and frequency. Whenever possible, incidental personal calls shall be made during breaks. Use of a City-owned cell phone for non-City business, or more than incidental personal use, will result in the entire cost of the phone and plan to be added to the employee's taxable wages as a taxable fringe benefit.
- b. Employees are prohibited from Speaking or listening or sending, reading, or writing text message to a cell phone while driving except as authorized by applicable laws





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- c. Employees who are charged with traffic violations resulting from the use of their cell phone while driving will be solely responsible for all associated liabilities.
- d. In many cases, cell phones operate as a camera or as a way to access the internet or email. Employees operating a City-owned cell phone in these capacities must comply with the City's policy regarding "Internet Access," and "Email."
- e. There are certain cell phone uses that are prohibited and can result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the City Administrator. They include:
  - Commercial use other than City business.
  - Harassment of any member of the public, any governmental employee or any vendor.
  - Making or receiving any calls of a sexually explicit nature.
  - Inappropriate language including obscenity, vulgarity, profanity or expressions of ill will.
  - Subjects of political nature.
  - Misrepresentations or release of information of a confidential nature.
  - Speaking or listening or sending, reading, or writing text message to a cell phone while driving except as authorized by applicable laws.

#### 4. City Paid Monthly Stipend for Use of Personal Mobile Phones

- a. At the department director's discretion employees who would otherwise be provided with a City issued mobile phone can request to receive a monthly stipend for using their personal mobile phone for City business. The monthly stipend is paid through the payroll system as a taxable benefit, and the amount of the monthly stipend is based on one of two plan options as determined appropriate by the employee's director, or designee:

- A. Phone only
- B. Phone with data

The amount of the monthly stipend will equal the rate of the plan paid by the city, inclusive of taxes. Employees who receive a monthly stipend agree to purchase a device that meets the City's technical standards and use their personal phone for City business. In addition, employees must execute a Monthly Mobile Phone Stipend Agreement to be submitted to the employee's manager/supervisor for approval. The monthly stipend process is administered and overseen by the Payroll Officer.



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### **Special Responsibilities for Managerial Staff**

As with any policy, management staff is expected to serve as role models for proper compliance with the provisions above and are encouraged to regularly remind employees of their responsibilities in complying with this policy.

Public Records Act – Employees should be aware that work-related texts and voice messages on cell phones are public records subject to the Public Records Act. Employees have a duty to maintain such records in accordance with the Washington Local Government Record Retention Schedules.



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### RECEIPT OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON'S CELL PHONE USE POLICY

*Please read the policy carefully to ensure that you understand the policy before signing this document.*

I certify that I have received a copy of the City of Stevenson's Cell Phone Use Policy. I understand that it is my responsibility to read and comprehend this policy. I read and understand the content, requirements, and expectations of the Policy and I agree to abide by the Policy guidelines. I understand that if at any time I have questions regarding the Policy, I will consult with my immediate supervisor or the Personnel Office.

**I agree to observe and follow the Cell Phone Use Policy. I understand that failure to abide by the policy could result in the loss of cell phone privileges and/or other disciplinary actions.**

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Employee Name (Signature)

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Employee Name (Please Print)

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Department

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Date



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## Appendix # A-5

City of Stevenson  
Ordinance No. 879

**An ordinance of the City of Stevenson adopting policies and procedures for reporting improper governmental action and protecting employees against retaliatory action.**

### Recitals

1. Chapter 44, Laws of 1992, entitled “The Local Government Employee whistleblower Act,” became effective for local governments on January 1, 1993.
2. Under the Local Government Employee Whistle blower Act it is unlawful for a local government to take retaliatory action because an employee, in good faith and in conformance with the local government’s procedures, provides information that improper government action may have occurred; and
3. Under the Local Government Employee Whistleblower Act local governments must enact specific policies for reporting improper government actions.

Now, Therefore, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do ordain as follows:

1. Policy statement. It is the policy of the City of Stevenson to:
  - 1.1 Encourage reporting by its employees of improper governmental action taken by City of Stevenson officers or employees; and
  - 1.2 Protect City of Stevenson employees who have reported improper governmental actions in accordance with the City of Stevenson’s policies and procedures from retaliatory action.
2. Definitions. As used in this policy, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
  - 2.1 “Improper governmental action”: means any action by a City of Stevenson Officer or employee
    - a. That is undertaken in the performance of the officer’s or employee’s official duties, whether or not the action is within the scope of the employee’s employment; and
    - b. That (i) is in violation of any federal, state, or local law or rule, (ii) is an abuse of authority, (iii) is of substantial and specific danger to the public health or safety or (iv) is a gross waste of public funds.
  - 2.2 “Improper governmental action” does not include personnel actions, including employee grievances, complaints, appointments, promotions, transfers, assignments, reassignments, reinstatements, restorations, reemployments, performance evaluations, reductions in pay, dismissals, suspension, demotions, violations of collective bargaining or civil service laws, alleged violations of labor agreements or reprimands.
  - 2.3 “Retaliatory Action” means any adverse change in the terms and conditions of a City of Stevenson employee’s employment.
  - 2.4 “Emergency” means a circumstance that if not immediately changed may cause damage to persons or property.
3. Procedures for Reporting.
  - 3.1 City of Stevenson employees who become aware of improper governmental actions should raise the issue first with their supervisor. Except in the event of an emergency, the employee shall also submit a written report to the supervisor, or to the City of Stevenson, stating in detail the basis for the employee’s belief that an improper governmental action has occurred. Where the employee reasonably believes the improper governmental action involves his or her supervisor, the employee may raise the issue directly with the City of Stevenson administrator, mayor or such other person as may be designated by the City of Stevenson administrator to receive reports of improper governmental action.
  - 3.2 In the case of an emergency, where the employee believes that damage to persons or property may result if action is not taken immediately, the employee may report the improper governmental action directly to the appropriate government agency with responsibility for investigation of the improper action.



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- 3.3 The supervisor, the City of Stevenson administrator, mayor or the City of Stevenson administrator's designee, as the case may be, shall take prompt action to assist the City of Stevenson in properly investigating the report of improper governmental action. City of Stevenson officers and employees involved in the investigation shall keep the identity of reporting employees confidential to the extent possible under law, unless the employee authorizes the disclosure of his or her identity in writing. After an investigation has been completed, the employee reporting the improper governmental action shall be advised of a summary of the results of the investigations, except that personnel actions taken as a result of the investigation may be kept confidential.
- 3.4 City of Stevenson employees may report information about improper governmental action directly to the appropriate government agency with responsibility for investigating the improper action if the City of Stevenson employee reasonably believes that an adequate investigation was not undertaken by the City of Stevenson to determine whether an improper governmental action occurred, or that insufficient action has been taken by the City of Stevenson to address the improper governmental action or that for other reasons the improper governmental action is likely to recur.
- 3.5 CITY OF STEVENSON EMPLOYEES WHO FAIL TO MAKE A GOOD-FAITH ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW THE CITY OF STEVENSON'S PROCEDURES IN REPORTING IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF STEVENSON IN THESE PROCEDURES
4. Protection Against Retaliatory Actions.
- 4.1 City of Stevenson officials and employees are prohibited from taking retaliatory action against a City of Stevenson employee because he or she has in good faith reported an improper governmental action in accordance with these policies and procedures.
- 4.2 Employees who believe that they have been retaliated against for reporting an improper governmental action should advise their supervisor, the City of Stevenson administrator, mayor or the City of Stevenson administrator's designee. City of Stevenson officials and supervisors shall take appropriate action to investigate and address complaints or retaliation.
- 4.3 If the employee's supervisor, the City of Stevenson administrator, or the City of Stevenson administrator's designee, as the case may be, does not satisfactorily resolve a City of Stevenson employee's complaint that he or she has been retaliated against in violation of this policy, the City of Stevenson employee may obtain protection under this policy and pursuant to state law by providing a WRITTEN notice to the City of Stevenson council that:
- Specifies the alleged retaliatory action; and
  - Specifies the relief requested.
- 4.4 City of Stevenson employees shall provide a copy of their written charge to the City of Stevenson mayor no later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the alleged retaliatory action. The city of Stevenson shall respond within thirty (30) days to the charge of retaliatory action.
- 4.5 After receiving either the response to the City of Stevenson or thirty (30) days after the delivery of the charge to the City of Stevenson, The City of Stevenson employee may request a hearing before a state administrative law judge to establish that a retaliatory action occurred and to obtain appropriate relief provided by law. An employee seeking a hearing should deliver the request for hearing to the City of Stevenson administrator within the earlier of either fifteen (15) days of delivery of the City of Stevenson's response to the charge of retaliatory action, or forty-five days of delivery of the charge for retaliation to the City of Stevenson for response.
- 4.6 Upon receipt of request for hearing, the City of Stevenson shall apply within five (5) working days to the Sate Office of Administrative Hearings for an adjudicative proceeding before an administrative law judge:
- Office of Administrative Hearings  
PO Box 42488, 4224 Sixth SE  
Row Six, Bldg. 1  
Lacey, WA 98504-2488  
206-459-6353
- 4.7 The City of Stevenson will consider any recommendation provided by the administrative law judge that the retaliator be suspended with or without pay, or dismissed.



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- 5. Responsibilities. The city Administrator is responsible for implementing the City of Stevenson’s policies and procedures for reporting improper governmental action and for protecting employees against retaliatory action. This includes ensuring that this policy and these procedures are permanently posted where all employees will have reasonable access to them are made available to any employee upon request and are provided to all newly-hired employs. Officers, manager and supervisors are responsible for ensuring the procedures are fully implemented within their areas of responsibility. Violations of this policy and these procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
- 6. List of Agencies. The City Administrator will maintain a list of agencies responsible for enforcing federal, state and local laws and investigating other issues involving improper governmental action. Said list will be updated not less frequently than annually and copies thereof shall be made available to all employees. Employees having questions about these agencies or the procedures for reporting improper governmental action are encouraged to contact agencies shown on the list.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Stevenson and approved by the Mayor this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Stevenson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for the City of Stevenson



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## Appendix # A-6

### LIST OF AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING FEDERAL, STATE and LOCAL LAWS and INVESTIGATING OTHER ISSUES INVOLVING IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION

#### LOCAL

City of North Bonneville  
Mayor  
North Bonneville City Hall  
PO Box 7  
North Bonneville, WA 98639  
509-427-8182  
City Attorney 509-427-5665

City of Stevenson  
Mayor  
Stevenson City Hall  
PO Box 371  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
509-427-5970  
City Attorney 509-427-5665

#### SKAMANIA COUNTY

Commissioners  
Skamania County Courthouse  
PO Box 790  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
509-427-9447

Prosecuting Attorney  
Skamania County Courthouse  
PO Box 790  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
509-427-9405

Sheriff  
Skamania County Sheriff's Office  
PO Box 790  
200 NW Vancouver Ave  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
509-427-9490

Port of Skamania County  
Chairman Board of Port Commissioners  
PO Box 1099  
130 SE Cascade Avenue  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
509-427-5484

Public Utility District No. 1  
of Skamania County  
Chair, Board of PUD Commissioners  
PO Box 500 Wind River Highway  
Carson, WA 98610  
509-427-5126

#### STATE OR REGIONAL AGENCIES

Washington State Attorney General  
111 NE Olympia Avenue  
Olympia, WA 98501  
360-753-6210

Washington State Department of Ecology  
PO Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-459-6000

Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 47000  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-902-1000

Washington State Department of Transportation  
Transportation Building  
KF-01  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-705-7000

Washington State Department of  
Community Development  
9<sup>th</sup> & Columbia  
MSGH-51  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-725-2800

Southwest Washington Air Pollution  
Control Authority  
1308 NE 134<sup>th</sup>, Suite D  
Vancouver, WA 98685  
800-633-0709



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Southwest Washington Health District  
PO Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98663  
360-695-9215

Washington State Department of Fisheries  
115 General Administration Bldg.  
MS AX-11  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-753-6600

Washington State Auditor's Office  
Legislative Building  
PO Box 40021  
Olympia, WA 98504-0021

Washington State Department of Health  
Health Consumer Assistance  
PO Box 4789  
Olympia, WA 98504  
800-525-127

Washington State Liquor Control Board  
Enforcement Division  
1514 E. Street  
Vancouver, WA 98666

## FEDERAL AGENCIES

Department of Agriculture  
Office of Inspector General  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
Supervisor Auditor  
360-553-8290  
Supervisor Special Agent  
360-553-8286

Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms  
Criminal Enforcement  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
360-553-4485

Department of Commerce Commission  
Office of the Inspector General  
Office of Audits  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
360-553-0801  
Fraud Hotline 800-424-5454

US Department of Education  
Office of Inspector General  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
Audits 360-553-0657  
Investigations 360-553-1482

Washington State Employment Security  
Bingen Job Service Center  
PO Box 847  
Bingen, WA 98605  
509-493-1210

Washington State Utilities Transportation  
Chandler Building, MS FY-11  
13005 Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
Olympia, WA 98504  
360-753-6423

Washington State Human Rights Commission  
402 Evergreen Plaza Bldg.  
Olympia, WA 98504-2490  
360-753-6770

Washington State Dept. of Labor & Industries  
General Administration  
Building, MS, HC-101  
Olympia, WA 98505  
360-753-6341

Washington State Department of Social & Health  
Services; Special Investigation Office  
11900 NE 95th  
PO Box 4485  
Vancouver, WA 98662  
360-696-6707

Department of Army  
Corp of Engineers  
PO Box 2946  
319 Pine  
Portland, OR 97225  
503-326-6000

US Attorney  
800 Fifth Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
360-553-7970

Consumer Product Safety  
Hotline 800-638-2772  
US Customs Service  
Office of Enforcement  
909 First Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
360-653-7531

Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigations  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA





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Equal Employment Opportunity Agency  
2815 Second, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA  
360-553-0968

US Department of Energy  
Bonneville Power Administration  
PO Box 3621  
Portland, OR 97208  
360-230-3000

General Accounting Office (GAO)  
1500 NE Irving Street  
Portland, OR 97232  
503-235-8500

Department of Health & Human Services  
Food & Drug Administration  
22201 23<sup>rd</sup> Drive SE  
Bothell, WA  
Trade Complaints 206-483-4949  
Audits: 360-553-0452

US Bureau of Indian Affairs  
PO Box 3785  
Portland, OR 97208  
503-231-6702

Department of Interior US Fish & Wildlife Services  
Division of Law Enforcement  
121 107<sup>th</sup> NE  
Bellevue, WA

Department of Justice  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
220 West Mercer, Suite 300  
Seattle, WA  
360-553-5443

Mine Safety & Health Administration  
117 107<sup>th</sup> NE  
Bellevue, WA  
360-553-7037

National Transportation Safety Board of Directors  
19518 Pacific Highway South  
Seattle, WA  
360-764-3782

Department of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98178  
360-553-5720

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
130 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Bothell, WA  
360-487-4600

General Services Administration  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
Investigations: 360-931-7654  
Law Enforcement: 360-553-0290  
Audits: 360-931-7650

Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Counsel  
1321 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
Audits 360-553-0270  
Investigations: 360-553-0272

Interstate Commerce Commission  
915 Second Avenue-Room 1894  
Seattle, WA 98154  
360-553-5421

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
1500 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97201  
503-224-4181

Department of labor  
Occupational Safety & Health (OSHA)  
1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715  
Seattle, WA 98101-3212  
360-553-5930  
Audits  
1111 Third Avenue, Suite 780  
Seattle, WA 98101-3212  
360-553-4880  
Investigations  
1111 Third Avenue, Suite 785  
Seattle, WA 98101-3212

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
510-975-0200  
Federal Trade Commission  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA  
360-553-4656

Department of Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
Law Enforcement Division  
915 Second Avenue – room 806  
Seattle, WA 98174



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Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Inspector General  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98674  
Fraud/Waste/Abuse Hotline  
800-488-8244

Securities & Exchange Commission  
Seattle, WA 98174  
360-553-7990



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## Appendix # A-7

### Travel Reimbursement Request

*(To be turned in to Accounts Payable after travel is complete to request reimbursement)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Paid by City</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>
<b>Tuition, Registration, Etc.</b> \$ _____	_____	-
Back up Documentation Required		
<b><u>Lodging: Receipts Required</u></b>		
# of nights ____ @ _____ per night	_____	-
Less charges for non official companions:	-	-
State Lodging Per Diem Rate: \$ _____	Higher Rate of: \$ _____	
	Approved by City Council: _____	
<b><u>Travel: Receipts required for all except vehicles.</u></b>		
Personal Vehicle: # of Miles: _____ per mile	-	-
City Vehicle: _____	-	-
Public Transportation: _____	-	-
Round Trip Airfare: _____	-	-
Parking Fees: _____	-	-
<b><u>Per Diem Meals ... No Receipts Required</u></b>		
___ Breakfasts at \$ _____ each	-	\$0.00
___ Lunches at \$ _____ each	-	\$0.00
___ Dinners at \$ _____ each	-	\$0.00
Meals included in Tuition: _____		
<b><u>Total Expenses:</u></b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

Please note where you are required to return receipts. Reimbursements will not be made if the expenses requested exceed the amount approved by City Council. City Council must approve rates higher than the State Per Diem.

Supervisor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of City Council Approval (if req'd): \_\_\_\_\_

Final Reimbursement Requested: (After travel is complete) \* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)  
 \* Limited to amount approved above by Supervisor or City Council



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## Appendix # A-8

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**POSITION:** City Administrator  
**REPORTS TO:** Mayor  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 21, 2018  
**FLSA STATUS:** Exempt

#### SUMMARY:

This is a professional administrative/management level position requiring experience and training in government management, fiscal/accounting systems operations, contract management, program design and development, grant writing and administration, personnel administration and general policy research for the City Council. Oversees all City operations and reports directly to the Mayor and Council.

#### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required, or assigned, as needed.

- Responsible for general governmental accounting, accounting systems, records, purchasing and payroll.
- Assist the Mayor in conducting all the city's business and performs such other duties and assumes such other responsibilities as the Mayor shall direct and as may be required by ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council.
- Serve as the City's Clerk/Treasurer.
- Responsible for the preparation of monthly, quarterly, and annual fiscal reports.
- Monitor budgets.
- Generate information for other federal, state and local reports.
- Oversee issuance of debt, maintaining debt payments and debt ceilings.
- Oversee budget preparation and prepare final budget documents including preparation of financial forecasts for short- and long-term fiscal goals and conditions.
- Audit all City expenditures.
- Supervise all overall operations of the City.
- Interpret rules, policies, procedures of city functions and research data, laws, codes, regulations, and polices for the City Council in their policy making decisions.
- Serve as an advisor to the City council and its various boards and commissions.
- Responsible for maintaining consistency among the City's various boards and departments.
- Supervise the various department heads and acts as a technical resource.
- Manage City's contracts for compliance and performance.
- Negotiate contracts.
- Administrative responsibility for all contract management.
- Develop programs as directed by Council.



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- Prepare program proposals, budgets, implementation schedules, and evaluations.
- Perform special projects as assigned by council or insure implementation by appropriate city departments.
- Monitor performance and activities of department heads to ensure goals are met.
- Provide grant management for all city functions including research of grant opportunities, preparation of grant applications, and the administration of grants.
- Responsible for oversight of the city personnel and personnel system including supervision of department heads including scheduling, evaluations, staff training, and general strategic planning.
- Oversee the development and maintenance of general personnel policy and management issues.
- Oversee compliance with local, state and federal regulations and manages recruitment/dismissal issues.
- Administer contracts for liability, health, and other benefit programs.
- Maintain City compliance with Federal and State mandates.
- Prepare City Ordinances and Resolutions.
- Act as risk manager and maintain accident files.
- Oversee City coordination of land use reviews, subdivisions, short plats, comprehensive plan issues, various environmental permits, and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area regulations within the various city departments and with external parties.
- Attend all City Council meetings.
- Represent City on various boards and committees as directed by the City Council.
- Act as a liaison with other governmental organizations.
- Respond to citizen complaints and inquiries and coordinates council responses to these complaints.
- Serve with the Community Development Director and Public Works Director to coordinate emergency management and hazard mitigation planning/implementation.

### ABILITY TO:

- Maintain confidentiality
- Work independently
- Appropriately and efficiently delegate responsibility
- Gauge project progress and make adjustments to meet deadlines
- Communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Exercise discretion in confidential or sensitive situations
- Adapt to new technologies and policy changes.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Demonstrate excellent problem solving and follow through skills.
- Prioritize work, mesh numerous assignments, cope with interruptions, last minute changes and deadlines.



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- Exhibit proficient computer skills.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for directly supervising Directors, Department Heads and office staff; provide daily direction and guidance, make approvals and recommendations as needed. Indirectly supervise all remaining city staff; maintain and promote team-centered participatory management practices, delegating maximum responsibility to those in supervisory positions.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

This position takes place in a typical office environment. The position may require long periods of sitting, standing, stooping, and/or reaching. This position may also require lifting objects weighing more than twenty-five (25) pounds.

Evening meetings and substantial overtime may be required.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- College Graduate, previous government experience
- Must have good accounting knowledge, management experience,
- Communication skills
- Leadership and analytical skills
- Experience with standard office equipment including computers

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grant Writing Experience
- Master's degree in a related field

### POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- First Aid & CPR Certification

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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position.**

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Signature

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Date



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## PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**POSITION:** Public Works Director  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ April 3, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Exempt

### SUMMARY:

The position is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the Public Works Department activities including the construction, maintenance, operation and repair of city streets, storm water system, vehicle fleet, parks and buildings, water and sewer systems and serving as the liaison with the emergency management services. The position needs management and supervisory experience.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Plan, organize, direct and control the activities, operations, and personnel of the City Public Works Department, in cooperation with City leadership.
- Develop and implement long term planning for the City's public works facilities including execution of both short and long-range construction programs.
- Serve as a key member of the City's management team.
- Supervise the operation of the Street, Equipment Services, Water, Sewer and Storm Water departments.
- Oversee the selection, training, professional development and certification programs for all department personnel and provide guidance to the Public Works Field Supervisor and system managers.
- Ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place and ensure employee compliance to department policies and procedures.
- Work closely with Public Works Field Supervisor and system managers to develop and implement appropriate policies and procedures for each respective division of the department.
- Serve as the technical advisor to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and departments on public works activities.
- Perform cost control activities and monitor the efficiency/effectiveness of the above departments including assisting the finance department with budgeting for the public works departments.
- Attend all City Council meetings and represent the City on other committees as assigned.
- Direct the research and compilation of all required reports relative to the operation of the public works programs.
- Ensure that the City's water and sewer utilities meet all regulatory requirements.



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- Supervise public works construction projects.
- Direct the preparation of public notices and information programs to ensure that citizens, contractors, businesses and interested parties are apprised of major projects.
- Prepare written reviews of all subdivision and short plat applications for the planning advisor.
- Review and approve building permit applications for public works compliance.
- Serve with the Community Development Director and City Administrator to coordinate emergency management and hazard mitigation planning/implementation.
- Serve as the enforcement officer for the protection of public facilities.
- Assist with the control of public nuisances.
- Respond to public inquires related to public works issues.
- Assist with grant writing.
- Perform field work in all public works departments as needed. (i.e. streets, water/sewer, equipment service).

### ABILITY TO:

- Analyze and problem solve problems relating to Public Works functions
- Efficiently coordinate resources and personnel to accomplish projects
- Assign, schedule, direct, coordinate, and evaluate workers performing various maintenance and repair activities at various skill levels
- Appropriately and efficiently delegate responsibility
- Gauge project progress and make adjustments to meet deadlines
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Confidently make informed decisions and/or recommendations regarding all Public Works functions
- Speak, understand, read, and write English
- Perform basic math (add, subtract, multiply, and divide)
- Exercise discretion in confidential or sensitive situations
- Exercise independent judgment and/or independent action
- Maintain various health and safety standards and regulations
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Read, analyze and interpret financial reports, legal documents, engineering reports, and blue prints.
- Secure compliance with construction specifications in an effective manner.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for directly supervising the Public Works Field Supervisor, WWTP0 II (or III, if the position is filled), system managers and subcontractors; provide daily direction and guidance, make approvals and recommendations as needed. Indirectly supervise all maintenance worker positions in the department; maintain and promote team-centered participatory management practices, delegating maximum responsibility to those in supervisory positions.





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## JOB CONDITIONS

On call status, evening meetings, and substantial overtime may be required. The incumbent may experience exposure to high noise levels, extreme temperatures, work around machinery and high traffic, harmful gasses and fumes, confined spaces, and exposure to blood-borne pathogens. Extensive computer work is required, including eight or more hours per week being devoted to clerical work such as typing, filing, data entry, and report writing. Although work will be performed in an office setting, due to the small size of the City, “on-site” supervisory and inspection duties will need to be performed and may lead to considerable time spent out-of-doors. During the occasional emergency the director may be exposed to extreme weather and work conditions.

This position may also require pushing, pulling, lifting and carrying objects weighing up to fifty (50) pounds.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School graduate or GED equivalent.

3 or more years progressively responsible experience in a public works-related position and demonstrated management responsibilities.

Good knowledge of civil engineering procedures and practices relating to design, construction and operation of public works facilities; and, good knowledge of state and federal laws and procedures relating to public works.

Computer literate with general knowledge of public works software applications.

Familiarity with government budgeting, regulatory environment and report preparation.

Supervisory skills, including evaluation, discipline and discharge.

~~Must have a valid a v~~ valid state issued Driver’s License.

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor degree from accredited college or University in Business Management, Civil Engineering, Planning or related field or demonstrated equivalent in formal education and experience.

Commercial Driver’s License (CDL)

## POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN ~~18-24~~ MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

First Aid & CPR Certification

Flagger Certification

Water Plant Operator I (WTPO I)

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator in Training (WWTPOIT)

Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I)

Cross Connection Control Specialist (CCCS)

## POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

Water Plant Operator II (WTPO II)



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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position.**

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Signature

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Date



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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**POSITION:** Community Development Director  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 21, 2018  
**FLSA STATUS:** Exempt

### SUMMARY:

Performs current and long-range planning functions related to the City's growth, development and change. Creates and facilitates programs and systems to improve the physical environment (public infrastructure, environmental protection, private investments), human/social capacity (public dialogue, civic involvement), and economic vitality of the community. Engages community stakeholders on emerging issues and relates community needs to City elected and appointed officials.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required, or assigned, as needed.

- Current Planning:
  - Act as ordinance administrator and ensuring compliance under SMC Title 16, Title 17, Title 18, and other/future ordinances as assigned.
  - Advise the public on City regulatory requirements.
  - Ensure that a comprehensive public record is developed and retained by the City through the carrying out of the required notices, reviews, assessments, and impact statements as authorized by the City.
- Long-Range Planning:
  - Develop programs (e.g. facilitative, informational, regulatory) necessary to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan.
  - Maintain compliance with state-mandated land use and environmental statutes.
  - Develop the community's capacity to engage in informed, shared decision-making.
  - Assist with development of Capital Improvement Programs to align with land use patterns and community need.
- Grant Writing:
  - Lead and assist with grant sourcing, project conceptualization/development, and preparing grant narratives and submittals.
- Testify as expert witness in court if required or assisting with the preparation of City lawsuits involving land use issues.
- Attend all City Council meetings and represent the City on various boards and committees.
- Managing and assisting with special projects and programs as assigned.
- Serve as a key member of the City's management team.
- Assist with the control of public nuisances.



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- Serve with the Public Works Director and City Administrator to coordinate emergency management and hazard mitigation planning/implementation.

### ABILITY TO:

- Communicate clearly, effectively, and tactfully both verbally and in writing.
- Exhibit proficient computer skills.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Prioritize work, mesh numerous assignments, cope with interruptions, last minute changes and deadlines.
- Obtain training to update present skills or obtain new skills.
- Demonstrate excellent problem solving and follow through skills.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Adapt to new technologies and policy changes.
- Exercise discretion in confidential or sensitive situations
- Exercise independent judgment and/or independent action
- Read, analyze and interpret financial reports, legal documents, engineering reports, and blue prints.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Occasionally exercises supervision over consultants, volunteers, interns, temporary and part-time employees.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

Work is performed primarily in an office environment and approximately 15% performing site visits and/or meetings. Attendance at evening meetings is required, occasional attendance at meetings and trainings that occur outside City boundaries and substantial overtime may be required.

The duties of the position require sitting, walking, stooping, crawling, bending, reaching, pulling, twisting, and the ability to lift up to 25 pounds. Must be able to traverse all types of terrain, in all types of weather, when performing site visits/inspections. Requires finger dexterity, sense of touch, gripping with fingers and hands, ability to see, hear voice conversation, and to speak. Will require sitting for prolonged periods of time, extensive use of computer keyboard.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from an accredited 4-year college/university with a degree in land use planning, urban planning, geography, environmental studies or a closely related field which would provide the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge and ability required to perform the job.

Three (3) or more years of work in land use planning.

Working knowledge of:



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- Local land use planning principles, practices and techniques.
- Environmental sciences.
- Computer literacy.
- City government functions, policies, rules and regulations.
- State planning statutes and general familiarity with legal foundations of planning.
- Research methods and sufficient technical/analytical skills to interpret and prepare data for planning studies and reports/recommendations pertaining to land use control and EIS.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Master’s degree from an accredited college/university with a degree in land use planning, urban planning, geography, environmental studies or a closely related field  
 American Institute of Certified Planners membership.

Working knowledge of:

- GIS, presentation, and infographic software.

### POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

First Aid & CPR Certification

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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position.**

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Signature

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Date



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## DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

**POSITION:** Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 15, 2023  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

This is an office position that acts as primary assistant to the city administrator and performs a variety of functions to such as assisting with the maintenance of the city accounting system, managing investments, responding to public inquiries, assisting with records maintenance, creating and filing general city records. Fills in for the city administrator in their absence.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Receipt, reconcile and deposit incoming funds and maintain records as required.
- Review and code accounts payable.
- Prepare vouchers and checks.
- Maintain daily postings to the general ledger.
- Assist with the preparation of monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
- Assist the Utility Clerk with the preparation and reconciliation of water and sewer billing and receipting, including maintaining all state and city records.
- Monitor reporting of court activity and reconcile against monthly court and jail billings.
- Fill in for the City Administrator when required.
- Assist the Fire Department, Public Works Director, Planning Director and City Administrator when required.
- Prepare the annual financial reports.
- Assist in the preparation of the budget and annual state audit.
- Purchase office and household supplies.
- Monitor city purchases for compliance with City/State bid laws.
- Provide front counter customer service when needed.
- Evaluate monthly cash flows and interest rates to invest city funds and maintain records.
- Assist City Administrator with the investing of City funds.
- Operate office equipment, trouble shoot hardware/software problems and operate Microsoft suite software, utility/financial software programs, and online platforms for asset management, permitting and code enforcement.
- Assist with project administration, monitor compliance with state/federal prevailing wage laws, RCW's and WAC's.
- Assist City Administrator in grant management.
- Process public records requests.



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- Prepare monthly payroll for city staff, maintaining all payroll files.
- Maintain city website, social media and other city communication outlets.
- Receive and address Nuisance Complaints and other Code Enforcement issues.
- Notarize various documents for the City and general public.

### ABILITY TO:

- Communicate clearly, effectively, and tactfully both verbally and in writing.
- Exhibit proficient computer skills.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Prioritize work, mesh numerous assignments, cope with interruptions, last minute changes and deadlines.
- Demonstrate conflict-resolution, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills using tact, patience, and courtesy.
- Obtain training to update present skills or obtain new skills.
- Demonstrate attention to detail and an aptitude for numbers.
- Demonstrate excellent problem solving and follow through skills.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Adapt to new technologies and policy changes.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Works under general supervision. No formal supervisory responsibilities but may oversee or direct the work of support staff, contractors, and/or volunteers.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

This position takes place in a typical office environment. The position may require long periods of sitting, standing, stooping, and/or reaching. This position may also require lifting objects weighing more than twenty-five (25) pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

This position may be subject to verbal abuse at times from the public.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School Graduate or GED equivalent.  
Office Experience, understanding of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)  
Proficient typing skills, computer experience (preferably Windows based Excel & Word)  
Good customer service, writing and communication skills

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Prior Government Accounting and Court Experience  
College graduate



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**POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

First Aid & CPR Certification

Notary Public Designation

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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position.**

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Signature

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Date





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## UTILITIES CLERK

**POSITION:** Utilities Clerk  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 15, 2023  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

This is an office position that performs a wide variety of regular and recurring accounting procedures; accounts payable; utility billing tasks; cash receipting and records management duties.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required, or assigned, as needed.

- Provide outstanding, friendly customer service to all city customers.
- Responsible for utility billing including preparation and reconciliation of water and sewer billing, receipting payments, maintenance of customer service records and compiling reports.
- Maintain records of connections and utility applications with associated costs.
- Receive, account for and safeguard cash, checks and other valuables as required.
- Develop and maintain procedures for utility bills, delinquent billing reminders and service cut-offs.
- Review invoices submitted and determine proper account coding, prepare vouchers and checks for payment.
- Receive and screen telephone calls.
- Perform secretarial services for various departments when required.
- Assist in the preparation financial reports and annual state audit.
- Maintain Business License, Small Works Roster and Outdoor Burn Files.
- Assist with records retention.
- Provide zoning information, building permit information, water/sewer information.
- Provide general public/tourist information and relocation assistance.
- Operate office equipment, trouble shoot hardware/software problems and operate Microsoft suite software, utility/financial software programs, and online platforms for asset management, permitting and code enforcement.
- Assist with asset management to include conducting an inventory, and logging information in spreadsheets and online databases.
- Calculate annual Volunteer Firefighter pay and Skamania County Fire District II billing.
- Maintain varied accounting office filing systems and records as directed to assure proper follow-through.
- Process and assist in the completion of applications for various city permits.
- Assist with maintaining the permit tracking database.



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- Purchase office and household supplies.
- Notarize various documents for the City and general public.

### ABILITY TO:

- Communicate clearly, effectively, and tactfully both verbally and in writing.
- Exhibit proficient computer skills.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Prioritize work, mesh numerous assignments, cope with interruptions, last minute changes and deadlines.
- Demonstrate conflict-resolution, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills using tact, patience, and courtesy.
- Obtain training to update present skills or obtain new skills.
- Demonstrate attention to detail and an aptitude for numbers.
- Demonstrate excellent problem solving and follow through skills.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Adapt to new technologies and policy changes.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Works under general supervision. No formal supervisory responsibilities but may oversee or direct the work of support staff, contractors, and/or volunteers.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

This position takes place in a typical office environment. The position may require long periods of sitting, standing, stooping, and/or reaching. This position may also require lifting objects weighing more than twenty-five (25) pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

This position may be subject to verbal abuse at times from the public.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School Graduate or GED equivalent  
Office Experience, understanding of basic accounting  
Proficient typing skills, computer experience (preferably Windows based Excel & Word)  
Good customer service, writing and communication skills

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Prior Government Accounting Experience  
College graduate



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**POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

First Aid & CPR Certification

Notary Public Designation

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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities, and requirements of this position.**

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Signature

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Date



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## PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT

**POSITION:** Planning and Public Works Assistant  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 15, 2023  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

This is an office position that performs a wide variety of support for the Community Development Director, Public Works Director and City Administrator through clerical duties, records management, code enforcement and permit technician duties.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required, or assigned, as needed.

- Provide outstanding, friendly customer service to all city customers.
- Coordinate, track, and process permit applications ensuring that policies and procedures are followed in the receipt, routing, processing and recording of permit applications.
- Review applications for compliance with policies, such as Stevenson Municipal Code and Engineering Standards.
- Monitor application progress for status reports to the applicant and city departments on a regular basis.
- Calculate permit and plan review fees and ensure plans are reviewed by appropriate departments.
- Prepare and provide legal notices for a variety of applications.
- Plan and perform a variety of building and planning research functions, such as review of property ownership, easements and other land use matters.
- May approve and issue minor permits at the discretion of the Department Head, such as right of way and minor land use permits.
- Issue a permit after ensuring that all necessary approvals are obtained, all required documentation is complete, and all regulations are addressed.
- Initiate, create, recommend and document updates to policies and processes for permit applications.
- Prepare agendas and reports, compile and prepare meeting materials for distribution, prepare meeting locations, and update post-meeting documents.
- Attend meetings to take notes and compose clear, accurate and comprehensive minutes for various committees and boards.
- Perform confidential secretarial and administrative work of a varied nature including receive and screen telephone calls; establish and maintain files, records and other information sources needed to facilitate, support and document office or department activities.



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- Secretary to the Board of Adjustment and Board of Appeals committees and fill in for the Planning Commission/City Council when required.
- Assist with records retention and maintain City Council cross reference indexes.
- Provide zoning information, building permit information, water/sewer information. Provide general public/tourist information and relocation assistance.
- Operate office equipment, trouble shoot hardware/software problems and operate Microsoft suite software and building permit and public works software programs.
- Assist with project administration, monitor compliance with state/federal prevailing wage laws, RCW's and WAC's.
- Assist City Administrator in grant management.
- Assist with asset management to include conducting an inventory, and logging information in spreadsheets and/or other asset tracking software.
- Intake, track, manage and coordinate responses to public nuisances.

### ABILITY TO:

- Communicate clearly, effectively, and tactfully both verbally and in writing.
- Exhibit proficient computer skills.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Prioritize work, mesh numerous assignments, cope with interruptions, last minute changes and deadlines.
- Demonstrate conflict-resolution, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills using tact, patience, and courtesy.
- Obtain training to update present skills or obtain new skills.
- Demonstrate attention to detail and an aptitude for numbers.
- Demonstrate excellent problem solving and follow through skills.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Adapt to new technologies and policy changes.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Works under general supervision. No formal supervisory responsibilities but may oversee or direct the work of support staff, contractors, and/or volunteers.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

This position takes place in a typical office environment. The position may require long periods of sitting, standing, stooping, and/or reaching. This position may also require lifting objects weighing more than twenty-five (25) pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

This position may be subject to verbal abuse at times from the public.



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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School Graduate or GED equivalent.
- Office Experience, good writing skills, understanding of basic accounting
- 10-key by touch, computer experience (preferably Windows based) excel & word
- Good Customer Service

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Prior Government Experience with land use permitting, zoning, building and construction permitting
- College graduate (AA degree or above)

**POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- First Aid & CPR Certification
- Notary Public Designation

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## PUBLIC WORKS FIELD SUPERVISOR

**POSITION:** Public Works Field Supervisor  
**REPORTS TO:** Public Works Director  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ April 3, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

This is a field position reporting directly to the Public Works Director. The Public Works Field Supervisor supervises and works with the Public Works employees responsible for the City's water utility, streets, equipment, parks and general facilities. This position must also work with the employees responsible for the sewer utility. This position plans, assigns and schedules proper use of personnel and equipment to address the reoccurring public works tasks. The Public Works Field Supervisor must have the ability to troubleshoot and analyze problems related to street obstructions, slides, storm water system failures, equipment failures and water main breaks.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Schedules and performs the regular and recurring installation, repair and maintenance work in the streets, storm water system, water supply and distribution, parks division and City buildings.
- Proficiently operates and maintains departmental equipment such as back hoes, small bulldozers, street sweepers, dump trucks and loaders, power lawnmowers and concrete cutting equipment.
- Repairs water mains, cleans out and installs water lines, clean curbs, gutters and repair park facilities.
- Operates and maintains the water treatment plant, well and intake stations.
- Prepares and maintains records and performs appropriate tests to meet State requirements and inspects new connections.
- Must be capable of operating the sewer treatment plant and able to conduct weekend testing and emergency back up to the Wastewater Treatment Plant operator.
- Organizes, with the WWTP O II (or III if the position is filled), the water and sewer utilities on-call duties shared with other Public Works employees.
- Will assist with the preparation of bid specifications on public works projects.
- Responsible for the construction and maintenance of city parks, city buildings and other structures – carpentry skills will be needed.
- Responsible for procurement of materials, services, and maintenance contracts related to the maintenance of streets and infrastructure within the roadway prism, storm water system, water supply and distribution, parks division, and City buildings.



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## ABILITY TO:

- Oversee, direct and coordinate the work of lower level staff.
- Train staff in the most current and accepted practices in Public Works.
- Select, supervise, train and evaluate staff.
- Participate in the development and administration of goals, objectives and procedures.
- Protect the health and safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.
- Operate a variety of hand tools, machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- Recognize, prioritize and accomplish needed tasks.
- Perform routine maintenance and housekeeping work.
- Interpret, analyze and apply new technical information.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Read utility as-built drawings for water, use maps, understand basic survey descriptions and work with engineering documents.
- Compose utility as-built drawings for water.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in Public Works.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.

## SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for supervising Utilities/Maintenance staff, with direction from the Public Works Director.

## JOB CONDITIONS:

Outdoor work environment, subject to adverse and extreme weather conditions.

Climbing ladders; standing for extended periods of time; walking to perform weed control; lifting and carrying heavy object; pulling hoists; kneeling; crouching; bending; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power tools.

Exposure to chlorine and methane gas, sewage; sewage vapors; working around and with machinery having moving parts; working at heights on ladders and structures.

Operation of the water and sewer utilities will require some weekend duties as part of the on-call rotation shared with the Public Works field [and Wastewater](#) crews. -These duties may be extended to a full week rotation in emergency situations. Emergencies will require overtime work to repair utilities.

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### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School graduate or GED equivalent.  
Must live within a thirty-minute response time of the city.  
Must be able to work independently and have work experience in general maintenance, trade areas.  
~~Must have a v~~Valid state issued Driver's License ~~with CDL validation or ability to acquire within eighteen (18) months. The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~  
Must be highly skilled in heavy equipment operation and maintenance.  
Work is performed out-of-doors requiring average physical agility, dexterity and endurance.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in Heavy Equipment Operation (backhoes, dump trucks, and snowplows).
- Plumbing and Carpentry Skills.
- Basic electrical skills, telemetry and cable splicing knowledge.
- Experience in Welding.
- Basic mechanical skills and diesel and gas equipment repair.
- Experience in Road Construction and Repair.
- Knowledge of Grounds Maintenance and/or Irrigation Experience.
- Supervisory skills and good oral communication capabilities to work with the public

### POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN ~~18-24~~ MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

#### Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

- Completion of "competent person training" in the areas of trenching, shoring and confined spaces.
- Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I)
- Cross Connection Control Specialist (CCCS)
- Water Plant Operator I (WTPO I)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I (WTPO I)
- A/C Pipe Certification
- Flagger Certification
- First Aid & CPR Certification

### POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Water Plant Operator II (WTPOII)

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### UTILITIES MAINTENANCE WORKER

**POSITION:** Utilities Maintenance Worker  
**REPORTS TO:** Public Works Field Supervisor  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ April 3, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

#### SUMMARY:

This is a field position responsible to the Public Works Field Supervisor and the Public Works Director. The position will work in the City's water and sewer utilities, street, parks, equipment, and general facilities maintenance departments.

#### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Performs the regular and recurring installation, repair and maintenance work in the streets, water supply and distribution, sewer collection or parks division.
- Proficiently operates departmental equipment such as back hoe's, small bulldozers, street sweepers, dump trucks and loaders, power lawnmowers and concrete cutting equipment.
- Repairs water mains, cleans out and installs sewer and water lines, cleans curbs, gutters and repairs park facilities.
- Responds to complaints from the public on utility and infrastructure items, such as water leaks, pressure issues, loss of water, potholes, etc. and evaluates the situation to explain to the supervisor for possible direction on a resolution.
- Reads city water meters on a regular basis.
- Assists in or shuts off utility lines and mains to repair broken sections of water or sewer lines and shut-offs for delinquent utility accounts.
- Operates and maintains the water treatment plant, well and intake stations.
- Prepares and maintains records and performs appropriate tests to meet State requirements.
- Responsible for installation, maintenance and repair of city sewer lines and pumping equipment.
- Weekend testing and emergency back up to the Wastewater Treatment Plant operator.
- Maintenance of city streets will include pothole patching, striping, snow plowing, sign repair, litter control, hot mixing, and control of vegetation along right-of-way.
- Operation of street sweeper and brushcutters.
- Street light repair.
- Culvert replacement, chip seal, painting crosswalks, concrete cutting saw, pouring sidewalks, operating cutting torch, saws, roller, man lift, jumping jack.
- Maintenance of fire hydrants.
- Responsible for the general maintenance and repair of both diesel and gas engines.



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- Responsible for the construction and maintenance of city parks, city buildings and other structures.

### ABILITY TO:

- Follow oral and written directions.
- Protect the health and safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.
- Operate a variety of hand tools, machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- Recognize, prioritize and accomplish needed tasks.
- Perform routine maintenance and housekeeping work.
- Interpret, analyze and apply new technical information.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Read utility as-built drawings for water and sewer, use maps, understand basic survey descriptions and work with engineering documents.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

There are no supervision responsibilities associated with this position.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

Outdoor work environment, subject to adverse and extreme weather conditions.

Climbing ladders; standing for extended periods of time; walking to perform weed control; lifting and carrying heavy object; pulling hoists; kneeling; crouching; bending; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power tools.

Exposure to chlorine and methane gas, sewage; sewage vapors; working around and with machinery having moving parts; working at heights on ladders and structures.

Operation of the water and sewer utilities will require some weekend duties as part of the on-call rotation shared with the Public Works field [and Wastewater](#) crews. -These duties may be extended to a full week rotation in emergency situations. Emergencies will require overtime work to repair utilities.

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### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School graduate or GED equivalent.



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Must live within a thirty-minute response time of the city.

Must be able to work independently.

~~Must have a valid state issued Driver's License with commercial validation or the ability to acquire within eighteen twenty four (18/24) months. The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience in Heavy Equipment Operation (backhoes, dump trucks, and snowplows).

Plumbing Skills.

Basic Electrical Skills including basic Telemetry and cable splicing knowledge.

Carpentry Skills.

Experience in Welding.

Diesel and Gas equipment repair.

Basic Mechanical Skills.

Experience in Road Construction and Repair.

Knowledge of Grounds Maintenance.

## POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN ~~18-24~~ MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

### Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Completion of "competent person training" in the areas of trenching, shoring and confined spaces.

Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I) \_\_\_\_\_

Cross Connection Control Specialist (CCCS)

Water Plant Operator I (WTPO I) \_\_\_\_\_

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I (WWTPO I)

A/C Pipe Certification

Flagger Certification

First Aid & CPR Certification

## POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

Water Plant Operator II (WTPO II)

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## FACILITIES MAINTENANCE WORKER

**POSITION:** Facilities Maintenance Worker  
**REPORTS TO:** Public Works Field Supervisor  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ April 3, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

This is a field position responsible to the Public Works Field Supervisor and the Public Works Director. The position will work in the City's utility (water and sewer), street, parks, equipment, and general facilities maintenance departments and other partner agencies as agreed upon by the City.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Performs the regular and recurring maintenance work in the parks department and with partner agencies to include mowing, edging, fertilizing and spraying.
- Routinely removes brush and debris from fence lines.
- Proficiently operates departmental equipment such as trucks, pressure washers, lawnmowers, weed eaters and other brush cutting equipment.
- Cleans and maintains curbs and gutters.
- Collection and disposal of garbage from City or partner owned waste receptacles.
- Set-up and clean-up of special events.
- Cleans, maintains, and repairs park facilities.
- May assist City or partner personnel on other projects.

### ABILITY TO:

- Follow oral and written directions.
- Protect the health and safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.
- Operate a variety of hand tools, machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- Recognize, prioritize and accomplish needed tasks.
- Perform routine maintenance and housekeeping work.
- Interpret, analyze and apply new technical information.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.



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## SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

There are no supervision responsibilities associated with this position.

## JOB CONDITIONS:

Outdoor work environment, subject to adverse and extreme weather conditions.

Climbing ladders; standing for extended periods of time; walking to perform weed control; lifting and carrying heavy objects; pulling hoists; kneeling; crouching; bending; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power tools.

Exposure to chlorine and methane gas, sewage; sewage vapors; working around and with machinery having moving parts; working at heights on ladders and structures.

This position may be subject to verbal abuse at times from the public.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School graduate or GED equivalent.  
Must be able to work independently.  
~~Must have a valid state issued Driver's License. The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~  
~~Must have a Driver's License with commercial validation or the ability to acquire within eighteen (18) months. The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in small power equipment operation (lawn mowers, weed eaters, saws, etc).
- Basic Mechanical Skills.
- Knowledge of Grounds Maintenance.
- Good oral and written communication skills are necessary to work with the public.

## POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18-24 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Completion of "competent person training" in the areas of trenching, shoring and confined spaces.
- Flagger Certification
- First Aid & CPR Certification

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## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR I

**POSITION:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I  
**REPORTS TO:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II (or III if the position is filled)  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ March 20, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

This is a field position working in the City's wastewater department mostly at the treatment plant. Some time may be spent in other departments when assistance is needed during special projects or emergencies.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Perform all work to safety standards and ensure that no property or person is at risk.
- Perform Operation and Maintenance activities within the general areas of wastewater treatment plant, sewer collection system, sewer lift stations and other public facilities as needed.
- Monitor, test, adjust and maintain the wastewater treatment plant in working order.
- Make periodic rounds to check the general operations of the plant; unplug and clean pumps; remove debris; check operation of pumps.
- Take and record plant operation readings according to prescribed schedules.
- Collect samples for lab analysis; perform lab analysis as required.
- Inspection and data collection from customers for use in the Industrial Permitting process.
- Perform wash down of chambers and clarifiers on a regular schedule.
- Maintain and operate lift stations and wells.
- Maintain daily logs; report unsafe conditions; record plant operating data as required.
- Provide yard maintenance in watering, mowing and weeding grounds.
- Maintain building in clean and sanitary condition; wash floors and walls; perform light maintenance.
- Week end testing and emergency back up to the Wastewater Treatment Plant operator.
- Operates and maintains equipment which may include city trucks, backhoes, jackhammers, mowers, snow plows, compactors, cutting torches and welders. Reports deficiencies for repair to ensure safe and efficient operation.
- Assists with the general maintenance and repair of both diesel and gas engines.

### ABILITY TO:



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- Operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Plant and assure Plant processes are in compliance with local, State and federal discharge limits and the NPDES Permit.
- Protect the health and safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.
- Operate a variety of hand tools, machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Communicate technical information clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- Maintain accurate log readings and operating information.
- Recognize and respond quickly to operational information.
- Perform plant maintenance and housekeeping work.
- Interpret, analyze and apply new technical information.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Read utility as-built drawings for water and sewer, use maps, understand basic survey descriptions and work with engineering documents.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

There are no supervision responsibilities associated with this position.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

Outdoor work environment, subject to adverse and extreme weather conditions.

Climbing ladders; standing for extended periods of time; walking to perform weed control; lifting and carrying heavy object; pulling hoists; kneeling; crouching; bending; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power tools.

Exposure to chlorine and methane gas, sewage; sewage vapors; working around and with machinery having moving parts; working at heights on ladders and structures.

Operation of the water and sewer utilities will require some weekend duties as part of the on-call rotation shared with the Public Works field and Wastewater crews. These duties may be extended to a full week rotation in emergency situations. Emergencies will require overtime work to repair utilities.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School graduate or GED equivalent.

Must live within a thirty-minute response time of the city.

Must be able to work independently.

~~Must have a valid state issued Driver's License. The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~



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## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in Heavy Equipment Operation (backhoes, dump trucks, and snowplows).
- Plumbing Skills.
- Basic Electrical Skills including basic Telemetry and cable splicing knowledge.
- Carpentry Skills.
- Experience in Welding.
- Diesel and Gas equipment repair.
- Basic Mechanical Skills.
- Knowledge of Grounds Maintenance.
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- ~~Cross Connection Control Specialist~~

## POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN ~~18-24~~ MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Completion of "competent person training" in the areas of trenching, shoring and confined spaces.
- First Aid & CPR Certification
- Flagger Certification
- Water Plant Operator I (WTPO I)
- Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I (WWTPO I)
- Cross Connection Control Specialist (CCCS)

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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position.**

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### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR II

**POSITION:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II  
**REPORTS TO:** Public Works Director (or Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III if the position is filled)  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ March 20, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

#### SUMMARY:

This is a field position reporting directly to the Public Works Director (or Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III if the position is filled). -The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II supervises and works with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I and is responsible for the City's sewer utility, including collection and treatment systems. -This position must also work with the employees responsible for water utility, streets, equipment, parks and general facilities. -This position plans, assigns and schedules proper use of personnel and equipment to address the reoccurring sewer utility tasks. -The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II must have the ability to troubleshoot and analyze problems related to the sewer utility.

#### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Perform all work to safety standards and ensure that no property or person is at risk.
- Schedules and performs the regular and recurring installation, repair and maintenance work in the sewer utility, including collection and treatment systems.
- Responsible for procurement of materials, services, and maintenance contracts related to the maintenance of the sewer utility.
- Monitor, test, adjust and maintain the wastewater treatment plant in working order.
- Make periodic rounds to check the general operations of the plant; unplug and clean pumps; remove debris; check operation of pumps.
- Take and record plant operation readings according to prescribed schedules.
- Collect samples for lab analysis; perform lab analysis as required.
- Manage and enforce ordinances, codes, and engineering standards related to wastewater and sewer management, including but not limited to Title 13. Inspect and collect data from customers as required.
- Develop, implement, manage, and enforce industrial and commercial connection monitoring programs, including but not limited FOG and SIU programs.
- Perform wash down of chambers, ultraviolet (UV) tanks, and clarifiers on a regular schedule.
- Maintain and operate lift stations and wells.
- Maintain daily logs; report unsafe conditions; record plant operating data as required.



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- Identifies and diagnoses operational problems, discusses scope and attributes of problems with staff and management, and recommends alterations, adjustments, and procedural changes to correct problems and maintain system stability.
- Acts as the treatment plant Onsite Operator and coordinates the activities of lower level operations staff; responds to operational incidents, and takes command when appropriate.
- Uses a variety of standard testing procedures to determine problems and any adjustments needed in the treatment process.
- Provide yard maintenance in watering, mowing and weeding grounds.
- Maintain building in clean and sanitary condition; wash floors and walls; perform light maintenance.
- Organizes, with the Public Works Supervisor, sewer utility on-call duties shared with other Public Works employees.
- Operates and maintains equipment which may include city trucks, backhoes, jackhammers, mowers, snow plows, compactors, cutting torches and welders. Reports deficiencies for repair to ensure safe and efficient operation.
- Assists with the general maintenance and repair of both diesel and gas engines.

### ABILITY TO:

- Operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Plant and assure Plant processes are in compliance with local, State and federal discharge limits and the NPDES Permit.
- Protect the health and safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.
- Participate in the development and administration of goals, objectives and procedures.
- Operate a variety of hand tools, machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Communicate technical information clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- Maintain accurate log readings and operating information.
- Recognize and respond quickly to operational information.
- Perform plant maintenance and housekeeping work.
- Interpret, analyze and apply new technical information.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Read utility as-built drawings for water and sewer, use maps, understand basic survey descriptions and work with engineering documents.
- Compose utility as-built drawings for sewer.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Work independently with little direction or supervision.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in the sewer utility.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Train staff in the most current and accepted practices in wastewater management.
- Select, supervise, train and evaluate staff.



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### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

In the absence of the WWTPO III position being filled, this is a supervisory position responsible for supervising the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I, with direction from the Public Works Director. -Supervisory responsibilities include providing daily work direction, approval of absences and overtime, making recommendations regarding hiring, and completing performance evaluations.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

Outdoor work environment, subject to adverse and extreme weather conditions.

Climbing ladders; standing for extended periods of time; walking to perform weed control; lifting and carrying heavy object; pulling hoists; kneeling; crouching; bending; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power tools.

Exposure to chlorine and methane gas, sewage; sewage vapors; working around and with machinery having moving parts; working at heights on ladders and structures.

Operation of the water and sewer utilities will require some weekend duties as part of the on-call rotation shared with the Public Works field and Wastewater crews.- These duties may be extended to a full week rotation in emergency situations. Emergencies will require overtime work to repair utilities.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School graduate or GED equivalent.  
Must live within a thirty-minute response time of the city.  
Must be able to work independently.  
~~Must have a v~~valid state issued Driver's License.~~-The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II (WWTPO II)

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience in Heavy Equipment Operation (backhoes, dump trucks, and snowplows).  
Plumbing Skills.  
Basic Electrical Skills including basic Telemetry and cable splicing knowledge.  
Carpentry Skills.  
Experience in Welding.  
Diesel and Gas equipment repair.  
Basic Mechanical Skills.  
Knowledge of Grounds Maintenance.  
~~Cross Connection Control Specialist~~  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III (WWTPO III)  
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)



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**POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN ~~18~~-24 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

Completion of “competent person training” in the areas of trenching, shoring and confined spaces.

First Aid & CPR Certification

Flagger Certification

Water Plant Operator I (WTPO I)

Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I)

Cross Connection Control Specialist (CCCS)

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### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR III

**POSITION:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III  
**REPORTS TO:** Public Works Director  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** ~~June 15, 2023~~ March 20, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

#### SUMMARY:

This is a field position reporting directly to the Public Works Director (or Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III if the position is filled). The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II supervises and works with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I and is responsible for the City's sewer utility, including collection and treatment systems. This position must also work with the employees responsible for water utility, streets, equipment, parks and general facilities. This position plans, assigns and schedules proper use of personnel and equipment to address the reoccurring sewer utility tasks. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II must have the ability to troubleshoot and analyze problems related to the sewer utility.

#### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Perform all work to safety standards and ensure that no property or person is at risk.
- Schedules and performs the regular and recurring installation, repair and maintenance work in the sewer utility, including collection and treatment systems.
- Responsible for procurement of materials, services, and maintenance contracts related to the maintenance of the sewer utility.
- Monitor, test, adjust and maintain the wastewater treatment plant in working order.
- Make periodic rounds to check the general operations of the plant; unplug and clean pumps; remove debris; check operation of pumps.
- Take and record plant operation readings according to prescribed schedules.
- Collect samples for lab analysis; perform lab analysis as required.
- Inspection and data collection from customers for use in the Industrial Permitting process.
- Maintain and operate lift stations and wells.
- Maintain daily logs; report unsafe conditions; record plant operating data as required.
- Identifies and diagnoses operational problems, discusses scope and attributes of problems with staff and management, and recommends alterations, adjustments, and procedural changes to correct problems and maintain system stability.
- Acts as the treatment plant Onsite Operator and coordinates the activities of lower level operations staff; responds to operational incidents, and takes command when appropriate
- Uses a variety of standard testing procedures to determine problems and any adjustments needed in the treatment process.





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- Maintain building and grounds in a clean and sanitary condition; wash floors and walls; clear weeds; perform light maintenance.
- Operates and maintains equipment which may include city trucks, backhoes, jackhammers, mowers, snow plows, compactors, cutting torches and welders. Reports deficiencies for repair to ensure safe and efficient operation.
- Assists with the general maintenance and repair of both diesel and gas engines.

### ABILITY TO:

- Operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Plant and assure Plant processes are in compliance with local, State and federal discharge limits and the NPDES Permit.
- Protect the health and safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.
- Participate in the development and administration of goals, objectives and procedures.
- Operate a variety of hand tools, machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Communicate technical information clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- Maintain accurate log readings and operating information.
- Recognize and respond quickly to operational information.
- Perform plant maintenance and housekeeping work.
- Interpret, analyze and apply new technical information.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks.
- Read utility as-built drawings for water and sewer, use maps, understand basic survey descriptions and work with engineering documents.
- Compose utility as-built drawings for sewer.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Work independently with little direction or supervision.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in the sewer utility.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.
- Train staff in the most current and accepted practices in wastewater management.
- Select, supervise, train and evaluate staff.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

This is a supervisory position responsible for supervising the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I and II, with direction from the Public Works Director. Supervisory responsibilities include providing daily work direction, approval of absences and overtime, making recommendations regarding hiring, and completing performance evaluations.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

Outdoor work environment, subject to adverse and extreme weather conditions.



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Climbing ladders; standing for extended periods of time; walking to perform weed control; lifting and carrying heavy object; pulling hoists; kneeling; crouching; bending; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power tools.

Exposure to chlorine and methane gas, sewage; sewage vapors; working around and with machinery having moving parts; working at heights on ladders and structures.

Operation of the water and sewer utilities will require some weekend duties as part of the on-call rotation shared with the Public Works field crew. -These duties may be extended to a full week rotation in emergency situations. Emergencies will require overtime work to repair utilities.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School graduate or GED equivalent.  
Must live within a thirty-minute response time of the city.  
Must be able to work independently.  
~~Must have a vValid state issued Driver's License. -The City will complete a review of the final applicant's driving record.~~  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III (WWTPO III)

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience in Heavy Equipment Operation (backhoes, dump trucks, and snowplows).  
Plumbing Skills.  
Basic Electrical Skills including basic Telemetry and cable splicing knowledge.  
Carpentry Skills.  
Experience in Welding.  
Diesel and Gas equipment repair.  
Basic Mechanical Skills.  
Knowledge of Grounds Maintenance.  
~~Cross Connection Control Specialist~~  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator IV (WWTPO IV)  
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

### POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN ~~18-24~~ MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Completion of "competent person training" in the areas of trenching, shoring and confined spaces.  
First Aid & CPR Certification  
Flagger Certification  
Water Plant Operator I (WTPO I)  
Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I)  
Cross Connection Control Specialist (CCCS)



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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position**

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Signature

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Date



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## MINUTE TAKER

**POSITION:** Minute Taker  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 21, 2018  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

Attends meetings and records minutes. Prepares final drafts of minutes off-site on applicant's personal computer equipment for the City Council, the Planning Commission and the boards of Adjustment and Appeals.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Attend and take minutes at regular meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission, special meetings as requested, and scheduled meetings of the Board of Adjustment and Board of Appeals and takes minutes of the proceedings.
- Prepare drafts of the minutes and submits those drafts for review by the designated staff member and final adoption by the appropriate elected or appointed board. All drafts are prepared using software compatible with that used by the City.

### ABILITY TO:

- Follow oral and written directions.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Communicate clearly in writing.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

There are no supervision responsibilities associated with this position.

### JOB CONDITIONS:

The position may require long periods of sitting at evening meetings.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High School Graduate or GED equivalent  
Office experience with a minimum 50 wpm keyboard speed  
Familiarity with Windows based software  
Good writing and spelling skills

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Prior experience with boards and/or governing bodies



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Signature

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Date



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## FIRE CHIEF

**POSITION:** Fire Chief  
**REPORTS TO:** City Administrator  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2025  
**FLSA STATUS:** Volunteer/Non-Exempt

### SUMMARY:

The position is responsible for the organization and direction of the Stevenson Fire Department. This includes all volunteer fire department actions and personnel in response to official emergency calls as training allows, ensuring life safety, environmental preservation, and property conservation. The position needs management and supervisory experience. The Fire Chief is in command of the Fire Department as outlined in SMC 2.24 Volunteer Fire Department.

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

The specific statements shown for each task are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent minimal essential elements and criteria considered necessary to successfully perform the job. Other related duties and responsibilities may be required or assigned, as needed.

- Plan, organize, direct and control the activities, operations, and personnel of the Stevenson Fire Department, in cooperation with City leadership.
- Develop and implement long term planning for the City's fire department facilities and equipment including execution of both short and long-range programs.
- Serve as a key member of the City's management team.
- Supervise the operation of the fire department.
- Oversee the selection, training, professional development and certification programs for all department personnel.
- Ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place and ensure personnel compliance to department policies and procedures.
- Work with other agencies to develop, implement, and enhance appropriate policies, procedures, and programs for the department.
- Serve as the technical advisor to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and departments on fire department activities.
- Perform cost control activities and monitor the efficiency/effectiveness of the fire department including assisting the finance department with budgeting for the fire department.
- Provide a departmental status report at all City Council meetings, represent the City on other committees as assigned, and attend ceremonial occasions or other organizational meetings as necessary.
- Direct the research and compilation of all required reports relative to the operation of the fire department.
- Ensure that the City's fire department meets all regulatory requirements.



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- Direct the preparation of public notices and information programs to ensure that citizens, contractors, businesses and interested parties are apprised of major projects or activities.
- Prepare written reviews of all subdivision and short plat applications for the planning advisor.
- Serve with the Public Works Director, Community Development Director and City Administrator to coordinate emergency management and hazard mitigation planning/implementation.
- Assist with the control of public nuisances.
- Respond to public inquiries related to fire department issues.
- Assist with grant writing.
- Maintain and secure appropriate fire department records.
- Knowledge and application of modern public relations principles and practices.
- Knowledge and application of modern theories, principles, practices, methods, and equipment of modern firefighting.
- Knowledge and application of fire hazards, fire prevention techniques and building construction.

### ABILITY TO:

- Analyze and problem solve problems relating to Fire Department functions
- Efficiently coordinate resources and personnel to accomplish projects
- Assign, schedule, direct, coordinate, and evaluate personnel performing various fire department activities at various skill levels
- Appropriately and efficiently delegate responsibility
- Gauge project progress and make adjustments to meet deadlines
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing with a diverse range of people.
- Respond professionally when confronted verbally and physically.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- Work courteously and tactfully with customers and personnel.
- Confidently make informed decisions and/or recommendations regarding all fire department functions
- Speak, understand, read, and write English
- Perform basic math (add, subtract, multiply, and divide)
- Exercise discretion in confidential or sensitive situations
- Interview people and gather information on circumstances surrounding an incident, which may include medical history.
- Prepare incident and inspection reports, either by hand or computer, using proper detailed descriptions and appropriate grammar.
- Exercise independent judgment and/or independent action regularly and under emergency conditions.
- Maintain various health and safety standards and regulations.
- Perform moderately, strenuous physical tasks and occasionally work under extreme physical and environmental conditions.



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- Read, analyze and interpret financial reports, legal documents, engineering reports, and blueprints.
- Identify hazardous materials codes by color.
- Respond to an alarm, wake, and transition from a sound sleep to full activity and exertion within a matter of minutes.
- Take command of scenes with little to no information given.
- Make decisions using all available information available at the time the decision is made.
- Maintain high standards of professionalism as an example for other department personnel.
- Hear and orally respond to verbal orders, calls for assistance, and radio communications.
- Hear, identify, and appropriately respond to various sounds in an environment of substantial background noises, such as sounds produced by structural collapses, back-drafts, breaking glass, fire, other firefighters, sirens, traffic, and victims.
- Shout orders, warnings, and responses when necessary.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for directly supervising all fire department personnel, either directly or through subordinate Captains and other positions; provide direction and guidance, make approvals and recommendations as needed; maintain and promote team-centered participatory management practices.

### JOB CONDITIONS

#### *Work Environment:*

*The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

Work is performed mostly in office settings but often in vehicles and outdoor settings as well. Outdoor work is required in the supervision of employees who are training and in responding to incidents in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during all hours of the day and night. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful conditions. Work may be conducted near machinery and moving parts, and in high or precarious places.

The noise level is generally that expected in a typical office/shop environment but may involve exposure to alarms, sirens, and other loud noises. The employee is routinely exposed to household cleaning supplies and/or basic office supplies (e.g., copy machine toner), vibrations, electrical, chemical, and mechanical hazards, extremes in temperature, and potentially caustic chemicals and gases. Other hazards including smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, and explosives may be encountered while visiting other locations or responding to emergencies.

#### *Physical Demands:*

*The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable*





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*accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.*

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to: Sit or stand in a stationary position for an unspecified duration, perform repetitive movements/motion in job-related tasks, move around in a typical office, shop and plant setting, operate typical office equipment and supplies, climb ladders and stairs, stoop, bend, kneel, crouch or crawl as necessary for various job-related tasks, communicate verbally with others. Visits to field facilities, construction sites or maintenance operations may require walking moderately long distances through steep or uneven ground, including during adverse weather conditions.

Requires normal ability to read and visually process information - specific vision abilities include close, distance, color and peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

The employee must regularly perform Medium Work – lifting and/or exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

The employee must occasionally perform work under extreme physical and environmental conditions and must lift and/or move up to 100 pounds.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School graduate or GED equivalent.

5 or more years of progressively responsible experience in a fire department-related position and demonstrated management responsibilities.

Good knowledge of state and federal laws and procedures relating to fire departments and emergency management.

Advanced knowledge of the Fire/Med Radio system

Computer literate with general knowledge of Microsoft Office and/or Google Docs software applications.

Experience with social media management

Must have a valid state issued Driver's License.

Knowledge of the use of fire records and their application for fire prevention and fire protection administration.

Knowledge of the various functions and dynamics of modern Fire Department operations.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Supervisory and management skills, including mentoring, training, evaluating, disciplining and discharge.

Familiarity with government budgeting, regulatory environment and report preparation.

Instructor I Certification

Red Card (Wildland)

Fire Officer Certification



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## Public Information Officer (PIO) Training

### POSSESSION OR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT:

First Aid & CPR Certification

National Incident Management System Certifications:

IS-700

IS-800

ICS-100

ICS-200

ICS-300

ICS-400

HAZMAT Awareness

HAZMAT Operations

HAZMAT On Scene Incident Commander

Emergency Vehicle Incident Prevention Program (EVIP)

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**I have read and understood the functions, responsibilities and requirements of this position.**

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Signature

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Date



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## Appendix # A-9

### CITY OF STEVENSON INTERNET/INTRANET, PERSONAL COMPUTER, VOICE MAIL AND E-MAIL USE POLICY

#### Section 1 - Purpose

This policy shall govern access to and use of City of Stevenson equipment, telecommunications, and services for employees of the City. The intent of this policy is to provide employees the tools to perform their job tasks without infringing on the rights of others, whether they are public or employee users of the personal computers, computer network, voice mail and Internet/Intranet communications systems. This includes minimizing the risk of computer virus infections, avoiding bandwidth congestion, adhering to software license agreements, and controlling private use of government equipment. This policy addresses issues such as acceptable conduct and usage procedures by public employees when using equipment provided by the employer or provider of such services.

Network and Internet access is provided to city employees as a research and communication tool to assist in conducting City business. Employees are trusted to use good judgment in use of City owned equipment, services (both duration and frequency of use), information technology or other resources.

#### Section 2 - Affected Parties

All City employees including appointed and elected officials, quasi-employees and authorized volunteers who use City equipment, services, and information technology must comply with this policy. All users are expected to use equipment and services in a professional manner.

#### Section 3 - References

The intent of this policy is to address the following Federal and State regulations as they relate to the use of telecommunication equipment and services:

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- The Electronics Communications Privacy Act (ECPA)
- RCW 9.73.030 Privacy Act
- RCW 40.14 Retention, Storage and Destruction of Public Records.
- RCW 42.17 Open Public Records Act
- RCW 42.30 Open Meetings Act

#### Section 4 – Definitions

Terms used for the purposes of this policy --

- 4.1 Discoverable:  
Knowledge that something such as a letter, memo, note or Email or voice mail, may exist and can be requested to be produced as part of an investigation.
- 4.2 Downloading.  
Copying software programs and/or files from a floppy disk, CD ROM disk, or an INTERNET site or from another outside source, on to a City owned computer.
- 4.3 Email:  
Refer to all Electronic Mail software applications, whether INTERNET, LAN or WAN.
- 4.4 Employee:  
Employee means an elected official, officer, employee, quasi-employee, authorized volunteer of the City, who has been elected or appointed, but does not include an independent contractor.



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- 4.5 INTERNET.  
Refers to connectivity with other agencies, networks and/or services.
- 4.6 Official City Business Purposes:  
Those activities performed by an official, employee, or quasi-employee or authorized volunteer of the City, as directed by the City through his/her supervisor in order to accomplish City programs or as required by the duties of his/her position or office.
- 4.7 Posted:  
Refers to World Wide Web (WWW) sites, Email, Voice Mail, news groups or any other network location where information is shared internally or externally.
- 4.8. Public Records:  
Those documents defined in RCW 42.17.020, including the exemptions listed in RCW 42.17.310 and 42.17.315.
- 4.9 Voice Mail:  
Recorded telephone messaging system.
- 4.10 WWW.  
Refers to World Wide Web sites.

### Section 5 - Policies

#### 5.1 City Business Purposes

Use of City computers, network resources (whether LAN, WAN, Internet or Electronic Mail) and voice mail systems, shall be used for City business purposes only, as is the case with all forms of City equipment and resources, except as provided below.

##### 5.1.1 Personal Use of City Computer Equipment

Personal use of City computer equipment may be allowed under the following conditions:

The use is small scale and only done during the employees break time or before or after normal business hours of the employee's department or as an alternate means of contact with family members for scheduling changes and other needs typically allowed under the telephone policy.

The employee has made a detailed and specific request and received prior approval through their supervisor and Department Head/Elected Official for the specific use.

The use will have no impact on other departments, employees, or the public and will not cause network congestion and/or misuse of system resources.

All provisions of this policy regarding inappropriate message content (Section 5.3.4 & 5.4.4), solicitations (Section 5.5), advertising (Section 5.6), campaigning (Section 5.7), public records, and other applicable policies will govern the personal use of City equipment by an employee. Employee shall abide by all policies of appropriate behavior and usage discussed in this policy.

Expenses that would be charged to any member of the public which are incurred due to the use, will be paid to the City. These may include:

Photocopy Machines - same rate charged to the public.

Computers - Reimburse the City for any supplies used (i.e. diskettes, paper for printing) at the rate the department would charge to the public.

Facsimiles Machine - Reimburse for pages sent at same rate charged to public. Employees MAY NOT use FAX machines to send messages to a long distance telephone number unless the call is



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charged to the employee's telephone credit card. Reimburse for pages received to cover cost of supplies.

## 5.2 Computer Viruses

When there is a clear business reason for downloading software and/or files from outside sources, the appropriate anti-virus detection program(s) will be used to prevent infection. Use of the Internet risks exposure to viruses that can cause serious problems if downloaded from the Internet.

## 5.3 Electronic Mail (Email)

### 5.3.1 Disclosure

Electronic Mail (Email is NOT private and may be subject to the Public Disclosure Act, RCW 42.17).

All Email messages, (whether created or received) may be considered "public records" pursuant to the Public Disclosure Act, "if they relate to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function." Subject to certain exceptions, the public has a right to examine most "public records." If Email is used, the user is responsible to comply with the Public Disclosure Act.

Email shall not be used to send confidential information. Email is not an appropriate form of communication with legal counsel when seeking legal advice or transmitting information concerning matters in litigation or disputes which are likely to result in litigation. Inadvertent disclosure or dissemination of the communication could waive the attorney-client privilege.

5.3.2 Requests for Copies of Electronic Mail (Email) Information Request for Email messages, calendars, or records will be treated like any other "public record" in the possession of the City. Email contents may be subject to subpoena in legal matters. The department and/or user cannot destroy or erase "public records" except as allowed in RCW Chapter 40.14. Deleting Email messages from a computer does not guarantee it has been erased from the system. Employees should use good judgment when creating Email and always assume that it is discoverable. The City reserves the right to retrieve and/or review Email messages to monitor or prevent misuse of the system, to measure employee responsiveness, or during the investigations of improper or illegal activities.

### 5.3.3 Retention of Electronic Mail (Email)

Each user is responsible to maintain "public records" as required by law. Messages that may be needed beyond 30 days or that are considered "public records", shall be copied or moved to another storage location. Email messages that contain information that could be considered "public records" under RCW Chapter 42.17, must be printed and included in the subject file, or be retained as word processing documents, by the employee controlling the message.

### 5.3.4 Inappropriate Electronic Mail (Email) Message Content

City network users will refrain from the posting of any materials, which violate federal or State laws and/or City Personnel Policies and/or resolutions. All issues raised in the city's Personnel Policy are applicable. These shall include, but are not limited to, those that constitute; discrimination, sexual, racial, religious harassment, slander and/or defamation towards any individual, corporation, agency or organization and disparagement of any trade or product. City employees shall refrain from any posting or transmittal of materials containing obscene, pornographic or profane materials of any kind, including jokes, cartoons, photographs or any other text based or digitized images. Generally, the same policies of appropriate behavior apply in network usage, as apply in the workplace.

## 5.4 Voice Mail (If Applicable)

### 5.4.1 Disclosure

Voice Mail messages are NOT private. All voice mail messages, (whether created or received) may be considered to be "public records" pursuant to the Public Disclosure Act, RCW 42.17, "if they relate to the



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conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function." Subject to certain exceptions, the public has a right to examine "public records." If Voice Mail is used, the user is responsible to comply with the Public Disclosure Act.

Voice mail shall not be used to send confidential information. Voice mail is not an appropriate form of communication with legal counsel when seeking legal advice or transmitting information concerning matters in litigation or disputes which are likely to result in litigation. Inadvertent disclosure or dissemination of the communication could waive the attorney-client privilege.

### 5.4.2 Requests for Copies of Voice Mail Information

Request for voice mail messages or records will be treated like any other "public record" in the possession of the City. Voice mail contents may be subject to subpoena in legal matters. The department and/or user cannot destroy or erase "public records" except as allowed in RCW Chapter 40.14. Deleting voice mail messages from the telephone system does not guarantee it has been erased. Employees should use good judgment when creating voice mail messages and always assume that it is discoverable. The City reserves the right to retrieve and/or review voice mail messages to monitor or prevent misuse of the system, to measure employee responsiveness, or during the investigations of improper or illegal activities.

### 5.4.3 Retention of Voice Mail Messages

Each user is responsible to maintain "public records" as required by law. Any messages that may be needed shall be copied or moved to another storage location. Voice mail messages that contain information that could be considered "public records" under RCW Chapter 42.17, shall be saved to a computer disk and retained as a word processing document.

### 5.4.4 Inappropriate Voice Mail Message Content

City voice mail users will refrain from leaving messages which violate federal or State laws and/or City Personnel Policies and/or resolutions. These shall include but not be limited to those that constitute; discrimination, sexual, racial, religious harassment, slander and/or defamation towards any individual, corporation, agency or organization and disparagement of any trade or product. City employees shall refrain from leaving any message containing obscene, pornographic or profane information of any kind including jokes. Generally, the same policies of appropriate behavior apply in voice mail usage, as apply in the workplace.

## **5.5 Solicitations**

Employees shall refrain from any type of postings, whether on a Web site, to a news group, via Email, or Voice Mail which constitutes a solicitation of any type (i.e. religious, political, personal gain, or in support of illegal activities.)

## **5.6 Advertising**

Employees shall refrain from any type of postings, whether on a Web site, to a news group, via Email or Voice Mail, which may enter the realm of commercial advertising. When government supplies legislative or other public interest information on the Internet, there is little danger of advertising liability arising from the posting.

## **5.7 Campaigning**

Employees must make certain that information provided about elected officials does not cross the line into campaign advertising. LAN, WAN, Internet and telephone system access are established with taxpayer money and there is a risk of violation of laws when elected officials become the centerpiece of information.

## **5.8 Personal Security**



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Employees should keep personal log-ons and passwords confidential and change passwords on a regular basis as needed. Failure to adhere to this policy jeopardizes network security and puts users at risk of potential misuse of the system by other individuals. Network users may be held responsible for all actions taken using their personal network access permissions.

## **5.9 Limitations on Entry into the City Computer Network**

### 5.9.1 Access to Internet and/or Email Services

Access to Internet and/or Email Services will be coordinated through the City Administrator. This includes the use of independent dial-up Internet Service Providers (ISP's) and dial-up Email services.

### 5.9.2 Access to Information on the City's Computer Network

Access to information contained on the City's computer network shall be based on a need to know and a determination from the appropriate department head.

### 5.9.3 Access to Information on Personal Computer Hard Drives

Information stored on the hard drive of a computer may contain discloseable information, it may contain exempt information, it may contain NON-GOVERNMENTAL information, and it may also contain personal information of the person who is assigned the computer for his or her use (similar to the contents of a desk drawer). Therefore, access to or operation of City computers by persons who are not employees, quasi-employees, authorized volunteers or contractors of the City should not be permitted due to the inability to segregate the information.

### 5.9.4 Data Sharing By and Between Employees

In general City employees may have access into such network-stored data in various departments and servers as are relevant to their jobs. If granted, such access should be coupled with an admonition that the material obtained might be exempt from public inspection and caution should be exercised in order to not violate the rights of privacy of private citizens or create a liability for the disclosure of exempt information and a violation of privacy.

### 5.9.5 Access Levels

Levels of access by executive and management employees should be determined by employment status and the need to know.

All users must submit a completed Internet Usage Agreement to their department head who will assign access levels.

## **5.10 World Wide Web**

### 5.10.1 Internet Access

Permission for employees to access the World Wide Web (WWW) resources will be dependent on approval from elected officials or department heads.

#### 5.10.1.1 Internet Access Audit Logs

The Department Head may revoke permission to access specific sites. Access times may be restricted due to bandwidth congestion and/or misuse of system resources.

### 5.10.2 News Groups

When posting to news groups, City employees will use a disclaimer, such as - "these opinions are mine and not necessarily those of the City". Users shall abide by all other policies of appropriate behavior and usage discussed in this policy.

## **5.11 Copyrights, Trademarks, Patents and Authorship**

### 5.11.1 Conservative and Cautious Approach to Copyrights, etc.



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City employees should take a conservative and cautious approach when dealing with materials that may be copyrighted. In general, if an employee is not sure if materials are copyrighted, they should not be used without permission in writing from the author.

The City will comply with Federal software licensing and copyright law.

Copies are to be made with the copyright holder's permission.

Unauthorized copying of software will be cause for disciplinary action. The City will not defend employees for willful misuse of copyrighted software.

Employee owned software must be accompanied by a valid license as evidence of ownership.

## 5.11.2 Trademarks, Patents and Authorship

Trademark violations can occur when governments publish materials online, and knowingly or unknowingly attach to a publication, or omit from the publication, a registered trademark. Employees publishing materials online will respect trademarks and obtain the appropriate authorizations before publishing the materials.

## **5.12 Public Meetings Regulations Open**

RCW 42.30 addresses regulations concerning public and private meetings. Email or voice mail initiated by a Council person and directed to any other Council person, relating to the conduct of City government, is subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. The City should therefore be cautious in the use of Email and voice mail communication in order to not violate these regulations.

## **5.13 Public Disclosure of Electronic Data and Voice Mail, RCW 42.17**

### 5.13.1 Email (electronic communication from one computer to another or to others) and Voice Mail

Each person and department using Email or voice mail should be familiar with the Public Disclosure Act and the definition of "public records."

When information is initiated by a City employee it is NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE if

- (i) it is of a private nature (non-governmental); or
- (ii) it is within the exemptions from public inspection.

Otherwise, it is subject to public inspection at reasonable times, but not by computer operation by other than City employees or contractors. Preferably, disclosure should be provided by printed document; if by diskette or visual examination of screen, care must be exercised to delete exempt data from disclosure.

### 5.13.2 Other Data

The same rules of disclosure apply to Email and voice mail as to written or printed information. The public's right to inspect and copy remains the same. Because of financial restraints and to protect public records from destruction, requesters of public records should not have access to electronic information. Instead, a City representative should print out a hard copy of the requested information. The public should not be permitted to operate City computers for three reasons:

- 1) Data could be inadvertently erased or destroyed;
- 2) Certain excepted or exempt documents, including personal or confidential material, could inadvertently be disclosed; and





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- 3) Limited resources do not allow us to provide the equipment necessary to permit citizens' access to this information.

### Section 6 - Procedures:

#### 6.1 Enforcement of This Policy (Right to Administer or Revoke Use).

Failure of City employees to adhere to this policy may result in restriction or revocation of access and/or disciplinary action. The City Administrator, Mayor or their designee may access data under an employee's control without the consent of the individual employee when necessary for normal business functions or when the Administrator becomes aware of possible inappropriate Internet use.

The Administrator will investigate the site(s) and/or system(s) and call upon the user to determine how the site is business related. If the Administrator concludes that the site is inappropriate the offense will be logged in the individual's file and a memo forwarded to the employee detailing the offense and potential consequences.

##### 6.1.1 Access Limitation or Revocation

With concurrence of the Mayor, City Administrator or Department Head, employees who are found to have violated this Policy may be subject to the following:

- 1) Internet and Email access may be revoked.
- 2) Access times may be restricted.
- 3) Disciplinary action.

##### 6.1.2 Disciplinary Action

Substantial or repeated abuse of the provisions outlined in this policy may be deemed sufficient justification for immediate discharge.

### Section 7 - Responsibilities:

#### 7.1 Compliance with City Policies

All Department Supervisors, Department Heads and Elected Officials are responsible for ensuring compliance with federal laws and regulations, RCW'S, WAC'S, City Ordinances, resolutions and policies. Employees (excluding Elected Officials) may be disciplined in accordance to the City Personnel Policy and/or applicable union contract for failure to follow this Policy.



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## Internet Policy Waiver Form & Authorization to Use

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
have read and understand the City Computer Network, Internet, Intranet, E-mail and Voice Mail Use Policy.

I understand and agree to follow this policy which includes:

Network resources, whether LAN, WAN, Internet, Electronic Mail or Voice Mail systems should be used for official City business purposes only, as is the case with all forms City of equipment and resources. Personal use of the City equipment discussed in this policy is allowed only as described in Section 5. 1. 1.

Electronic Mail (Email) from an internal system and/or the Internet, is NOT private. All Email messages, (whether created or received) may be considered to be public records pursuant to the Public Disclosure Act, RCW Ch. 42.17, and the public has a right to examine most public records.

The City will maintain and monitor Internet access. Permission to access Internet or specific Internet sites may be revoked by a department head and at times internet access may be restricted due to bandwidth congestion and/or misuse of system resources.

I have read and understand this policy and will abide by its provisions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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## Appendix # A-10

### CITY OF STEVENSON AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS

#### 1) Retail Gasoline Credit Cards

- A. Credit cards may be used for the purchase of gasoline and other minor automotive supplies for City vehicles. Cash advances, purchases of food or other non-automotive related items are not authorized.
- B. No single transaction will exceed \$500.00 unless authorized by the Mayor or City Administrator.
- C. The City Administrator shall be responsible for establishing all credit arrangements and agreements with applicable vendors and managing the use of credit cards by City employees and elected or appointed officials.
  - I. Except when being used by an employee, elected or appointed official to make an authorized transaction, credit cards shall remain in the possession of the City Administrator or designee.
  - II. Any department head, elected or appointed official, or other authorized employee requesting to use a credit card shall make a request to the City Administrator and shall sign for receipt and return of the card. A copy of the receipt for all purchases shall be submitted to the City Administrator when the card is returned.
    - (i) An employee whose job responsibilities would be facilitated by the use of a credit card will be assigned a gas credit card to be used in the day to day operations of the Public Works Department.
  - III. The vendor which carries the account shall be required to submit a bill for the credit card to the City monthly. All charges will be reviewed by the accountable Department Head before being routed to the Accounts Payable Department.
  - IV. The City Administrator may disallow the use of any City credit card by a City employee or official for a violation or misuse of this policy.

#### 1 All Other Credit Cards

- A. The City of Stevenson shall contract with an appropriate banking facility for one VISA credit card account with a limit of \$5,000.00. The City may establish credit arrangements with other vendors from time to time. The City Administrator shall set individual credit limits on each account as they are established, not to exceed \$5,000.00 per account.
- B. Credit cards may be used by City employees, and by the elected or appointed officials, for advance payment of expenses associated with authorized travel such as registration and tuition fees, lodging expenses and transportation expenses,



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- Credit cards may also be used for official government purchases and acquisitions, including supplies, small tools and equipment, capital equipment approved by budget or authorization of the Council, unless the law requires the City to purchase such equipment by bid process.
- C. Credit cards shall not be used for cash advances. If requested, funds for City business travel may be provided to employees and elected or appointed officials from the Travel Advance Account.
  - D. The City Administrator shall be responsible for managing the use of credit cards by City employees and city officials
    - I. Except when being used by an employee or elected or appointed official to make an authorized transaction, credit cards shall remain in the possession of the City administrator or designee.
    - II. Any department head, elected or appointed official, or other authorized employee requesting to use a City VISA or other credit card shall make a request to the City Administrator and shall sign for receipt and return of the card.
    - III. The financial institute or vendor that carries the account shall be required to submit a bill for use of credit cards to the City monthly. All charges will be reviewed by the accountable Department Head before being routed to the Accounts Payable Department.
    - IV. Elected or appointed officials and employees of the City of Stevenson who use the credit cards are required to comply in all respects with the provisions of RCW 42.24.115 regarding the submission of a fully itemized travel expense voucher and a repayment of disallowed charges.
    - V. The City Administrator may disallow the use of any City credit card by a City employee or official for violation of this policy.



# City of Stevenson Personnel Policy

## Appendix # A-11

### Reasonable Suspicion Documentation Form

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm End Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

**APPEARANCE**

- Normal
- Flushed complexion
- Poor hygiene
- Unkempt clothing
- Bloodshot eyes
- Rapid eye movement
- Blank/glazed eyes
- Inability to focus eyes
- Eyes overly sensitive to light
- Frequent use of eye drops
- Trembling/shaking
- Drowsiness

**BEHAVIOR**

- Normal
- Poor balance
- Stumbling
- Swaying
- Staggering
- Unusual gait
- Using arms for balance
- Grabbing for support
- Flailing

**PERSONAL**

- Normal
- Moody/mood swings
- Depressed
- Overly excitable
- Loss of inhibitions
- Risk taking
- Unwarranted confidence

**SPEECH**

- Normal
- Slurred
- Loud
- Incoherent
- Rapid/excessive talk
- Confused/hard to follow
- Exaggerated pronunciation
- Inappropriate laughter
- Whispering
- Non-responsive/silent

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

- Normal
- Poor manual dexterity
- Work errors
- Excessive time off task
- Absent from work station
- Inability to follow directions
- Inattentive
- Customer complaints
- Co-worker complaints

**PHYSICAL**

- Normal
- Complaints of dizziness
- Flu-like symptoms
- Chills
- Low energy
- Bursts of high/low energy

**INTERPERSONAL**

- Normal
- Arguing
- Fighting
- Defensive
- Hostile
- Overly aggressive

**BODY ODORS**

- Normal
- Odor of alcohol on breath
- Body odor of alcohol
- Smell of marijuana on breath or clothes
- Excessive perspiration
- Frequent use of mouthwash breath mints or spray

**AWARENESS**

- Disoriented
- Sleepy
- Stupor
- Suspicious
- Blaming
- Paranoia

Other observed actions or behavior: \_\_\_\_\_

*To the best of my knowledge and belief, this report represents the appearance, behavior, and/or conduct of the above-named employee, observed by me and upon which I base my decision to require said employee to submit to reasonable suspicion drug and/or alcohol testing.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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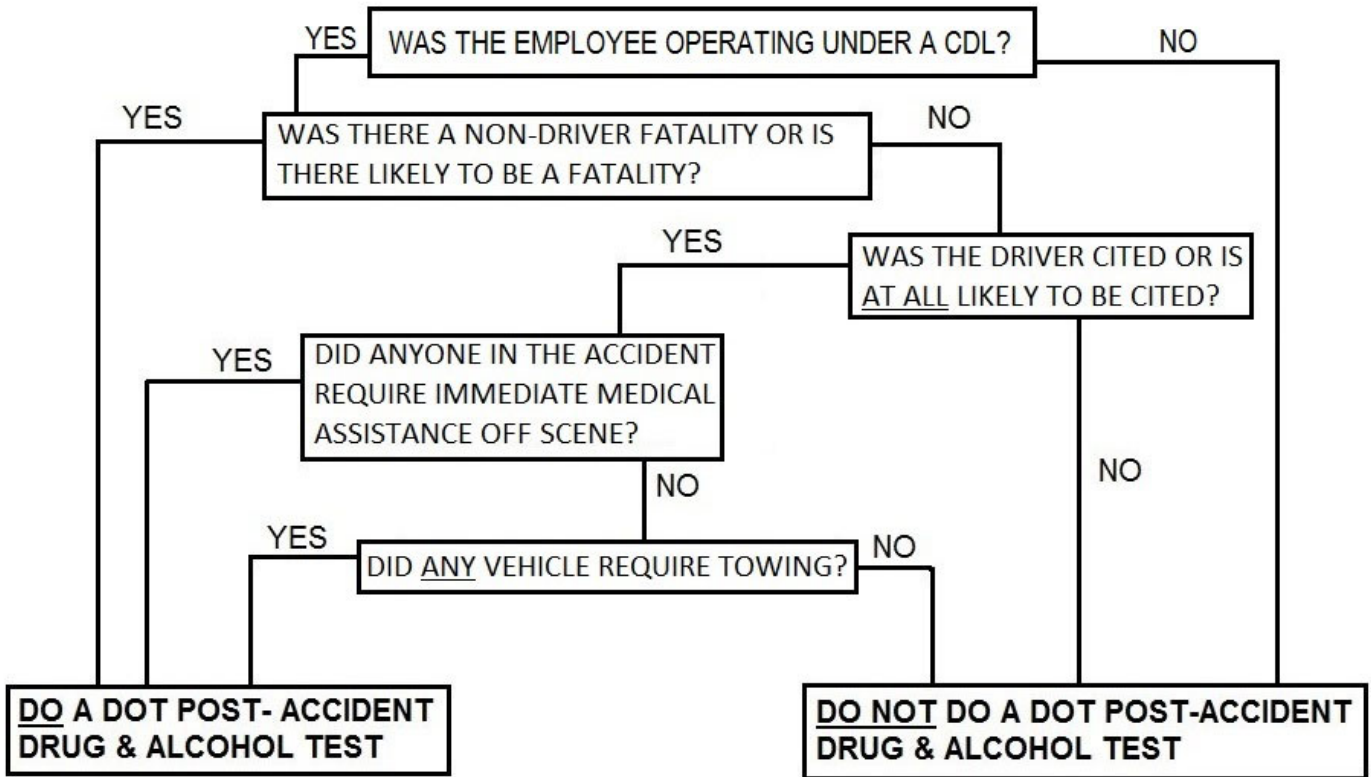
Appendix # A-12

## Post-Accident Checklist

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Accident Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Documenting Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

### Is the employee required to test under DOT?

➤ Circle YES or NO and follow the chart...



*Additional Comments:*

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If the employee is NOT required to test under DOT, what does your **company policy** state... *Do they need to test as a NON-DOT?*

★ **DOT REGULATION TIME LIMITS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:** Employee must test within **32 HOURS** of the accident.  
**ALCOHOL:** Employee must test within **8 HOURS** of the accident.  
 (If the alcohol test is not administered within the first 2 hours, document why.)



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## Appendix # A-13

### Consent for Limited Queries of the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby provide consent to the City of Stevenson, Employee Name  
 hereinafter referred to as the Company and QCL, Inc. as the C/TPA, to conduct a limited query of the FMCSA Commercial Driver’s License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) to determine whether drug or alcohol violation information about me exists in the Clearinghouse. I consent to multiple limited queries, to be conducted for the duration of my employment with the Company; and understand that the number of limited queries is unlimited.

I understand that if the limited query conducted by the Company indicates that drug or alcohol violation information about me exists in the Clearinghouse, FMCSA will not disclose that information to the Company without first obtaining additional specific consent from me. The company will obtain the driver’s electronic consent in the Clearinghouse prior to the release of detailed violation information when a full query is warranted.

I further understand that if I refuse to provide consent for the Company to conduct a limited query of the Clearinghouse, the Company must prohibit me from performing safety-sensitive functions, including driving a commercial motor vehicle, as required by FMCSA’s drug and alcohol program regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Employee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



# City of Stevenson Personnel Policy

## Appendix # A-14

### Driver Evaluation Matrix

The purpose of the Driver Evaluation Matrix is to determine eligibility for an employee when driving is a function of the job.

#### **ONCE ADR IS RECEIVED:**

1. Review the driver's Abstract of Driving Record (ADR) using the Driver Evaluation Matrix shown below.
2. Determine whether driving record is clear, acceptable, borderline or poor.

#### **THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:**

1. Past driving records are highly predictive of future performance as a safe, dependable driver and statistically, there is a high correlation between recent driving history and future accident frequency. A driver, who had four moving violations, more than three years ago, may be a better risk than a driver who has two violations within the last 12 months. However, do not base any hiring, promotion, or transfer decisions solely on this one factor. Persons with borderline ADRs can be advised of their status and coached to improve.
2. Consider the applicability of the individual's past violations to the job the applicant or employee will perform.
3. Review the details of the violations listed on the ADR with the applicant/employee to determine if any extenuating circumstances exist regarding the violation.
4. Accidents listed on ADRs are coded with a two-digit number (e.g. 01-CAR, 02-CAR) that indicates the number of vehicles involved in the particular accident. This number is NOT an indication the driver was or was not at fault.
5. Most convictions and violations are kept on an ADR for five years from the date of conviction or adjudication. Departmental actions, such as, suspensions, revocations, or disqualifications are kept on an ADR for ten years from final release date. Certain violations appear on an ADR in perpetuity, such as alcohol-related convictions, vehicular assault and vehicular homicide convictions and deferred prosecutions.

Under Washington State law, employers are not allowed to consider violations that occurred more than ten years ago, unless the position involves law enforcement, school districts, or the direct responsibility for children, mentally ill, developmentally delayed, or vulnerable adults. Federal law imposes no similar date restriction but requires employers to take into account the age of the violation, the nature of the violation, and the relationship of the violation to the job.





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*Authorized drivers should only be allowed to operate a vehicle on behalf of the City if their driving record demonstrates they will be a safe driver. Those possessing an invalid or suspended license are not eligible to operate a vehicle, for the City under any circumstances.*

Moving Violations	# of Accidents (at-fault)			
	0	1	2	3+
0	CLEAR	A	A	B
1	A	A	B	P
2	A	B	P	P
3+	B	P	P	P
Major	P	P	P	P

A = Acceptable: Those with none or fewer than three points.

B = Borderline: Management should give consideration prior to placing or maintaining this individual in a driving position and may want to provide additional training or other requirements.

P = Poor: Management should give serious consideration to not placing or maintaining this individual in a driving position.

Major Violations include:

- DUI – Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Negligent homicide in the use of a motor vehicle
- Using a motor vehicle for the commission of a felony
- Operating a vehicle without a valid unsuspended license
- Aggravated assault with a motor vehicle
- Grand theft of a motor vehicle
- Reckless driving or speed contest/racing
- Hit and run (bodily injury and/or property damage)

Moving Violations include violations other than Major Violations. These consist of speeding and other moving traffic infractions. See WAC 308-104-160. Traffic photo enforcement and parking tickets do not appear on driving records as Moving Violations. If multiple citations are issued on the same day, they will be counted as a single violation.



# City of Stevenson

## Planning Department

(509)427-5970

7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371  
Stevenson, Washington 98648

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Ben Shumaker  
**DATE:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** ZON2024-02: Rezone Request: R2 to R3 on Lasher Street

### **Introduction**

The City Council is asked to take public testimony on a request to rezone approximately 0.52 acres<sup>1</sup> of land from R2 Two-Family Residential to R3 Multi-Family Residential. After closing the public hearing, a provisional decision is expected.

### **Recommended Action**

The Planning Commission reviewed the request on March 10<sup>th</sup> and recommended Council approval.

### **Guiding City Policies**

#### *Zoning Code*

#### ZMC 17.08.030 – Purpose of Zoning Map

The Zoning Map adopted for the City is an official map and land use policy to control and direct the use and development of property in the municipal territory by dividing it comprehensively into districts according to the present and potential use of the properties.

#### SMC 17.50.010 – Boundary or Zone Changes

The Council may, upon proper application, upon recommendation of the planning commission, or upon its own motion, after public hearing and referral to and report from the planning commission, change by resolution the district boundary lines or zone classification as shown on the zoning map, provided such change is duly considered in relationship to a comprehensive plan.

#### *Comprehensive Plan*

Goal 2: "Development within the Urban Area wisely considers the long-term interests of the community"

- 2.7-2 Balance the availability of sufficient land for various uses when designating Future Land Use and Zoning districts.
- 2.7-3 Consider infill potential when designating Future Land Use and Zoning districts, especially with regard to multi-family housing.
- 2.7-5 Consider location and suitability of land for urban uses and established need when designating Future Land Use and Zoning districts.
- 2.12 Facilitate and encourage the use of innovative building types and land development patterns that encourage conservation of energy and other resources.
- 2.14 Ensure development review processes are prompt, predictable, open, and uncomplicated.

Goal 3: "A variety of housing options accommodates all residents"

<sup>1</sup> This is the lot area as reported by the applicant in the application. There is reason to believe less than 0.52 acres available for development. See public comments from L. Miller and S. Patton.

- 3.1 Periodically review and revise land development regulations for residential areas to accommodate changing social and economic needs of residents.
- 3.2 Encourage a range of residential land uses, housing sizes, types, and price ranges and establish appropriate development criteria.
- 3.2-2 Ensure adequate and buildable areas for multi-family housing development.

Future Land Use Map: ...The Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map is crucial for showing clearly and concisely how the Goals, Objectives, and Tactics contained in Chapter 3 relate to the Population Report in Appendix C. This map designates all areas of the City and Urban Area according to five basic land use designations describing where population and business growth will occur and how the City intends for lands to be used in the future.

The Future Land Use designations are not zoning districts, and the Future Land Use Map is not a zoning map. Whereas the City of Stevenson Zoning Map is an official regulatory document adopted by ordinance through the Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map is a guidance document that will be used to shape future decisions about annexations, land development policies, the size and timing of capital facility upgrades, changes to existing zoning designations, and those purposes indicated in RCW 35A.63.080...

High Density Residential (HDR)

An area dominated by multi-family housing or single-family housing on lots smaller than 15,000 square feet. Residential uses in these areas are often mixed with institutions, utilities, schools, and parks and/or located in close proximity to commercial uses more characteristic of urban areas. Development within a High Density Residential area almost exclusively requires extension of, or connection to, public water and sewer systems. Development patterns in these areas encourage connected street networks with pedestrian and bicycle facilities providing connections to abutting neighborhoods, schools, parks, and business centers. High Density Residential areas may be subcategorized by single-family or multi-family designations, and public use designations....

**Background**

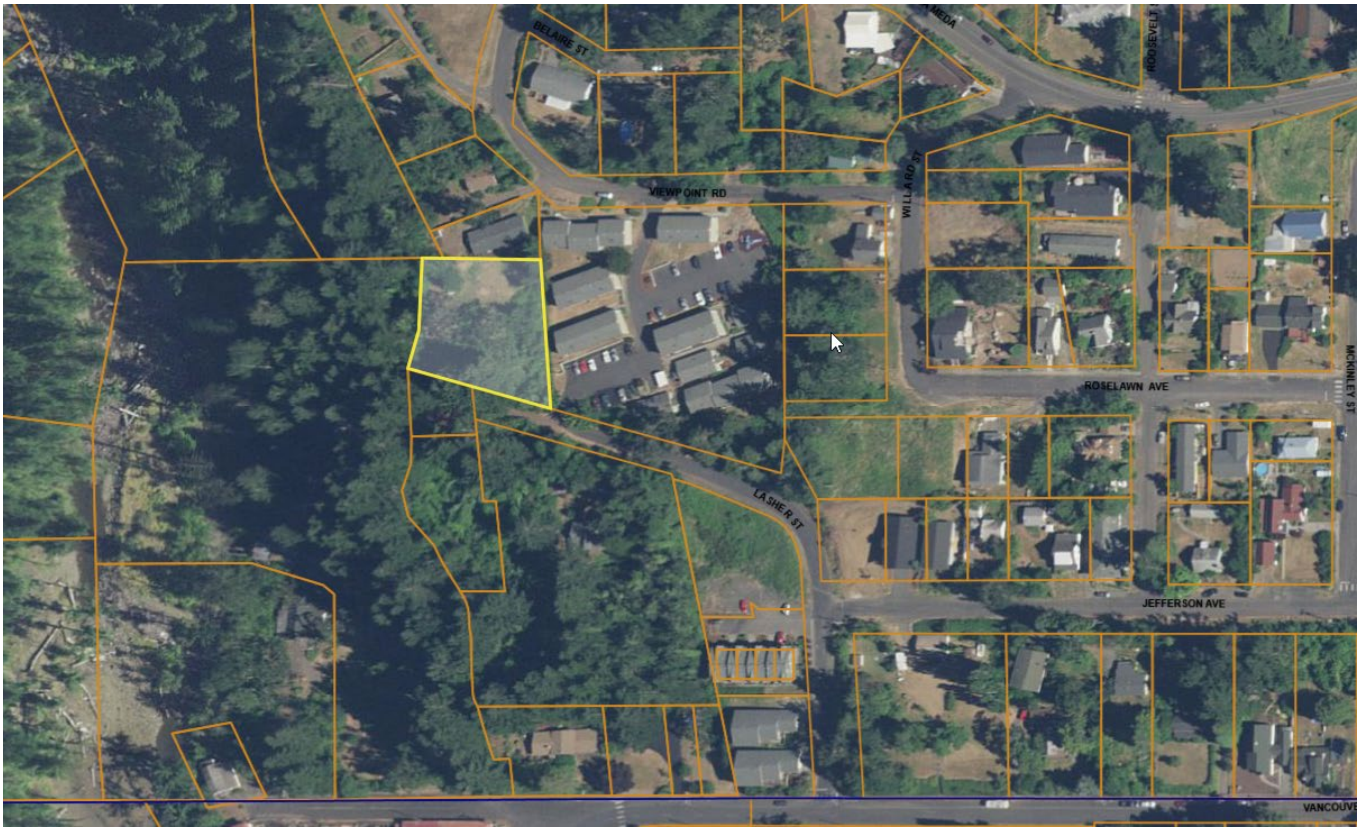
*Site Characteristics*

Subject Parcel				
Owner(s)	Tax Lot #	Zoning District	Current Use	Parcel Size
Green Gorge, LLC	03-07-36-4-3-1800-00	R2	Vacant Land	~0.52 ac (~22,650 sf)*

*Surrounding Property Characteristics*

	Zoning	Land Use
<b>Subject Property</b>	R2 Two Family	Vacant
North	R2 Two-Family	Single-Family Residence/Vacant Land
East	R3 Multi-Family	36 Unit Multi-Family
South	R3 Multi-Family	Single-Family Residences
West	R3 Multi-Family	Single-Family Residence

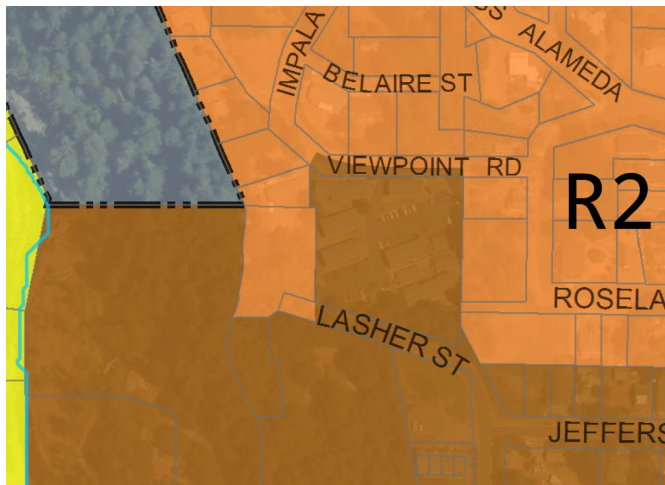
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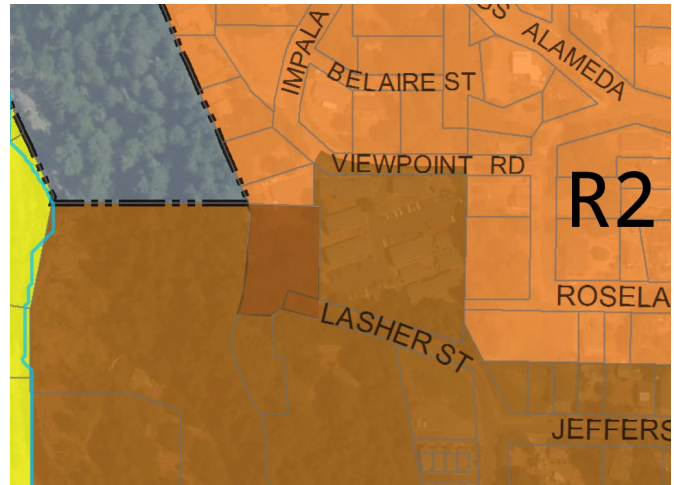
**Zoning Comparison**

<i>Text Comparison</i>					
<b>Allowed Use Comparison</b>				<b>Allowed Density</b>	
	<b>R2 (Existing)</b>	<b>R3 (Request)</b>		<b>R2 (Existing)</b>	<b>R3 (Request)</b>
<b>Travel Trailer</b>	Prohibited	Not Listed	<b>Minimum Lot Area</b>	5,000 sf + 2,000 sf per Unit over 1	2,000 sf per Unit
<b>Townhome</b>	Conditional	Principal	<b>Maximum Number Lots</b>	3 Duplex-4 Single Family Lots	11 Single-Family Lots
<b>Assisted Living Facility</b>	Unlisted	Conditional	<b>Maximum Density</b>	2 per lot	1 per 2,000 sf lot area
<b>Nursing Home</b>	Unlisted	Conditional	<b>Maximum Units</b>	7 units	11 units
<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>	Conditional	Principal			
<b>Hostel</b>	Conditional	Principal			
<b>Hotel</b>	Prohibited	Conditional			
<b>Public Access EV Station</b>	Unlisted	Conditional			
<b>Street-Side EV Station</b>	Unlisted	Conditional			
<b>Subsistence Gardening</b>	Principal	Accessory			
<b>Nursery (Plants)</b>	Unlisted	Conditional			

Current Zoning Map



Requested Zoning Map



### **Staff Analysis**

The subject property lies within the HDR – High Density Residential area of the Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map. This designation would support both the existing zoning designation and the requested change.

The subject property is the only property abutting Lasher Street which does not bear the requested R3 Multi-Family Residential zoning designation. There is no apparent rationale for the disparate treatment of the subject property.

### **Next Steps & Public Involvement**

Notice of the meeting has been mailed to the owners of all property within 300 feet of the subject property, posted in 3 locations near the site, and published in the *Skamania County Pioneer*. The proposal has been reviewed under the State Environmental Policy Act and a mitigated determination of nonsignificance was issued. The mitigation measure relates to the transportation impact of the site’s increased potential for development. The 14-day comment period on the SEPA threshold determination closes on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of this writing, no comments have been submitted related to it.

The City Council is encouraged to read the written public comments attached to this report and listen to any verbal testimony provided at the public hearing and render a provisional decision on the application. If the decision is to approve the rezoning request, then an updated map will be prepared for final adoption at the April regular meeting.

Prepared by,

Ben Shumaker  
Community Development Director

### **Attachment**

- 1- Application to Rezone
- 2- Future Land Use Map
- 3- Draft Planning Commission Minutes
- 4- Ex Parte Communications
  - A. S. Patton Email 3/10/2025 (A) (Anderson, Cox, Rice)
  - B. S. Patton Email 3/10/2025 (B) (Anderson, Cox, Rice)
  - C. S. Patton Email 3/10/2025 (C) (Anderson, Cox, Rice)
  - D. S. Patton Email 3/10/2025 (D) (Anderson, Cox, Rice)

- E. S. Patton Email 3/10/2025 (E) (Anderson, Cox, Rice)
  - F. S. Patton Email 3/10/2025 (F) (Anderson, Cox, Johnson, Lauser, Oldfield, Rice)
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  - J. S. Patton Email 3/11/2025 (C) (Anderson, Cox, Johnson, Lauser, Oldfield, Rice)
  - K. S. Patton Email 3/29/2025 (Anderson, Cox, Johnson, Lauser, Oldfield, Rice)
- 5- Draft Resolution
  - 6- Public Comments
    - A. L. Miller Email 3/24/2025



# ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Mail: PO Box 371, Stevenson, Washington 98648 Email: [planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us) Phone: (509)427-5970

**Applicant/Contact:** Green Gorge LLC

Mailing Address: PO Box 130 North Bonneville WA 98639

Phone: 360-609-2212 E-Mail Address: Brian@gorgeconstruction.com

**Property Owner** (when applicable): Same

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If There are Additional Property Owners, Please Attach Additional Pages and Signatures as Necessary

## Submittal Requirements

*Applicants must provide the following information for all Zoning Amendment Applications. The City will not accept applications without the required information.*

- Application Fee (\$ 1500.00 )
- Agreement to Pay Outside Consulting Fees (When applicable)
- Completed Application Signed by the Applicant and Requesting Property Owners or their Representatives
- Letter Requesting the Zoning Change and Stating the Reasons for the Request
- Associated SEPA Application

*The following information is required for any proposed Text Amendment to the Stevenson Zoning Code. Proposed changes to the regulations are reviewed pursuant to SMC 17.52.020*

Specific Draft Changes to the Regulatory Text

*The following information is required for any proposed Rezone of Property on the Stevenson Zoning Map. Proposed changes to district boundary lines or zone classifications are reviewed pursuant to SMC 17.50.010.*

- Copies of the Subject Property Title(s) or other Proof of Ownership
- Descriptions of any Existing Restrictive Covenants or Conditions
- Site Plan Showing Existing and Proposed Zoning of the Rezone Area and all Adjacent Lands

*In addition to the information for a Rezone, the following information is required for any proposed Resolution of Intent to Rezone the Stevenson Zoning Map. This form of contract zoning is reviewed pursuant to SMC 17.48.*

Site Plan Containing all Information Listed in SMC 17.48.040

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SUBMIT TO:  
City Hall  
7121 E Loop Road

# Zoning Amendment Application

Zoning Amendments are undertaken according to the criteria and procedures in SMC 17.48 and SMC 17.50. Zoning Amendments are reviewed by the Planning Commission, which provides a report and recommendation to the City Council who make the final decision. Public hearings are held for all types of Zoning Amendments pursuant to SMC 17.12.060.

## Property Information

Applicants must provide the following information for all Rezones of Property and Resolutions of Intent to Rezone. The City will not accept applications without the required information.

Property Address (Or Nearest Intersection): 80 Lasher St  
 Tax Parcel Number: 03-07-36-4-3-1800-00 Existing Zoning: R2  
 Size of Rezone Area: .52 Acre Proposed Zoning: R3  
 # Legal Lots In Area: 1 Future Land Use Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Supply Source:  City  Well Sewage Disposal Method:  City  Septic  
 Current Uses of Land:  Multi-Family  Single-Family  Commercial  Vacant/Other

Brief Narrative of Request \_\_\_\_\_  
Wanting To Rezone To Create More Density Due To Limited Building Area In City And  
Housing Shortage  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

As proponents and/or the property owners of the real property described in this proposal, our signatures indicate our approval of this proposal, with the understanding that the proposal is subject to review, approval, and/or denial under SMC Title 17.

I/we hereby provide written authorization for the City to reasonably access to the subject property to examine the proposal and carry out the administrative duties of the Stevenson Municipal Code.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. • Ensure all required submittals are included.

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 12/17/24

Signature of Property Owner(when applicable): GG LLC Date: 09/01/25  
GG LLC (Jan 9, 2025 10:52 PST)

For Official Use Only:  
 Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Application Complete: \_\_\_\_\_









# 2\_Application

Final Audit Report

2025-01-09

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12/17/24

To: City Of Stevenson

Re: 80 Lasher St – Rezone Application

To Whom It May Concern,

Green Gorge LLC purchased the property at this address that sits next to a higher density piece that currently is an apartment complex.

Our intent to rezone 80 Lasher St. is to allow for greater density to fulfill the need for more housing units in the area. With the current shortage of housing units in the city, we believe that allowing this rezone will work toward easing this issue.

Regards,



Michael A Green

Green Gorge LLC

## Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

## **A. Background**

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Green Gorge LLC**
  
- 2. Name of applicant: Green Gorge LLC**
  
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**  
**Green Gorge LLC – Mike Green 360-518-1476 / Brian McKenzie 360-609-2212**  
**PO Box 130 North Bonneville, WA 98639**
  
- 4. Date checklist prepared: 11/21/24**
  
- 5. Agency requesting checklist:**  
**City Of Stevenson WA**
  
- 6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Rezone Prior To End Of First Quarter Of 2025 – Vertical Construction To Start In Spring Of 2025**
  
- 7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain: None At This Time**
  
- 8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal: No Additional Information At This Time**
  
- 9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**  
**There Is A Possible Improvement To Lasher St. In The Works - Unclear If It Will Take Place**
  
- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**  
**Approval To Rezone – Right Of Way Permitting**
  
- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

The Proposed Plan Is To Gain Rezone (Matching 3 of 4 Of The Neighboring Properties) And Build To Higher Density Than Is Allowed Currently To Help Meet The Housing Shortfall In The Community.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Property Is Addressed As 80 Lasher St. Stevenson WA 98648

## B.Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions](#)<sup>2</sup>

- a. General description of the site: Vacant Land – Generally Vegetated With A Few Fir Trees

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

- b. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Generally Binding Silty Materials With Round Rock Present

- c. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

The Northwest Corner Has A Section Of Scarp That Protrudes Roughly 8' Into The Property From An Ancient Landslide

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<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

- d. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill:  
**Construction Will Net Roughly 200 CY Of Materials To Be Distributed Onsite**
- e. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.  
  
Erosion Control BMP's Will Be Strictly Abided During Construction – All Erosive Areas To Be Covered At Final Of Each Phase Of Construction
- f. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?  
  
35 %
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.  
  
Landscape / Hardscapes to prevent any erosion after construction

## 2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)<sup>3</sup>

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. During Civil Construction – Minor Dust From Earth Disturbance – During Vertical – Minor Dust. No Emissions At Final Completion
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe: None Known At This Time
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:  
Standard BMP's Will Be Abided By During All Phases Of Construction

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<sup>3</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

### 3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)<sup>4</sup>

**a. Surface:**

N/A

1. **Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into: N/A**
2. **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans: N/A**
3. **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material : None**
4. **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known: No**
5. **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan: No**
6. **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge: No**

**b. Ground:**

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)<sup>5</sup>

1. **Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known: No**

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<sup>4</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

<sup>5</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve: None – Public Sewer At Site

**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe: Rainwater Will Be Distributed Onsite Most Likely In An Underground Infiltration Trench
  2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.  
No
  3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe: No
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: None Should Be Required

## 4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
  - evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
  - shrubs
  - grass
  - pasture
  - crop or grain
  - orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
  - wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
  - water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
  - other types of vegetation



- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? Field Grass And Some Trees To Clear Site For Building Envelope**
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site: None**
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: Landscape Will Be Native Species And/Or Lawn**
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site: None Present**

## **5. Animals**

[Find help answering animal questions](#)<sup>6</sup>

- a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

**Examples include:**

- **Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: None**
- **Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: Neighborhood Deer Time To Time**
- **Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: None**

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site: None**
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain: N/A**
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: N/A**
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site: None**

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<sup>6</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

## 6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)<sup>7</sup>

- a. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.: Electric Only For Heating / Cook Range / Microwave / Water Heaters**
  
- b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe: No**
  
- c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: Energy Efficient Heat Pump / Furnace – Water Heaters**

## 7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)<sup>8</sup>

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe: None**
  1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses: None**
  
  2. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity: None**
  
  3. **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project: None**
  
  4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required: None**

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<sup>7</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

<sup>8</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: N/A

**b. Noise**

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? None Out Of The Ordinary Neighborhood Traffic Noise
  
2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)? Ordinary Construction Noise – Operating Hours Will Abide By City Of Stevenson Operating Hours
  
3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: None

**8. Land and shoreline use**

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions<sup>9</sup>](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe Residential Single-Family Property All Around Except Apartments To The East Of The Project – (White Cap Apartments)
  
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use: N/A Residential Zoning Currently
  1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: N/A

c. Describe any structures on the site: None

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<sup>9</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

- d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what: None**
- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site: R2**
- f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site: Residential**
- g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site:  
N/A**
- h. **Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify: There Is A Small Portion Of NW Portion Of Property That Is Possibly Scarp Area From An Ancient Landslide.**
- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
TBD**
- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? None**
- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: None**
- l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: Same Use – Application Will Change Zoning For Density**
- m. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: None**

## 9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)<sup>10</sup>

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing: Up To 10 Middle Class Housing Units**
- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing: None**

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<sup>10</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: N/A

## 10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)<sup>11</sup>

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? 28' Peak Height – Lap Or Rough Sawn Siding TBD
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: None

## 11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)<sup>12</sup>

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? Exterior Lighting At Night
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? None
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: None

## 12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? County Fair Grounds – Hiking – Biking – Swimming – Paddling And Wind Sports On The Columbia River

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<sup>11</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

<sup>12</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe:**  
None
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:** None

### 13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)<sup>13</sup>

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe:** Possibly Older Homes In the Near Vicinity Could Date This Far Back – To Our Knowledge There Are None Eligible For Registering At This Time
- b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources:** None
- c. **Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.:** N/A
- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required :** N/A

### 14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)<sup>14</sup>

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any:**  
Lasher Street Provides Ingress / Egress To The Site

<sup>13</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

<sup>14</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? **Not Currently Serviced – Nearest Bus Stop Would Be On Hwy 14 In Stevenson**
- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **None**
- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe: **No**
- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? \*\*\* **Undetermined At This Time**
- f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.  
**No**
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **None**

## 15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions<sup>15</sup>](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe: **None But Standard Impact With Population Growth**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any: **None**

## 16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions<sup>16</sup>](#)

<sup>15</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

<sup>16</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: **electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed: **Public Sewer / Water / Garbage Service – City Of Stevenson Electricity – Skamania PUD Communications – Zply Fiber Or Comcast**

## C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)<sup>17</sup>

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

X 

Type name of signee: Mike Green – Brian McKenzie

Position and agency/organization: Owners – Green Gorge LLC

Date submitted: 11/22/24

## D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)<sup>18</sup>

Do not use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise: **This Project Should Provide Little To No Impact On All Items**

<sup>17</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

<sup>18</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>



- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: Standard Building Practices Including BMP'S**
- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? Little to No Impact**
- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: Project To Be Landscaped On Completion**
- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources: No Impact Rather Than Normal Residential Use**
- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: Energy Efficient Appliances And Heating Units**
- 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands: N/A**
- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: N/A**
- 5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans : N/A**
- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A**
- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities: None Rather Than Normal Residential Use**
- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: None**

**7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment: None**

When recorded return to:

Gorge Homes LLC  
PO Box 130  
North Bonneville, WA 98639

## STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

Filed for record request of:  
Columbia Gorge Title  
Reference: S-24-298

### THE GRANTOR(S)

Bruce A. Isaacson and Linda K. Isaacson, husband and wife and Harold Pidgeon and Mary Pidgeon, husband and wife,

for and in consideration of  
Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration (\$10.00)

in hand paid, conveys and warrants to

THE GRANTEE(S)

~~GREEN HORSE~~ LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company  
Green Gorge

*BM MG*  
*BR LKS*

the following described real estate, situated in the County of Skamania, State of Washington:

FOR PROPERTY DESCRIPTION SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART  
HEREOF.

Abbreviated Legal: (Required if full legal not inserted above.)

Ptn. Sec 36, T3N, R7E W.M.

SUBJECT TO SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS 10-15 OF THE PRELIMINARY TITLE REPORT DATED JULY 15,  
2024, FILE NUMBER S-24-298, A COPY OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO THE GRANTOR AND GRANTEE  
HEREIN NAMED.

Tax Parcel Number(s): 03-07-36-4-3-1800-00

Dated: 10/28/24

Bruce A. Isaacson  
Bruce A. Isaacson

Linda K. Isaacson  
Linda K. Isaacson

Harold Pidgeon  
Harold Pidgeon

Mary Pidgeon  
Mary Pidgeon

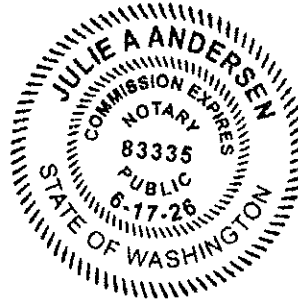
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF SKAMANIA

This record was acknowledged before me on 28 day of October, 2024 by Bruce A Isaacson, Linda K Isaacson, Harold Pidgeon and Mary Pidgeon.

Julie Andersen  
Signature

Notary Public  
Title

My commission expires: June 17, 2026



**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Property Address: 80 Lasher Street, Stevenson, WA 98648  
Tax Parcel Number(s): 03-07-36-4-3-1800-00

**Property Description:**

A tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 7 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Quarter Corner of the South Line of the said Section 36; thence West along said South Line 289.7 feet; thence North 05° 30' West 465.4 feet to the initial point of the tract hereby described; thence North 05° 30' West 40 feet; thence South 74° East 100 feet; thence North 181.25 feet to the North Line of a tract of land conveyed to Mabel J. Jeter by deed dated April 4, 1947, recorded under Auditors File No. 36513 at Page 342 of Book 31 of Deeds, Records of Skamania County, State of Washington; thence West 136.66 feet to the brow of Rock Creek Canyon; thence in a Southerly direction following the brow of said canyon to a point due West of the initial point; thence East to the initial point.

EXCEPT that portion Conveyed to House Our People Enterprises, Inc., recorded in Book 79, Page 13.

FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian, Skamania County, Washington, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 7 of MEAGHERS ADDITION to Stevenson, as shown in Volume 'A' of plats, Page 120, records of said county, said point being marked by a 5/8" rebar and yellow plastic cap as shown in record of survey Auditor's file number 2022000368 records of said county, said point also being the Northeast corner of that tract of land conveyed to Bruce A. Isaacson et ux, as described in Auditor's file number 2015001943 records of said county,

Thence South 02° 56' 39" East, along the East line of said "Isaacson parcel" 54.00 feet,

Thence leaving said East line, South 72° 16' 30" West, 57.00 feet,

Thence North 86° 29' 07" West, 97.74 feet to the West line of said "Isaacson parcel",

Thence along said West line, North 03° 39' 22" East, 70.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said "Isaacson parcel"

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# Real Estate Excise Tax Affidavit (RCW 82.45 WAC 458-81A)

Only for sales in a single location code on or after November 1, 2024.  
This affidavit will not be accepted unless all areas on all pages are fully and accurately completed.  
This form is your receipt when stamped by cashier. Please type or print.

Check box if partial sale, indicate % \_\_\_\_\_ sold.

List percentage of ownership acquired next to each name.

**1 Seller/Grantor**

Name Bruce A. Issacson and Linda K. Issacson, husband and wife and Harold Pidgeon and Mary Pidgeon, husband and wife

Mailing address 231 Panther Creek Road

City/state/zip Carson, WA 98610

Phone (including area code) (541) 980-9288

**2 Buyer/Grantee**

Name Green Gorge LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company

Mailing address PO Box 130

City/state/zip North Bonneville, WA 98639

Phone (including area code) (360) 609-2212

**3** Send all property tax correspondence to:  Same as Buyer/Grantee

Name Green Gorge LLC, A Washington Limited Liability Company

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_

List all real and personal property tax parcel account numbers	Personal property?	Assessed value(s)
<u>03-07-36-4-3-1800-00</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$ 92,000.00</u>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

**4** Street address of property 80 NW Lasher Rd., Stevenson WA 98648

This property is located in Skamania County  (for unincorporated locations please select your county)

Check box if any of the listed parcels are being segregated from another parcel, are part of a boundary line adjustment or parcels being merged.

Legal description of property (if you need more space, attach a separate sheet to each page of the affidavit).

See Attached Exhibit "A"

**5** 91 - Undeveloped land (land only)

Enter any additional codes \_\_\_\_\_  
(see back of last page for instructions)

Was the seller receiving a property tax exemption or deferral under RCW 84.36, 84.37, or 84.38 (nonprofit org., senior citizen or disabled person, homeowner with limited income)?  Yes  No

Is this property predominately used for timber (as classified under RCW 84.34 and 84.33) or agriculture (as classified under RCW 84.34.020) and will continue in it's current use? If yes and the transfer involves multiple parcels with different classifications, complete the predominate use calculator (see instructions).  Yes  No

**6** Is this property designated as forest land per RCW 84.33?  Yes  No

Is this property classified as current use (open space, farm and agricultural, or timber) land per RCW 84.34?  Yes  No

Is this property receiving special valuation as historical property per RCW 84.26?  Yes  No

If any answers are yes, complete as instructed below.

**(1) NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE (FOREST LAND OR CURRENT USE)**  
NEW OWNER(S): To continue the current designation as forest land or classification as current use (open space, farm and agriculture, or timber) land, you must sign on (3) below. The county assessor must then determine if the land transferred continues to qualify and will indicate by signing below. If the land no longer qualifies or you do not wish to continue the designation or classification, it will be removed and the compensating or additional taxes will be due and payable by the seller or transferor at the time of sale (RCW 84.33.140 or 84.34.108). Prior to signing (3) below, you may contact your local county assessor for more information.

This land:  does  does not qualify for continuance.

Deputy assessor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE (HISTORIC PROPERTY)**  
NEW OWNER(S): To continue special valuation as historic property, sign (3) below. If the new owner(s) doesn't wish to continue, all additional tax calculated pursuant to RCW 84.26, shall be due and payable by the seller or transferor at the time of sale.

**(3) NEW OWNER(S) SIGNATURE**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_

**8** I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT

Signature of grantor or agent Bruce A. Issacson  
Name (print) Bruce A Issacson  
Date & city of signing 11/5/24 Stevenson

Signature of grantee or agent Brian McKenzie  
Name (print) Brian McKenzie  
Date & city of signing 11/5/24 Stevenson, WA

Perjury in the second degree is a class C felony which is punishable by confinement in a state correctional institution for a maximum term of five years, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court of not more than \$10,000, or by both such confinement and fine (RCW 9A.72.030 and RCW 9A.20.021(1)(c)).  
To ask about the availability of this publication in an alternate format for the visually impaired, please call 360-705-6705. Teletype (TTY) users may use the WA Relay Service by calling 711.

**7** List all personal property (tangible and intangible) included in selling price.  
If claiming an exemption, enter exemption code and reason for exemption. \*See dor.wa.gov/REET for exemption codes\*  
Exemption No. (sec/sub) \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for exemption \_\_\_\_\_

Type of document Statutory Warranty Deed  
Date of document October 28, 2024

Gross selling price	<u>87,900.00</u>
*Personal property (deduct)	<u>0.00</u>
Exemption claimed (deduct)	<u>0.00</u>
Taxable selling price	<u>87,900.00</u>
Excise tax: state	
Less than \$525,000.01 at 1.1%	<u>966.90</u>
From \$525,000.01 to \$1,525,000 at 1.28%	<u>0.00</u>
From \$1,525,000.01 to \$3,025,000 at 2.75%	<u>0.00</u>
Above \$3,025,000 at 3%	<u>0.00</u>
Agricultural and timberland at 1.28%	<u>0.00</u>
Total excise tax: state	<u>966.90</u>
0.0025 Local	<u>219.75</u>
*Delinquent interest: state	<u>0.00</u>
Local	<u>0.00</u>
*Delinquent penalty	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>1,186.65</u>
*State technology fee	<u>5.00</u>
Affidavit processing fee	<u>0.00</u>
Total due	<u>1,191.65</u>

**A MINIMUM OF \$10.00 IS DUE IN FEE(S) AND/OR TAX**  
\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 7 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Quarter Corner of the South Line of the said Section 36; thence West along said South Line 289.7 feet; thence North 05° 30' West 465.4 feet to the initial point of the tract hereby described; thence North 05° 30' West 40 feet; thence South 74° East 100 feet; thence North 181.25 feet to the North Line of a tract of land conveyed to Mabel J. Jeter by deed dated April 4, 1947, recorded under Auditors File No. 36513 at Page 342 of Book 31 of Deeds, Records of Skamania County, State of Washington; thence West 136.66 feet to the brow of Rock Creek Canyon; thence in a Southerly direction following the brow of said canyon to a point due West of the initial point; thence East to the initial point.

EXCEPT that portion Conveyed to House Our People Enterprises, Inc., recorded in Book 79, Page 13.

FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian, Skamania County, Washington, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 7 of MEAGHERS ADDITION to Stevenson, as shown in Volume 'A' of plats, Page 120, records of said county, said point being marked by a 5/8" rebar and yellow plastic cap as shown in record of survey Auditor's file number 2022000368 records of said county, said point also being the Northeast corner of that tract of land conveyed to Bruce A. Isaacson et ux, as described in Auditor's file number 2015001943 records of said county,

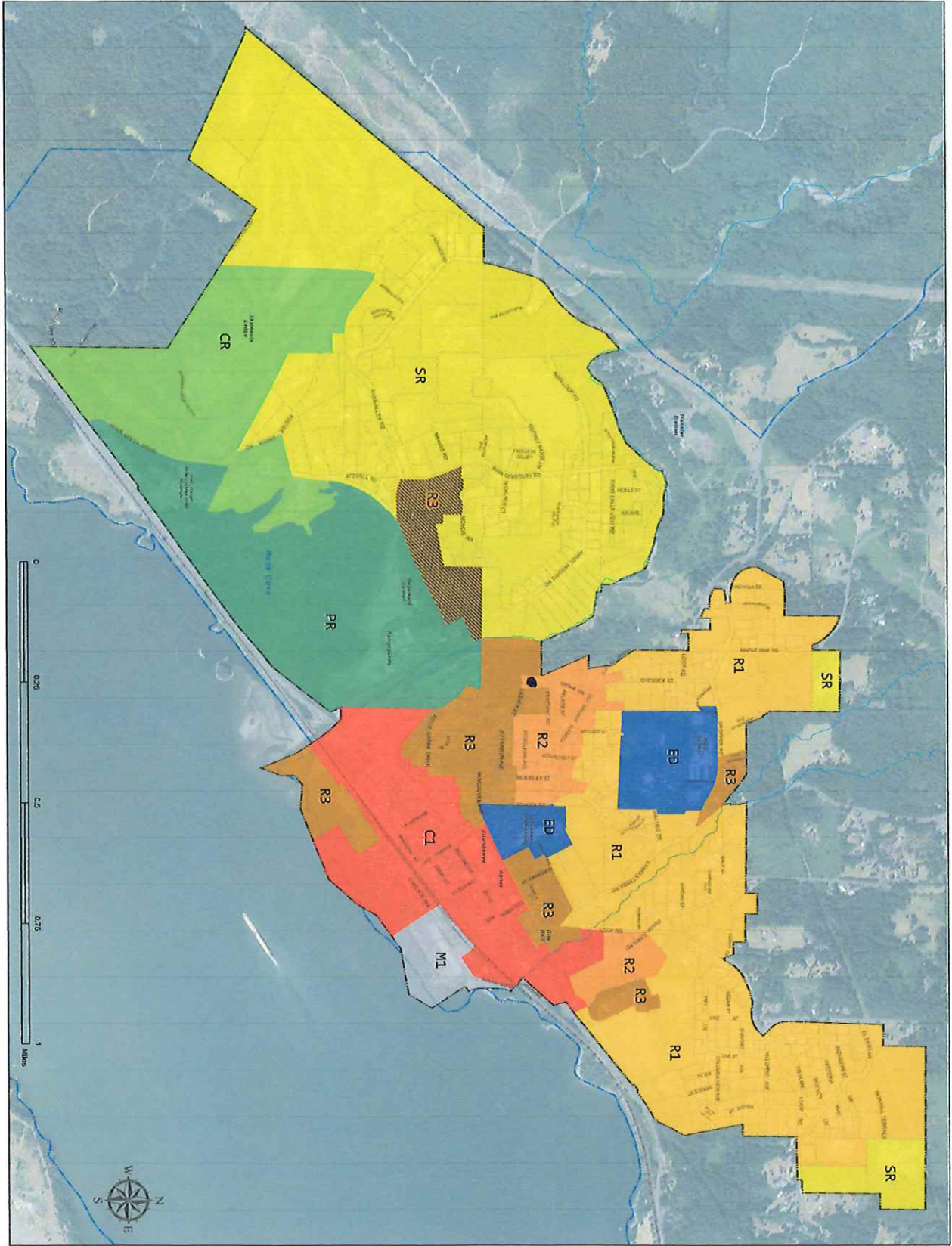
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## Zoning Map City of Stevenson

- Commercial (C1)
- Education District (ED)
- Commercial Recreation (CR)
- Light Industrial (M1)
- Public Use and Recreation (PR)
- Single Family Residential (R1)
- Two Family Residential (R2)
- Multi-Family Residential (R3)
- Multi-Family Residential Overlay (R3)
- Suburban Residential (SR)

- *Subject Property*
- Stream
- Parcel
- City Limits
- Urban Area

Mayor	_____	Date	_____
Clerk - Treasurer	_____	Date	_____
Attorney	_____	Date	_____

**NOTES:**  
 1. THIS ZONING MAP IS BASED ON THE 2020 CITY OF STEVENSON ZONING MAP.  
 2. THE ZONING MAP IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.  
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## **CHAPTER 4-MAPS**

Many of the Goals, Objectives and Tactics described in the previous chapter are tied to specific infrastructure, institutions, or areas of Stevenson. The policies called for in the Comprehensive Plan often cannot be accomplished without maps that provide a fuller understanding of how specific areas of the city interrelate and connect with each other.

### **Future Land Use Map**

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map is crucial for showing clearly and concisely how the Goals, Objectives, and Tactics contained in Chapter 3 relate to the Population Report in Appendix C. This map designates all areas of the City and Urban Area according to five basic land use designations describing where population and business growth will occur and how the City intends for lands to be used in the future.

The Future Land Use designations are not zoning districts, and the Future Land Use Map is not a zoning map. Whereas the City of Stevenson Zoning Map is an official regulatory document adopted by ordinance through the Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map is a guidance document that will be used to shape future decisions about annexations, land development policies, the size and timing of capital facility upgrades, changes to existing zoning designations, and those purposes indicated in RCW 35A.63.080.



### ***Urban Reserve (UR)***

An area within which future development and extension of public services are contemplated but not imminent. Existing uses, particularly vacant lands and very low density single-family housing, coexist with uses otherwise characteristic of more rural areas. Further development within an Urban Reserve is discouraged until public services can be provided and urban level densities and intensities of land use can occur. Urban Reserve areas may be subcategorized to anticipate any other land use designation described below and may be changed to such designations without amending the plan when adequate public services are provided.

### ***Low Density Residential (LDR)***

An area dominated by single-family homes on lots 15,000 square feet or larger. Development within a Low Density Residential area typically requires extension of public water service and other urban services, though on-site septic systems are often unavoidable and desirable as an alternative to extension of the public sewer collection system. The development pattern encourages connected



street networks where terrain permits. Where terrain does not permit, culs-de-sac are often paired with pedestrian pathways to provide adequate non-automotive connectivity to nearby neighborhoods, schools, parks, and business centers.

**High Density Residential (HDR)**

An area dominated by multi-family housing or single-family housing on lots smaller than 15,000 square feet. Residential uses in these areas are often mixed with institutions, utilities, schools, and parks and/or located in close proximity to commercial uses more characteristic of urban areas. Development within a High Density Residential area almost exclusively requires extension of, or connection to, public water and sewer systems. Development patterns in these areas encourage connected street networks with pedestrian and bicycle facilities providing connections to abutting neighborhoods, schools, parks, and business centers. High Density Residential areas may be subcategorized by single-family or multi-family designations, and public use designations.

**Low Intensity Trade (LIT)**

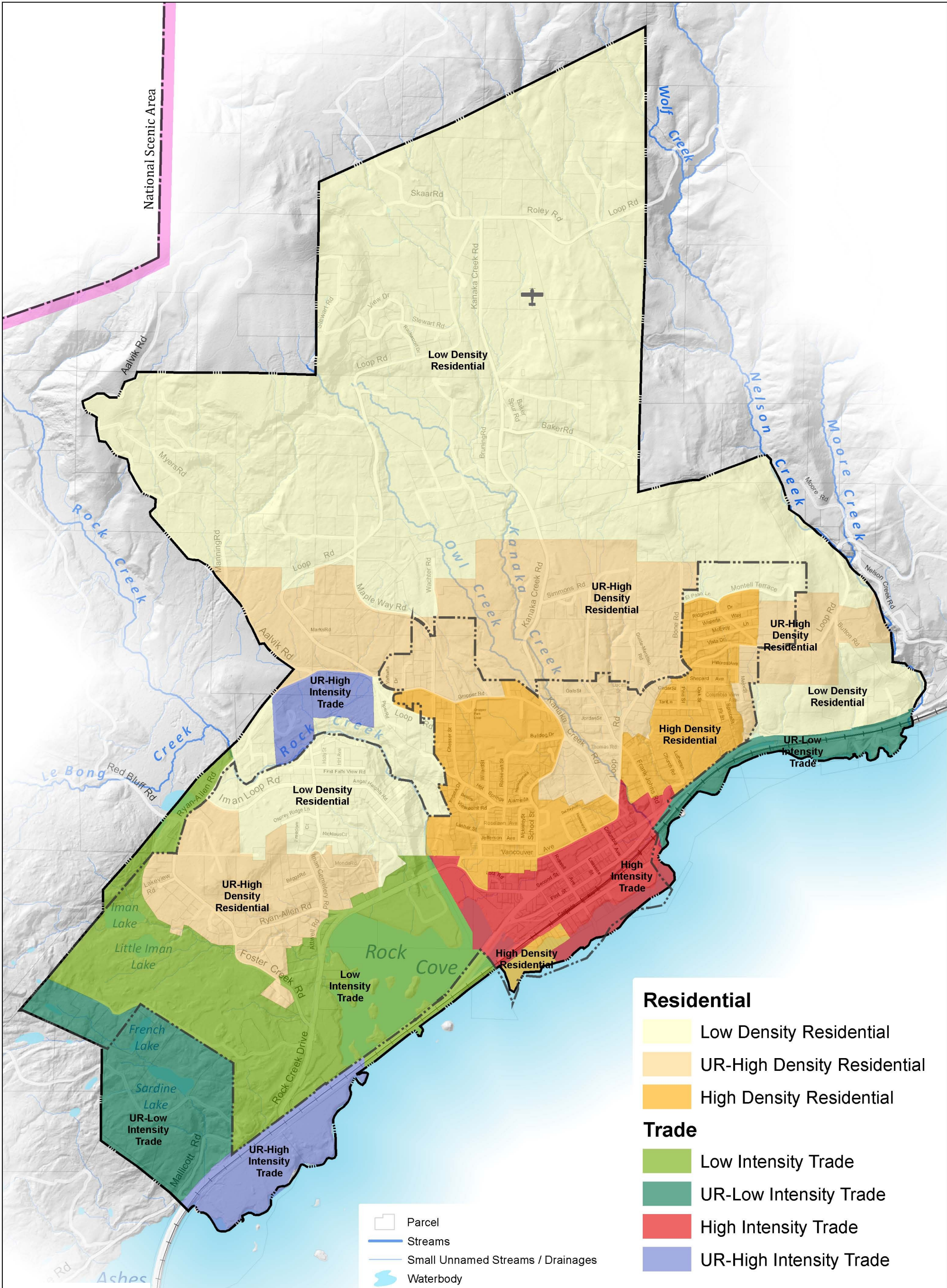
An area where commercial activity is interspersed and coexists with other recreational, and public/institutional uses in the same area. Low Intensity Trade areas typically provide opportunities to capitalize on and expand the regional tourism and service industries. Because of the space typically demanded by Low Intensity Trade activities, the uses allowed in these areas are often inappropriate or cannot exist within Downtown Stevenson or other High Intensity Trade areas; however, Low Intensity Trade areas are not intended to detract from the viability of, or compete with, High Intensity Trade areas. Development of Low Intensity trade areas almost exclusively requires public service extension. Although the parking and access patterns of Low Intensity Trade areas are typically oriented primarily to automotive traffic, adequate accommodations for pedestrian and bicycle users are also included. Low Intensity Trade areas may be subcategorized by general, recreation, and public use designations.



**High Intensity Trade (HIT)**

An area primarily devoted to commercial, light industrial, public/institutional activities, mixed uses, multi-family, and existing single-family residences. These areas contain a dense, highly intensive land use pattern focusing on an urban style of development and architecture. Availability of urban services adds to the viability of High Intensity Trade areas. High Intensity Trade areas may be subcategorized by downtown, office, and industrial designations. Development in downtown areas typically follows a tight-knit gridiron pattern that emphasizes the importance of pedestrians and bicyclists to

ensure areas are walkable. As compared to downtown areas, office and industrial areas are more dependent on automotive traffic.



**MAP 4.1**

**FUTURE LAND USE**

This map is intended for planning purposes only. The locations and designations shown on this map are approximations based on the best available information at the time of mapping. The locations and designations should be confirmed prior to undertaking land use actions.

**Residential**

- Low Density Residential
- UR-High Density Residential
- High Density Residential

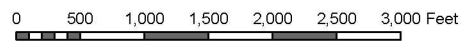
**Trade**

- Low Intensity Trade
- UR-Low Intensity Trade
- High Intensity Trade
- UR-High Intensity Trade

- Parcel
- Streams
- Small Unnamed Streams / Drainages
- Waterbody
- National Scenic Area Boundary
- City of Stevenson (City Limits)
- Urban Area (NSA)



Scale: 1:18,000  
1 inch = 1,500 feet



**Projected Coordinate System:**  
NAD 1983 HARN StatePlane  
Washington FIPS 4602 Feet  
**Projection Name:**  
Lambert Conformal Conic  
**Planar Units:** US Survey Feet  
**Data Sources:** Skamania Co,  
Col. River Gorge Commission  
**LIDAR:** DNR Flight 2005-2006  
**Map Created:** September 2012  
(Updated 3/14/2013)



**DISCLAIMER:** This map product was prepared by Skamania County and is for information purposes only. It may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult the primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.

**DRAFT Minutes**  
Stevenson Planning Commission Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
6:00 PM

**Planning Commission Vice-Chair Auguste Zettler** called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vice-Chair **Auguste Zettler**; Commissioners **Anne Keesee**, **Charles Hales** and **Tony Lawson** were in attendance. **PC Chair Jeff Breckel** was not in attendance.

**STAFF PRESENT**

**Community Development Director Ben Shumaker**, **Planning & Public Works Assistant Tiffany Andersen**

**GUESTS**

Mike Green, Brian McKenzie

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Mary Repar

**A. Preliminary Matters**

**1. Public Comment Expectations**

**Shumaker** explained use of tools for remote and public participants: For remote, \*6 to mute/unmute & \*9 to raise hand, or raise hand icon. Commenters must raise their hand and be acknowledged by the Chair. Individual comments may be limited to 3 minutes. Disruptive individuals may be required to leave the meeting. Persistent disruptions may result in the meeting being recessed and continued at a later date.

**2. Public Comment Period:**

Mary Repar commented on Lasher Street Parking

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

February 10th, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by **Commissioner Keesee**, seconded by **Commissioner Lawson**. There were no changes or corrections.

**B. New Business**

ZON2024-02: Rezone Request: R2 to R3 on Lasher Street

**4. Zoning Recommendations**

Proposal from property owners to rezone a .052 acre parcel on Lasher Street from R2 Two-Family to R3 Multi-Family residential.

**a. Appearance of Fairness**

**Shumaker** explained and administered the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine. The Appearance of Fairness Doctrine is a rule of law requiring government decision-makers in a quasi-judicial setting to conduct non-court hearings and proceedings in a way that is fair, impartial and unbiased in both appearance and fact. Any conflicts of interest must be disclosed to ensure fairness and impartiality. Disclosures include any financial interest in the final outcome, any outside (ex-parte) communications made with any party of interest or anything else that could be construed as a conflict or affecting any decision making. Decision makers can be challenged by applicants regarding any perceived conflicts of interest.

**Disclosure**

None of the Planning Commissioners disclosed any ex-parte communications concerning the application, and none reported any financial conflicts or other matters that would impede a fair and impartial decision. There were no challenges by the applicant or the public.

**b. Presentation by Staff**

**Community Development Director Ben Shumaker** explained the proposal for rezoning. The presentation provides opportunity for public involvement. He noted state statutes require a review, and the City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the application. The subject property lies within the HDR – High Density Residential area of the Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map. This designation would support both the existing zoning designation and the requested change. The subject property is the only property served by Lasher Street which does not bear the requested R3 Multi- Family Residential zoning designation. There is no apparent rationale for the disparate treatment of the subject property. Maximum units allowed would be 11.

**c. Presentation by Applicant**

Brian McKenzie, the applicant stated he was looking for the best use of the area. It is currently bordered by R3 structures on 3 sides. Higher density would allow additional housing units to be constructed.

**d. Public Involvement**

**1. Comments in Favor**

None received

## 2. Comments in Opposition

Mary Repar spoke about the need to conduct a SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) determination and received clarification of the site's location. She expressed concerns about wildlife habitat. She was informed the SEPA comment period was still open.

**Shumaker** noted the purpose of the presentation was to consider the zoning request. Information provided would help the Planning Commission make a recommendation to the City Council on the proposal.

## 3. Comments Neither in Favor nor Opposition

None received.

## e. Commission Deliberation

Commissioners held a brief discussion. It was determined the proposal would not change the nature of the neighborhood. With surrounding structures zoned as R3, all concurred it was a reasonable request for change.

**Vice-Chair Zettler** noted the presentation was for a zoning determination following the rules and policies currently in place.

## f. ACTION

A motion to recommend approval of the proposal to the City Council made by **Commissioner Hales**, seconded by **Commissioner Keesee** was approved unanimously.

D. Discussion

C. Old Business

5. Staff & Commission Reports:

**Community Development Director Ben Shumaker** provided an update on staffing levels within the city.

**Planning & Public Works Assistant Tiffany Andersen** explained the procedure and timeline regarding the processing of public records requests. One request involves reviewing 17,000 emails.

### Utility Customer Audit

**Shumaker** reported when utility rates changed last year, the rates were not applied equally. The city is undertaking a review of accounts to determine where billing errors took place.

## 6. Thought of the Month:

Designing. -Vitruvian Triad: Firmitas, Utilitas, Venustas: Durability, Usability, Beauty <https://moss-design.com/vitruvius/> -Components of Venustus: <https://www.cnu.org/publicsquare/2025/02/24/six-point->

visual-check-better-downtown. Articulated architectural approach of Romans.

Mary Repar questioned when the Planning Commission would hold an affordable housing discussion. She recommended a Community Roots presentation. **Vice-Chair Zettler and Commissioner Hales** noted the issue has been a long time topic. It was suggested without some form of subsidization it is unlikely the housing market will support affordable housing developments. Mary encouraged Commissioners to look at Clark County's programs.

#### **E. Adjournment**

**Vice-Chair Zettler** declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 following a motion by **Commissioner Keese**, seconded by **Commissioner Lawson**.



Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us>

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

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staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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Ben,

I went to the mapsifter, and it appears the Miller property directly north of of the proposed rezone....Millers property is zone R2 and is served by Lasher St. Did you send out notices to the surrounding land owners on the proposed rezone?

Staci

[TerraScan TaxSifter - SKAMANIA County Washington](#)

On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 5:45 PM Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us> wrote:

Hi Staci-

Sorry I wasn't able to get back to you until now. It has been busy. I've been working backward from the more recent emails and hadn't gotten to yours yet.

The property is owned by Green Gorge Construction LLC. That is a joint venture between Brian McKenzie and Green Construction.

Tonight's Planning Commission review is not determinative. They will be making a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council, as part of their review process will take public testimony on the proposal prior to their decision.

Dave and Pat, when the City Council reviews this proposal, it will be as a quasi judicial body. As part of the hearing, we will go through appearance of fairness disclosures which ask you to disclose whether you have any financial stake in the project, whether there is anything impacting your ability to be fair and impartial in your decision-making, and whether you have had any ex parte communications from the applicant or members of the public on the issue.

This email would be an ex parte communication, and I encourage you to disclose it at the appropriate time.

After your disclosures are made, the applicant and the public can challenge decision-makers ability to act fairly on the decision. If challenges are not received, then all can continue. If challenges are received, we encourage the decision-makers to recuse themselves from the discussion and decision-making process.

Thank you,

**Ben Shumaker**

City of Stevenson

Community Development Director/Interim City Administrator

(509) 427-5970 ext. 205

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**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 5:32 PM

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**Brian McKenzie IS Green Gorge LLC.....so for clarification, its a joint venture between himself?**

Business Name: <b>GREEN GORGE LLC</b>		Business Type: <b>WA LIMITED LIABILITY</b>
605 636 611	Business Status: <b>ACTIVE</b>	
<b>2106 AALVIK ST, N BONNEVILLE, WA, 98639, UNITED STATES</b>		Principal Office Mailing Address: <b>2106 AALVIK ST, N BON</b>
Expiration Date: <b>10/31/2025</b>		
<b>UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON</b>	Formation/ Registration Date: <b>10/25/2024</b>	
Period of Duration: <b>PERPETUAL</b>		

Nature of Business: <yayabear3@gmail.com>  
REGISTERED AGENT

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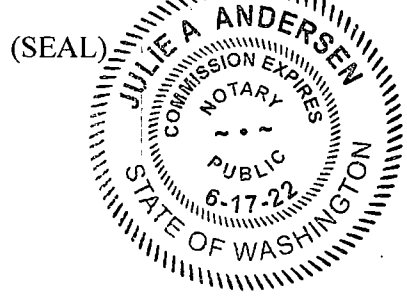
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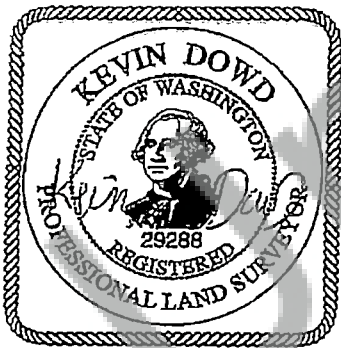
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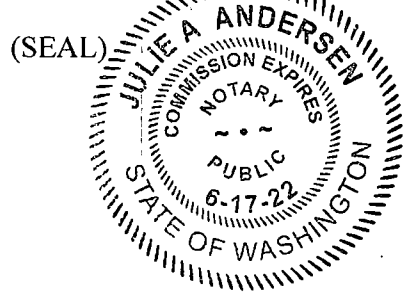
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Final Judgment

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husband and wife husband and wife

Additional names on page \_\_\_\_ of document.

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**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (Abbreviated: i.e. Lot, Block, Plat or Section, Township, Range, Quarter):

See attached Exhibit A-B

Complete legal on page \_\_\_\_ of document.

**Assessor's Property Tax Parcel #**

03073643180000 and 03073643150000

Additional parcel numbers on page \_\_\_\_ of document.

The Auditor/Recorder will rely on the information provided on this form. The staff will not read the document to verify the accuracy or completeness of the indexing information.

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No 22-2-00082-30

Plaintiffs,

vs

FINAL JUDGMENT

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**JUDGMENT SUMMARY**

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Defendants' Parcel	03073643180000
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Other Reference No(s)	AFN 2012181865, AFN 2015001943
Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor	Lisa Cantrell-Miller
Judgment Creditors' Attorney	Rachel J Goldfarb L Michael Coel Praedium Law Group, PLLC 1111 Main St, Suite 416 Vancouver, WA 98660
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Fees and Costs Awarded (Total Judgment)	\$30,683 16
Post-Judgment Interest	12% per annum

FINAL JUDGMENT- 1  
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**FINAL JUDGMENT**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on December 5, 2023 for a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. The parties were represented by their respective counsel of record. The Court issued its written Ruling on January 2, 2024, summarily granting Plaintiff's Motion *in toto*. Based on the Court's Ruling and subsequent Order, and the Court's Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Costs and Reasonable Attorneys' Fees, the Court hereby enters its Final Judgment

1 Judgment is hereby entered against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiff

2 Title to the Disputed Area is quieted in Plaintiff, as legally described and depicted  
3 in Exhibit A

4 Plaintiff has a prescriptive easement on, over, and through the Driveway, described  
5 and depicted in Exhibit B

6 Pursuant to RCW 7.28.083(3), Plaintiff shall be entitled to recover her reasonable  
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8 \$29,370.00 in reasonable attorneys' fees and \$1,313.16 in costs for a total award of  
9 \$30,683.16

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February 14, 2024

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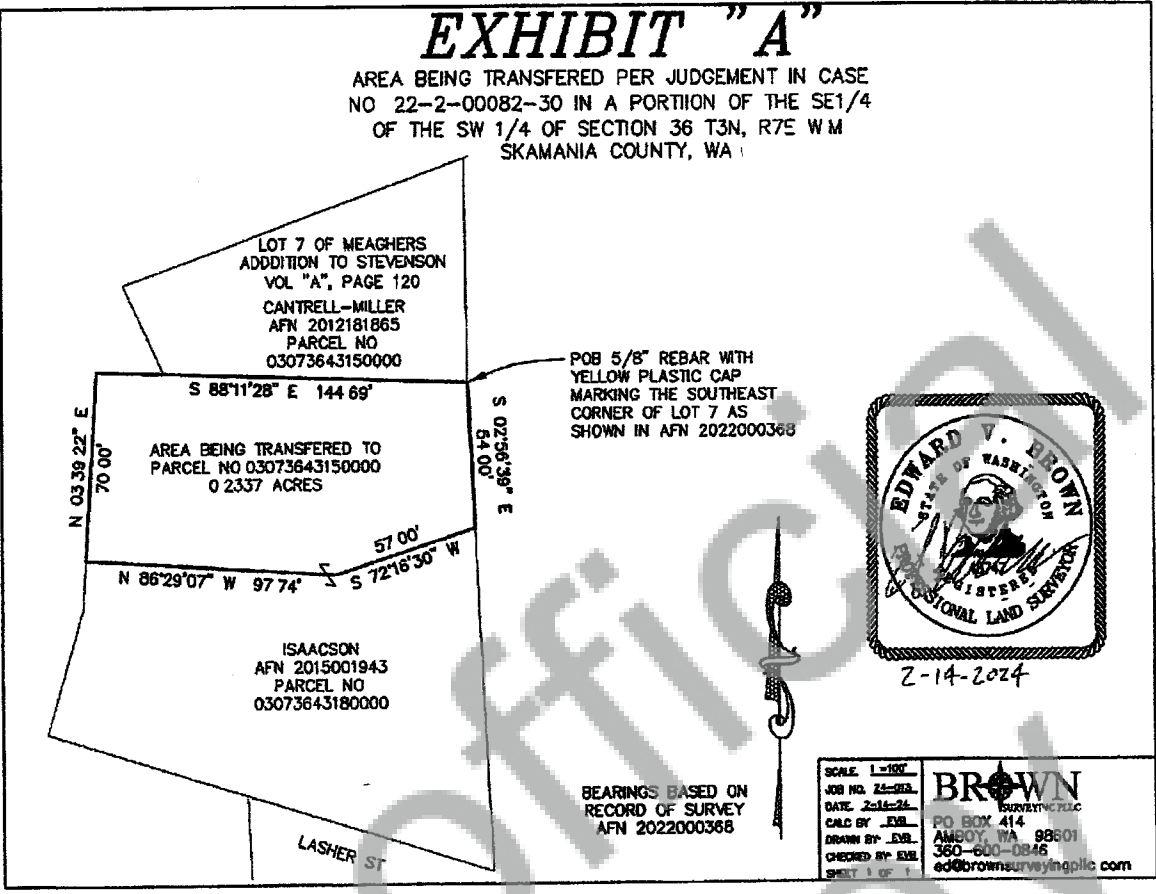
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**TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO easements and restrictions of record**

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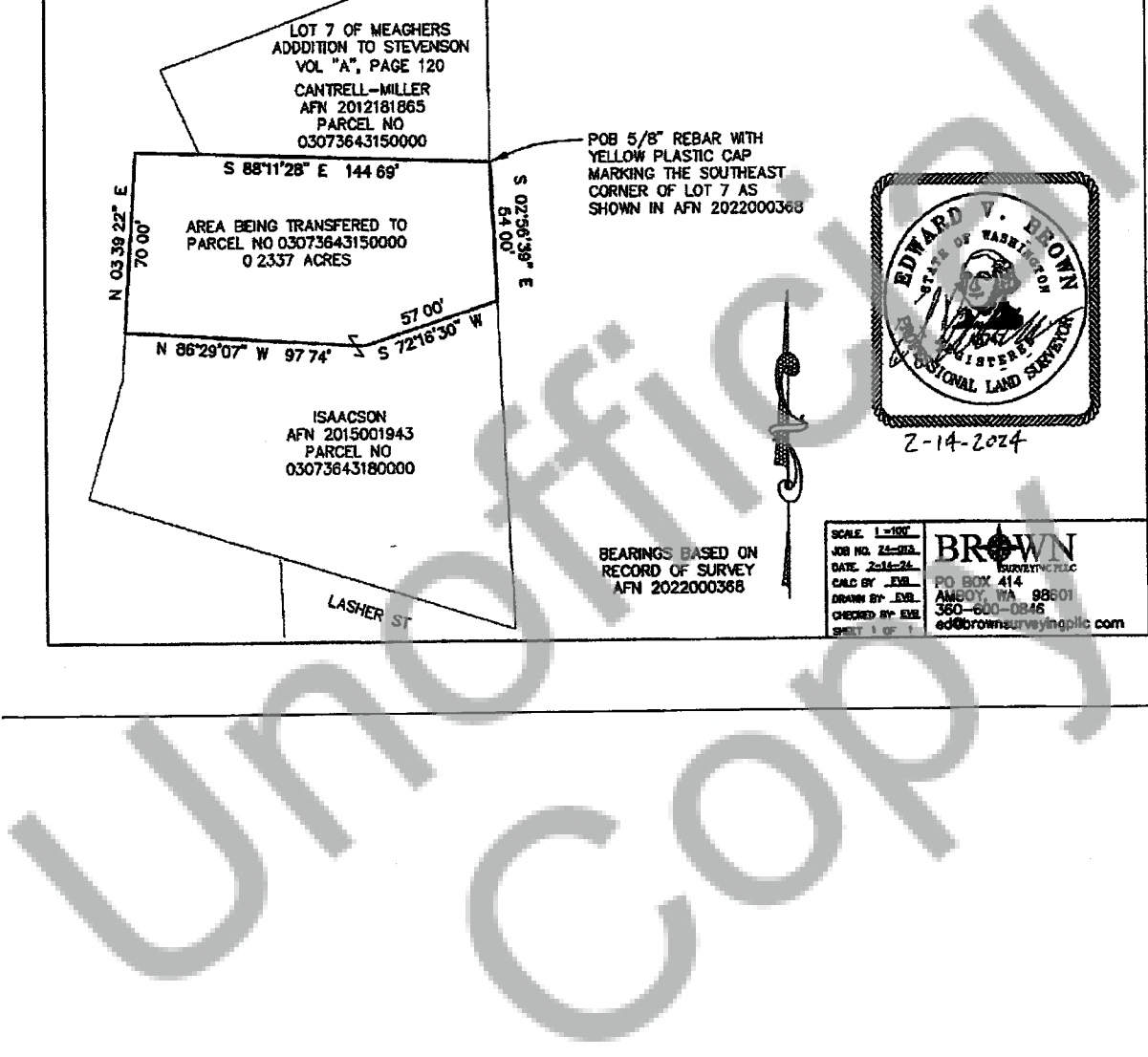


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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on March 5, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **FINAL JUDGMENT** to be served upon the following counsel by email, addressed as follows

Peter S Banks  
Attorney at Law  
131 View Drive  
Stevenson, WA 98648  
Banks@gorge.net  
*Attorney for Defendants*

/s/ Mike Coel  
L Michael Coel  
Executed at Vancouver, WA



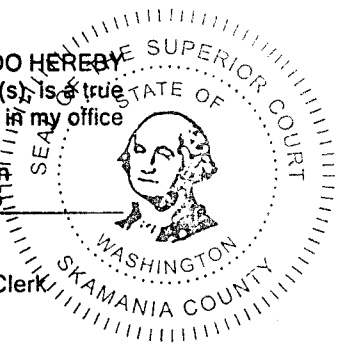
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State of Washington  
County of Skamania  
County Clerk of the Superior Court of Skamania County, DO HEREBY  
CERTIFY that this instrument, consisting of 6 page(s) is a true  
and correct copy of the original now on file and of record in my office  
and as County Clerk, I am the legal custodian thereof.

Signed and sealed at Stevenson, Washington  
this date 4/25/24 **GRACE D. CROSS**

Skamania County Clerk

By Rad D. Dish Deputy Clerk



**CITY OF STEVENSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON AMENDING THE CITY OF  
STEVENSON ZONING MAP BY REZONING ~0.52 ACRES OF LAND FROM R2 TWO-  
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington via RCW 35.63A.100(2) enables code city adoption of a zoning ordinance dividing the municipality into zones within which specific standards may be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stevenson first adopted a zoning ordinance and zoning map in 1975 with the last zoning ordinance amendment occurring in 2024 and the last zoning map amendment occurring in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the process and criteria for amending the City’s zoning ordinance appear in SMC 17.50, adopted in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stevenson received a complete application requesting to amend the City of Stevenson Zoning Map was submitted by Green Gorge LLC and assigned tracking number ZON2024-02; and

**WHEREAS**, the request has been reviewed by the City of Stevenson Planning Commission which recommended approval of the request and by the City Council after holding a public hearing on the request consistent with RCW 35A.63.100 and SMC 17.50;

**WHEREAS**, the requested amendment implements the Stevenson Comprehensive Plan Objectives 2.7, 2.12, 2.14, 3.1, and 3.2 and is consistent with the Future Land Use Map; and

**WHEREAS**, the property where the amendment is requested is surrounded on 3 sides by the same zoning and is the only property abutting its street which does not currently bear the requested zoning designation;

**AND WHEREAS**, amending the City of Stevenson Zoning Map is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Stevenson community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Stevenson, Washington, does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The property owned by Green Gorge, LLC (Tax Lot # 03-07-36-4-3-1800-00) shall hereby bear the zoning designation of R3 Multi-Family Residential.
2. The City of Stevenson Zoning Map shall be amended to effectuate Section 1 as presented in reduced form in Exhibit A.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson, Washington at its regular meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

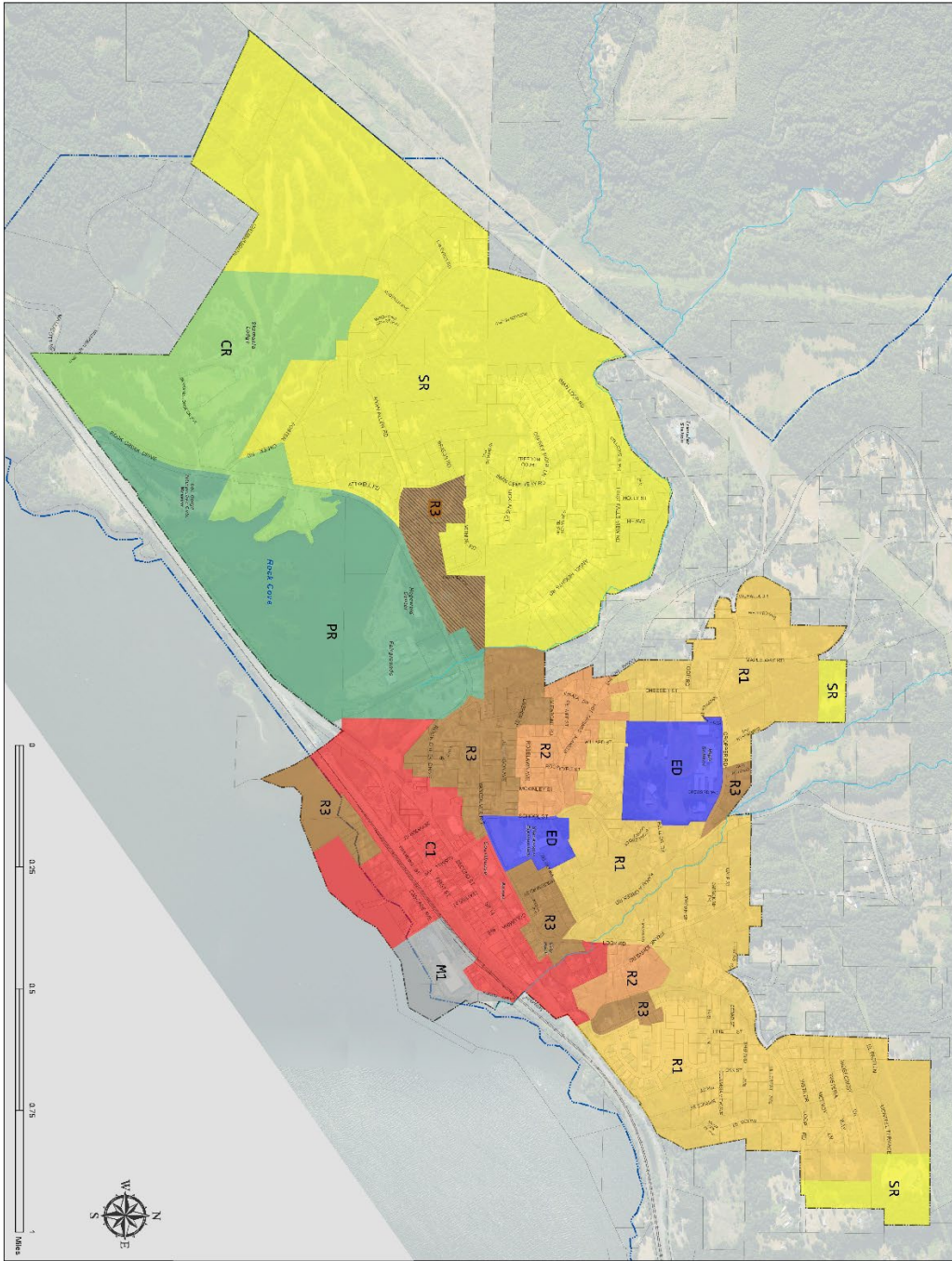
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Scott Anderson, Mayor

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Ben Shumaker, Acting Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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City Attorney

Exhibit A – Map



### Zoning Map City of Stevenson

<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Commercial (C1)
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<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Commercial Recreation (CR)
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Light Industrial (M1)
<span style="color: teal;">■</span>	Public Use and Recreation (PR)
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Single Family Residential (R1)
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<span style="color: brown;">■</span>	Multi-Family Residential (R3)
<span style="color: lightyellow;">■</span>	Suburban Residential (SR)

	Stream
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	City Limits
	Urban Area

Mayor _____	Date _____
Clerk - Treasurer _____	Date _____
Attorney _____	Date _____

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**Fwd: PARCEL QUESTION**

staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com> Sat, Mar 29, 2025 at 8:16 PM  
To: Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Scott Anderson <scott.anderson@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Robert C Muth <rmuth@kilmerlaw.com>, Laci Miller <laci4m@gmail.com>, Tiffany Andersen <tiffany@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Michael D Johnson <michael.d.johnson@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Chuck Oldfield <chuck.oldfield@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Dave Cox <dave.cox@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Lucy Lauser <lucy.lauser@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Pat Rice <pat.rice@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Mitch Patton <nwtsrinc@gmail.com>

Ben,  
**APPARENTLY,"SIZE DOES MATTER".....with a quick google search, I found the email online in a packet, between you and Svetlana Lebedeva, where you mention minimum lot size. From that, I took the date of this email, and found the associated meeting packet that acknowledges "total number of units built,depends on the size of the lot". What would the benefit of going from an R2 to an R3 be, if you still cannot build more units because of lot size?**

I do want to point out that Brian McKenzies other parcel on Vancouver Ave, also sits next to an apartment complex and is already zoned R3...and I believe sits empty(this is the one where council member Muth took a call or text from the developer during a city council meeting to pull the deal).

Please accept this email chain as well as attachments as my public comment for the upcoming rezone hearing. All of this that I am providing is public record, most of which could be found with a quick google search. I am not for or against the project but I am voicing my concern when you dont give the council the whole picture, for them to be able to make an educated decision. Hopefully Laci will be able to make it and share her story.

Staci Patton  
5th generation Skamania County resident

[\\*ITEM-Attachment-001-cc732df2b219456198d316b123b3d237.pdf](#) (pgs 6-7)

**" Total Number of Homes per Lot Multi-family housing can be built in the R3 District. The total number of units built depends on the size of the lot."**

RCW 42.56.030 Construction.  
The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments that they have created. This chapter shall be liberally construed and its exemptions narrowly construed to promote this public policy and to assure that the public interest will be fully protected.

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From: staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 9:30 AM  
Subject: Re: PARCEL QUESTION  
To: Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us>  
Cc: Scott Anderson <scott.anderson@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Robert C Muth <rmuth@kilmerlaw.com>, Laci Miller <laci4m@gmail.com>, Mitch Patton <nwtsrinc@gmail.com>, Gabe Spencer <spencer@co.skamania.wa.us>, Tiffany Andersen <tiffany@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, <planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us>

I would also note/ask.....what stage is the Lasher road project at? As you know, there was false information used to secure grant money "in my opinion", when it was stated it was for getting kids safely to a school, that has since closed and no future plans to open. One could deduce it appears that this "road project" is specifically for the benefit of a developer, not for school children at the expense of the taxpayers.

On Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 2:39 PM staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com> wrote:  
It is not my job to help you "connect the dots". One would assume that lot size WOULD play a role in a rezone or zoning in general. Are you stating that lot size doesnt matter at all, for a rezone application? Please help me "connect the dots" .....**"Lot area is definitely a question to deal with at the building permit stage because that will determine how many units can be constructed."**  
Why would anyone apply for a rezone under the impression that they could build more units because of the rezone, only to be told "at the permit stage" that because of the size of their lot area, that they cannot construct more units.....

On Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 2:18 PM Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us> wrote:  
Hi Staci-  
What relevance do you think the lot area has on the rezoning decision?  
If the Council is presented with and considers a larger size appropriate, is there some reason you think they would not consider a smaller size appropriate? Help me connect the dots a little, please.  
Lot area is definitely a question to deal with at the building permit stage because that will determine how many units can be constructed.  
Thank you,

**Ben Shumaker**

City of Stevenson  
Community Development Director/Interim City Administrator  
(509) 427-5970 ext. 205

**From:** staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10:05 AM

**To:** Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Scott Anderson <scott.anderson@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Robert C Muth <rmuth@kilmerlaw.com>; Laci Miller <laci4m@gmail.com>; Mitch Patton <nwtsrinc@gmail.com>; Gabe Spencer <spencer@co.skamania.wa.us>

**Subject:** Fwd: PARCEL QUESTION

**Ben,**

Please see Gabes response below. I still question the accuracy of the new size vs old on mapsifter, but I would rather be accurate than right(what a concept,huh?). So, passing on just in case.

I still dont think it addresses the area that would need to be deducted for the driveway easement as noted in the lawsuit judgement.

Staci

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **staci patton** <yayabear3@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 9:34 AM

Subject: Re: PARCEL QUESTION

To: Gabe Spencer <spencer@co.skamania.wa.us>

What do your records show prior to the date you gave, for parcel size?(as according to the deeds for that property,some area was taken out and given to some housing authority I believe)

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 9:25 AM staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com> wrote:

Ok, because looking at the judgement from the lawsuit and then parcel size on mapsifter it doesnt give the appearance that the transfer of land was done( I know, I know....mapsifter isnt accurate and neither are easements or right of ways).

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 8:52 AM Gabe Spencer <spencer@co.skamania.wa.us> wrote:

Since 10/15-2024

**From:** staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2025 8:51 AM

**To:** Gabe Spencer <spencer@co.skamania.wa.us>

**Subject:** PARCEL QUESTION

**Gabe,**

Good morning...In regard to the below tax sifter info, how many years has this parcel been listed as .51 acres?

Thanks,

Staci

<b>Parcel#:</b>	03073643180000	<b>Owner Name:</b>	GREEN GORGE LLC
<b>DOR Code:</b>	91 - Undeveloped - Land	<b>Address1:</b>	
<b>Situs:</b>	80 NW LASHER	<b>Address2:</b>	PO BOX 130
<b>Map Number:</b>	U-R2-	<b>City, State:</b>	NORTH BONNEVILLE WA
<b>Status:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	98639

**Description:**

**Comment:**

2025 Market Value

2025 Taxable Value

Land:	\$110,000	Land:	\$110,000
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Improvements:	\$0	Improvements:	\$0
Permanent Crop:	\$0	Permanent Crop:	\$0
Total	\$110,000	Total	\$110,000





2025 Assessment Data

District:	1 -
Current Use/DFL:	No
Senior/Disability Exemption:	No
Total Acres:	0.51000

5 attachments



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## R3 zoning Lana Heinze

Ben Shumaker <ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us>  
To: Svetlana Lebedeva <shokoladus@yahoo.com>  
Cc: Nikki Hollatz <nikkih@klickitatcounty.org>

Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 9:46 AM

Received. Thank you, Svetlana.

I will:

- A-Add your email address to the project specific distribution list,
- B-Provide your email (together with this response) to the Planning Commission for consideration at tonight's meeting,

To answer your specific questions:

1-I am copying this response to the Skamania County Environmental Health Department to discuss how these changes might interact with existing septic systems. My understanding is the proposal would not add any additional regulatory requirement. The current regulation allows existing systems are allowed to continue, however, if they fail then connection to the public sewer system is required so long as there is a public line within 300' of the building (which appears to be the case for your property on Lutheran Church Road). Connection is the responsibility of the homeowner.

2-No maximum lot size is currently proposed. The proposed minimum lot size is 2,000, which would facilitate division/development of your property.

3-The increased maximum lot coverage would apply to all lots in the R3 District, yours included.

4-Coverage of lots would necessarily exclude all areas within setbacks (including driveways) and 100% coverage would not be possible (i.e., no development could violate the maximum standard). Your question does show an unnecessary confusion in the regulations, and I will be recommending a change to the discussion draft to use "n/a" instead of "100%" in the table.

The Zoom meeting can be accessed as follows:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83482269900>

Or join by phone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099

Webinar ID: 834 8226 9900

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83482269900>

Looking forward to discussing this more tonight,

BEN SHUMAKER

-----Original Message-----

From: 'Svetlana Lebedeva' via planning [mailto:[planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us)]

Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2020 9:54 PM

To: [planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us)

Subject: R3 zoning Lana Heinze

To whom it may concern:

ATTN: Ben Shumaker Planning Director City of Stevenson, Washington

Dear Ben,

This is Lana Heinze (293 NE Lutheran Church Rd.) reaching out to you with regard to a letter I received about R3 zoning changes. I have some specific questions I need clarified:

- 1) My home was built in the 60's and runs perfectly well on a regularly-maintained septic system. I understand my existing setup will remain grandfathered in while new units will receive city sewer. If the new developments are unable to respect my current setup, I am requesting a timeline for when and how you plan to install the appropriate changes to my property.
- 2) What are the maximum and minimum lot sizes for the planned community? Will I have the option of dividing & developing my 1 acre lot?
- 3) I received a letter on September 10, 2020 suggesting that in the newly planned community, a lot may be 100% covered by a building. Does this apply



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**FUTURE OF SCSD 303**

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**staci patton** <yayabear3@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 3:27 PM

To: "Colvard, Ingrid" &lt;ColvardI@scsd303.org&gt;

Cc: Jeanette Foster &lt;jfoster@gorge.net&gt;, "Wickersham, Jeff" &lt;wickershamjef@scsd303.org&gt;

**Perfect, thanks so much ....safe travels to you as well!**

On Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 3:16 PM Colvard, Ingrid &lt;ColvardI@scsd303.org&gt; wrote:

You bet! Well, we still need a tenant so there is nothing to move forward on right now. I'm in conversations with a couple of prospects but no real option just yet. We will see. Safe travels!

Ingrid

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2025, at 3:07 PM, staci patton &lt;yayabear3@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

**Thanks so much for getting back to me. I will be travelling as well but I think the only follow up would be, when do you plan on making a decision related to leasing it?**

On Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 3:04 PM Colvard, Ingrid &lt;ColvardI@scsd303.org&gt; wrote:

Hi Staci,

I hope all is well with you. There are no plans to reopen Stevenson Elementary at this time. We hope to lease it, either entirely or in parts. I hope this information is helpful and let me know if I can answer anything further. I will be traveling during spring break but will reply as quickly as possible when I return if you need anything further.

Take care,

Ingrid

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2025, at 9:51 AM, staci patton &lt;yayabear3@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

**Ingrid,****Good morning. I had a couple questions for you. Are there any near future plans to reopen the Stevenson school? If not, what does the school district intend to do with the building?****Thanks,****Staci**



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## PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED REZONE-APPLICANT: Green Gorge Construction—Mike Green, Brian McKenzie

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Laci Miller <laci4m@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 10:41 AM

To: ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us

Ben,

Please accept this as my public comment against the rezone proposal of Green Gorge Construction-Mike Green and Brian McKenzie. Below I will list my concerns:

- 1) The proposed rezone area was a part of a lawsuit involving my mother in law Lisa Cantrell Miller (whom I am renting to own the property from) and the previous owners of the Green Gorge property. My mother in law prevailed, and a portion of this lot was transferred to our parcel. The proposal acreage doesn't give an accurate picture of the size of the parcel after the judgement or take into account the driveway area for the access awarded in the judgement.
- 2) The remainder of this parcel of Green Gorge, has a small number of trees which frequently have eagles and owls.
- 3) Mr. McKenzie already has a development in progress across the street. As such, I don't feel Lasher needs the additional burden of more traffic.
- 4) They state in their paperwork the county has a need for additional housing yet they build and sale most of their properties or they rent them out and charge a small fortune for rent. The community is in need of affordable rentals for the people who work hard to keep this town going and make minimum wage or just above.
- 5) They also state in their paperwork that the other property they own is connected to the Lasher property when that is in fact not the case. We have another neighbor who's home and property sit in-between the two properties. With the driveway in-between our house and property and the neighbors.
- 6) In their paperwork it says the land is flat and rolling that is not true the land is on a slope and is held up by a very old rock wall how will they avoid a landslide having multiple units on the property?
- 7) I do not see where there could possibly be enough room on this very small piece of property for multiple units as well as parking and am very concerned for my children's safety with the possible traffic that this could bring while they play in our yard daily. I encourage you to come look at the property and hopefully you can see where all my concerns are coming from.

Sincerely,

Laci Miller

[Laci4m@gmail.com](mailto:laci4m@gmail.com)

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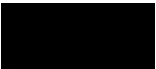
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February 14, 2024

**EXHIBIT "A"**

*2-14-2024*

**AREA BEING TRANSFERRED TO PARCEL 03073643150000 (0.2908 ACRES)**

A portion of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian, Skamania County, Washington, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of lot 7 of Meaghers Addition to Stevenson, as shown in Volume "A" of Plats, page 120, records of said county, said point being marked by a 5/8" rebar and yellow plastic cap as shown in record of survey Auditor's file number 2022000368 records of said county, said point also being the Northeast corner of that tract of land conveyed to Bruce A. Isaacson et. ux., as described in Auditor's file number 2015001943 records of said county;

Thence South 02° 56' 39" East, along the East line of said "Isaacson parcel" 54.00 feet;

Thence leaving said East line, South 72° 16' 30" West, 57.00 feet;

Thence North 86° 29' 07" West, 97.74 feet to the West line of said "Isaacson parcel";

Thence along said West line, North 03° 39' 22" East, 70.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said "Isaacson parcel"

Thence South 88° 11' 28" East, 144.69 feet to the point of beginning;

**TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO easements and restrictions of record.**

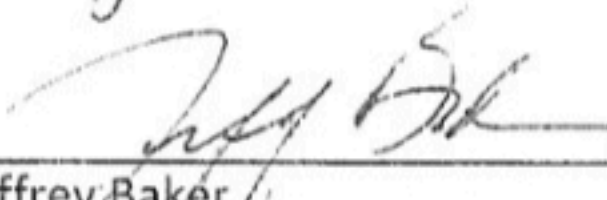
possession of another's titled property establish a valid claim of adverse possession is well-established in case law. This is consistent with the notion that the "use" of the property is central to the question of adverse possession, and the fact that plaintiff ceased residing on the property on a full-time basis is not fatal to her claim, because she presented sufficient evidence that her family members continued the uses of the disputed property after she left, and continued to do so through the statutory period necessary to establish adverse possession.

The defendants seek to defeat plaintiff's claim of prescriptive easement by asserting that the plaintiff did not need to use the easement since she had an alternate access to her property. The argument is unconvincing. In order to obtain a prescriptive easement, the plaintiff must demonstrate essentially the same circumstances as are required for an adverse possession claim of real property, namely that her use of the easement was: open and notorious; continuous, over a uniform route; adverse to the landowner; and with the knowledge of such owner at a time when he was able in law to assert and enforce his rights. *Gamboa v. Clark*, 183 Wash.2d 38, 43 (2015). Plaintiff has submitted ample unrefuted evidence of her use of the easement in satisfaction of the aforementioned elements such that summary judgment on this claim is appropriate. Conversely, the existence of an alternate route to the claimant's property – while important to the proof of a way of necessity – is irrelevant to the prescriptive easement calculation and, as a result, defendants' opposition to plaintiff's claim of a prescriptive easement is insufficient as a matter of law.

#### Conclusion

Based on the foregoing rationale, the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment against defendants is granted. Plaintiff's counsel shall prepare an order memorializing this decision and circulate it for review before presenting it to the court for signature.

So ordered this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024.

  
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Jeffrey Baker  
Skamania County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem

declaration is unpersuasive for several reasons: (1) there is no evidence on this record that Mr. Ihrig was the true owner of Lot 15, or otherwise authorized to speak on behalf of the true owner; (2) plaintiff presents uncontroverted testimony that Mr. Ihrig was, at best, a transient visitor to Lot 15 during the relevant time period; (3) the defendant's previous attorney, Mr. Collins, stated unequivocally, and in direct contradiction to Mr. Ihrig's testimony, that defendants did not provide the plaintiff with permission to utilize the disputed property as they did during the statutory period of adverse possession; and (4) defendants' interrogatory responses admit that they never provided such permission to the plaintiff to utilize the disputed property. Furthermore, it is clear that any such permission, even if it were provided to the true owner and were as broad as defendants' claim, it is undisputed that this "permission" would have been given after plaintiff took ownership of the property and began treating portions of the disputed property as her own. Even taking this in the light most favorable to the defendants there is no evidence on this record that plaintiff entered into her use of the disputed property with permission. Taken together, defendants' claims that this alleged grant of permission creates a genuine issue of material fact are unconvincing. The applicable case law holds that allegations from the record owner that he/she provided consent to the would-be adverse possessor after the statutory period has commenced are legally insufficient. *Lingvall v. Bartmess*, 97 Wn. App. 245 (1999).

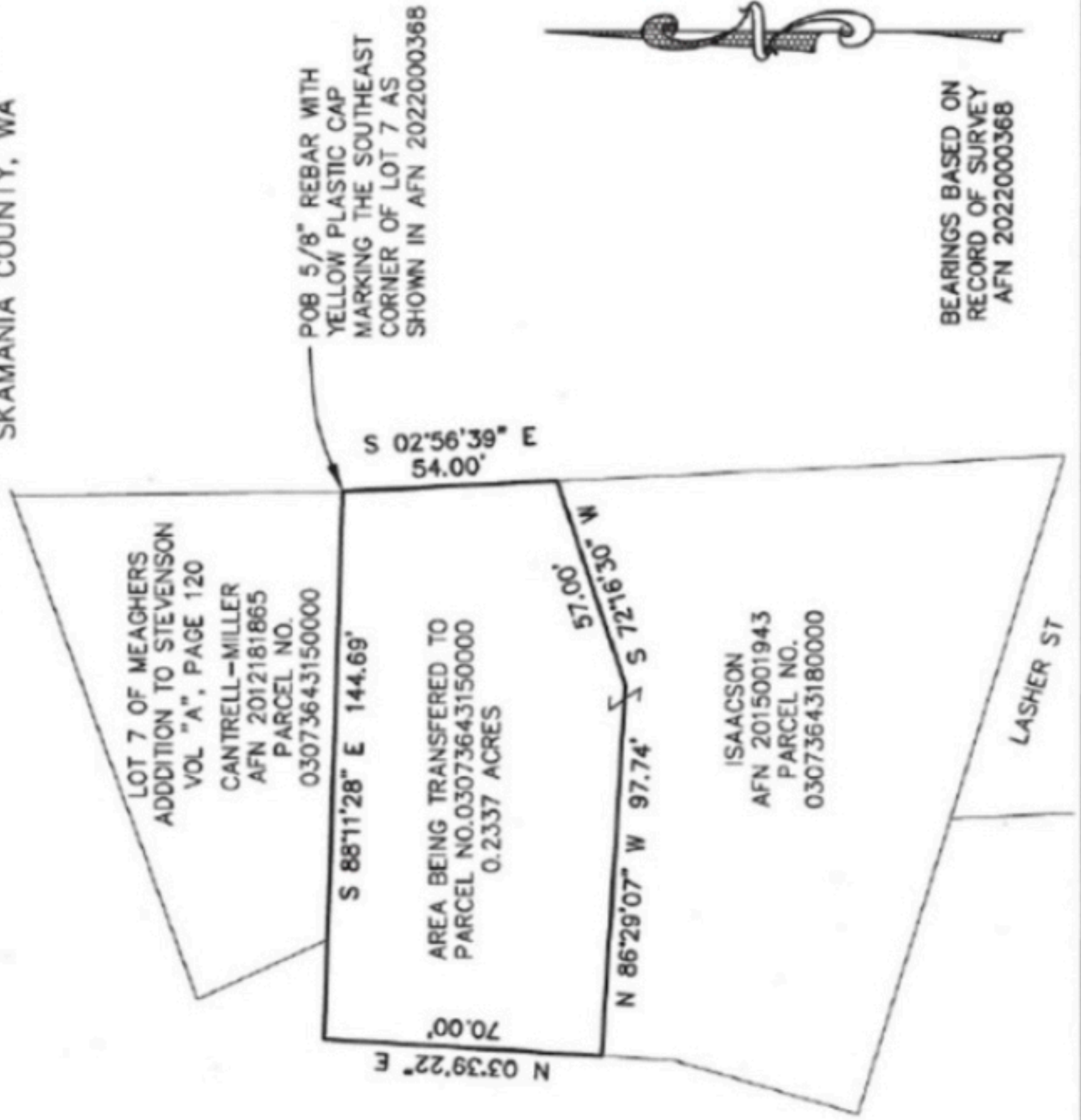
Similarly, defendants' arguments that plaintiff's use of the disputed property was not sufficiently hostile because she never erected a fence nor made affirmative statements directly to the defendants that she claimed the disputed property, represent a misapprehension of adverse possession law. Significantly, defendants do not cite any case law for the proposition that hostility, for purposes of adverse possession, requires that the party claiming adverse possession announce they are doing so, or erect a fence in order to signify this intent. Certainly, these actions could make a claim of adverse possession more powerful, but the absence of these actions is far from fatal and insufficient, without more, to defeat a claim of adverse possession. The concept of "hostility" in adverse possession does not mean animosity or ill will, it simply means that the party advancing the claim was treating the land as his own as against the world throughout the statutory period. To determine if a use is sufficiently hostile the court must consider whether in light of "the character of possession and the locale of the land, is the possession of such a nature as would normally be objectionable to owners of such land?" *LeBleu v. Aalgaard*, 193 Wn. App. 66, 72 (2016). There is ample evidence on the record before this court that the plaintiff's use of the disputed property was sufficiently hostile to support a claim of adverse possession, notwithstanding the lack of a declaration to this effect or erection a fence.

Finally, defendants' arguments that the plaintiff's claim of adverse possession must fail because the plaintiff ceased to reside on the property at some point during the statutory period are unavailing. The unrebutted evidence presented to the court was that even after the plaintiff ceased to live on Lot 15 and make use of the disputed property, her family members did reside there and make use of the property in the same manner as she had while actively residing there. The idea that multiple and successive members of the same family or even unrelated predecessors-in-interest can through their consistent, uninterrupted, open and notorious

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# EXHIBIT "A"

AREA BEING TRANSFERRED PER JUDGEMENT IN CASE NO. 22-2-00082-30 IN A PORTION OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 36 T3N, R7E W.M. SKAMANIA COUNTY, WA



2-14-2024

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SKAMANIA

LISA CANTRELL-MILLER,	)	No. <i>22-2-00082-30</i>
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Court's Ruling:
v.	)	
	)	Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment
	)	
BRUCE A. and LINDA K. ISSACSON, husband	)	
and wife; and HAROLD O. and MARY B.	)	
PIDGEON, husband and wife,	)	
	)	
Defendants	)	

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Plaintiff Lisa Cantrell-Miller, ("Cantrell-Miller"), by and through her counsel, Rachel Goldfarb and Praedium Law Group, PLLC, presented this court with a motion for summary judgment on both of her claims in this matter. Defendants, Bruce A. and Linda K. Issacson ("Issacsos") and Harold O. and Mary B. Pidgeon ("Pidgeons"), by and through their counsel, Peter S. Banks, filed a response objecting to plaintiff's motion and presented their own motion to strike plaintiff's reply brief in this matter as untimely. On December 5, 2023, the court conducted a hearing on the foregoing motions, with plaintiff appearing through attorney Michael Cole, and defendants appearing through attorney Banks.

The court having heard argument from counsel, reviewed the submissions of the parties, the court file, and being fully advised in the premises, does now, therefore, rule on the various motions presented herein.

Standard for Summary Judgment

Summary judgment is proper if the records on file with the court demonstrate that "there is no genuine issue of material fact" and the "moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." CR 56(c). In these proceedings, the moving party bears the initial burden of proving no genuine issue of material fact exists. *La Plante v. State*, 85 Wash.2d 154 (1995). Then, if that initial showing is made, the burden shifts to the non-moving party to present admissible evidence showing that a genuine issue of material fact exists. *Young v. Key Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 112 Wash. 2d 216 (1989). As the Washington Supreme Court noted in *Keck v. Collins*, the "purpose [of summary judgment] is not to cut litigants off from their right of trial by jury if they really have evidence which they will offer on a trial, it is to carefully test this out, in advance of trial by inquiring and determining whether such evidence exists." *Id.*, 184 Wash.2d 358, 369 (2015). Finally, it is well-settled that in summary judgment proceedings all

facts and reasonable inferences are considered in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. *Mountain Park Homeowners Ass'n v. Tydings*, 125 Wn.2d 337, 341 (1994) (citations omitted).

#### Defendants' Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Reply Brief

At the hearing in this matter, the defendants moved to strike the plaintiff's reply brief alleging that it was untimely served. In particular, defendants' counsel alleged that the reply was served upon him via email on November 29, 2023. Although Mr. Banks acknowledged that he received the email message containing this brief, he also contends that the brief was not served in accord with the requirements of CR 56 in that it was served four days before the scheduled hearing rather than the required five days. Notwithstanding these facts, defendant's counsel did not offer evidence of any prejudice that resulted from this late filing. In considering this motion to strike, the court was mindful of the need to proceed in "a way that advances the underlying purpose of the rules, which is to reach a just determination in every action." *Burnett v. Spokane Ambulance*, 131 Wn.2d 484 (1997). Defendants did not present a persuasive basis to support the significant sanction of striking plaintiff's filing nor to continue the previously scheduled hearing (a hearing that had already been continued once at defendants' request). Taken together, the court is not persuaded that the motion to strike should be granted or that a continuance should be allowed, consequently the motion to strike is denied.

#### Plaintiff's Motion on for Summary Judgment

##### 1. Factual Background.

In October of 2012, plaintiff purchased the real property located at 550 NW Viewpoint Road in Stevenson, Washington. This parcel is described in the pleadings and briefing as "Lot 15." Immediately south of this parcel is defendants' property, which has been described herein as "Lot 18." Plaintiff has asserted, and defendants have not significantly disputed, that at the time plaintiff purchased Lot 15 there were some encroachments onto the deeded portions of Lot 18. These encroachments included a wooden deck and accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

In presenting her claims, plaintiff has submitted, among other things, images taken from Google Earth and the Skamania County GIS program that she asserts show various features of the respective parcels over time. Defendants have argued that these images may not properly be considered as competent admissible evidence. In support of this argument, defendants have submitted the declaration of the Skamania County Assessor, wherein he states that images of this sort cannot be utilized to establish specific boundaries between parcels or as substitutes for land surveys. This argument is correct. However, at the same time the plaintiff is entitled to submit these images as evidence of the condition of the respective parcels and the features thereon. So, while this court concurs that the submitted images may not be legally sufficient to establish the precise boundaries between the parcels by themselves, they may be properly viewed as evidence of how the real property was treated by the parties over time.

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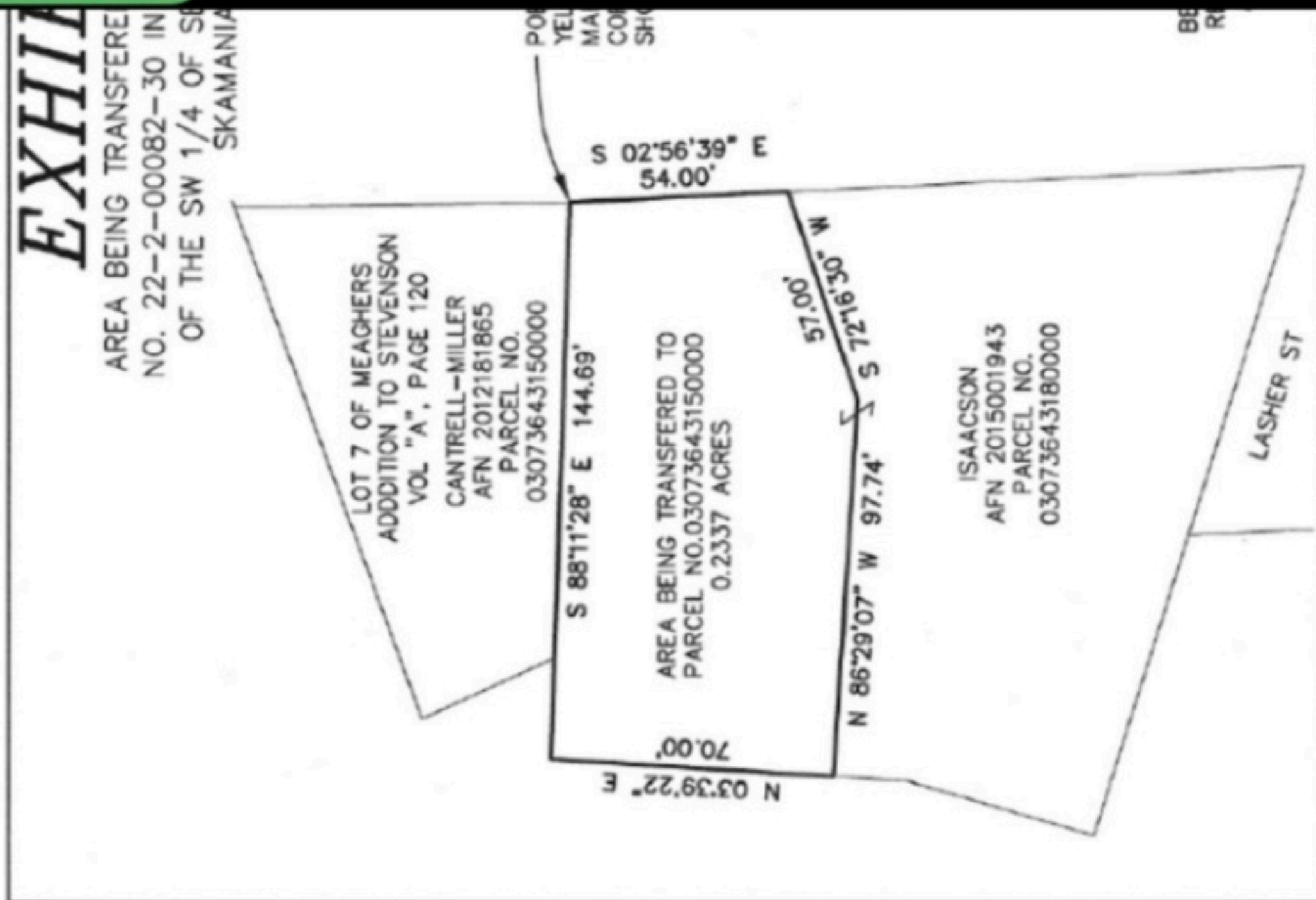
**EXHIBIT**

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**Exhibit B**

Access Easement on, over, and through a C-shaped dirt and gravel roadway located, in relevant part, along the western portion of Defendants' Parcel (PIN 03073643180000), identified as "Lasher St" in the following demonstrative and providing access from Plaintiff's Parcel to NW Viewpoint Road (to the north-northeast) and Lasher Street (to the south-southeast):



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Furthermore, the defendants did not present any other evidence that these images were fraudulent, inaccurate, or deceiving in any way. Finally, the court is aware of the limitations of this technology and can give the images the proper evidentiary weight they deserve when considering how they impact the legal issues at stake.

After plaintiff purchased Lot 15, she claims that she made use of the property in much the same manner as her predecessor, as well as expanding certain areas of her dominion over the property at issue. Notably, defendants do not present a counter-narrative with regard to plaintiff's assertions about her use of the property. For example, plaintiff claims that she replaced features on the property (deck and ADU) with replacements that occupied approximately the same area as the prior features; she tended to the condition of the property with mowing and other improvements; she removed trees from the property; and she took various actions that were consistent with what a true owner would do on their own property. All these actions were undertaken without seeking permission or consent by the plaintiff, and defendants did not produce any evidence that these actions were not taken by plaintiff.

Plaintiff's use of the property was actual, continuous and exclusive for the required statutory period of ten years, and while the defendants made efforts near the end of this time to remove plaintiff's encroachments from the property through fences, cease-and-desist letters and calls to the county sheriff, those efforts did not accomplish that result. Plaintiff occupied the disputed property without interruption throughout the 10-year time frame, and defendants did not make any use of the property that was contrary to, or in any way diminished, plaintiff's use and activities on the disputed property. Finally, plaintiff did not attempt to hide or secret her use of the property, and her use was open and notorious throughout the statutory period. Her uncontradicted testimony and evidence was that during the prescribed statutory time frame, her use of the property was open for all to see and would have appeared to the world as if she was the true owner of the property.

As noted, defendants do not substantially contradict the testimony and evidence plaintiff has submitted about her use of the property. Rather, the defendants attack plaintiff's motion on several principled legal grounds, namely: (1) plaintiff's use of the property was permissive in that defendant Issacson consented to the use of the property in conversations with plaintiff's friend; (2) plaintiff's use was not sufficiently hostile because she never installed a fence nor announced to defendants that she intended to assert control over this land or otherwise owned it; (3) plaintiff's use was not continuous because she ceased personally residing on the property during the statutory time frame; and (4) plaintiff's use of the easement by prescription was not proven because she possessed other ways to get to her property. These arguments are addressed below.

## 2. Legal Analysis

Defendants argue that summary judgment is not proper because they have produced a declaration from Lon Ihrig in which he states that he had a conversation with Mr. Issacson in 2013 (after plaintiff purchased Lot 15) about using a portion of the disputed property. This