

Shamrock Pines and The Reserve HOA



Gearhart, OR 97138

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Date: July 18, 2018

City of Gearhart
Mayor Matt Brown
City Administrator Chad Sweet
PO Box 2510
Gearhart, OR 97138

Re; New Tsunami Warning Station

Dear Mr. Brown and Mr. Sweet:

Please accept this letter from the combined Home Owner's Associations of Shamrock Pines and The Reserve At Gearhart as a formal request for the placement of an additional Tsunami warning station near our developments.

Many of our home owners are concerned because they have a difficult time hearing or are completely unable to hear the city's monthly tsunami warning tests. This is a particular problem for those living in the northern-most end of our developments.

It is understood that by proximity Gearhart residents would be aware of an emergency event such as a large earthquake sustained along the Cascadia subduction zone. However, since they are unable to hear the existing warning system many of our residents could be unaware of a pending tsunami resulting from remote events near Alaska or Japan which have impacted our area historically.

Our two developments represent several hundred Gearhart residents alone. There are many more existing homes plus new homes being constructed in the northern area of Gearhart as well. All of these residents should have ample warning should an emergency occur.

We understand that the City may have the funding for a new warning station. We would respectfully request that it be located in an area that would serve our residents and the surrounding neighborhoods to ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Shamrock Pines Homeowner's Association, Inc.
PO Box 2020
Gearhart, OR 97138
information@shamrockpineshoa.com

The Board of The Reserve At Gearhart Homeowner's Association
Gearhart, OR 97138
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Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Jul 11

Submitted on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 - 9:10pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.19

Submitted values are:

First Name: Bebe

Last Name: Michel

Email Address: Littlebylittle4change@gmail.com

Phone: [503-812-3233](tel:503-812-3233)

Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience: Riding my bike on the way home from the Gearhart City Council meeting this evening (7/11/18) I encountered a small herd of about 20 elk crossing Gearhart Loop Rd onto the north golf course. The elk had largely crossed the road when I rode up. I stopped a safe distance away to let them pass and then went on my way. There did not appear to be any calves in this herd.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/4241>

Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Jul 16

Submitted on Monday, July 16, 2018 - 11:55am

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.19

Submitted values are:

First Name: Kathy

Last Name: Key

Email Address: kathysspot@sbcglobal.net

Phone: [530-356-7654](tel:530-356-7654)

Type of Wildlife Encountered:

- Deer
- Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience: So beautiful!

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/4261>

Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Jul 17

Submitted on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 - 12:52pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.19

Submitted values are:

First Name: Bebe

Last Name: Michel

Email Address: B.michel87@gmail.com

Phone: [503-812-3233](tel:503-812-3233)

Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience: Was walking south on the Birdie Beach Trail towards the beach this morning. Didn't see any elk in the dunes, but did come across fresh elk poop on the trail. They had to be nearby. I stopped, looked up and scanned the dunes some more. Saw a couple of bachelor elk at a far enough distance north of the trail near the ridge of the fore dune. Pays to stay alert.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/4271>

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Jul 15

Submitted on Sunday, July 15, 2018 - 12:14pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.18

Submitted values are:

First Name: Bebe

Last Name: Michel

Email Address: B.michel87@gmail.com

Phone: [503-812-3233](tel:503-812-3233)

Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience:

7/14/18 — was riding my bike in The Highlands in the evening and saw about 25 elk on the golf course. Had enough distance from them that they were undisturbed and calm.

7/15/18 — was approaching the dunes from Pacific Palisades in the morning and saw about 35 elk in the dunes about 500 yds away. Could see that the herd was clustered together and that no stragglers were in our path. No disturbances.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/4251>

jgreen2317 to me, mayorbrown, councilorcockrum, councilorjesse, councilorsmith, councilorlorain

Jul 26

To Chad, Mayor Brown, and Council Members,

Approximately 1 1/2 years of citizen involvement and input and Council study and deliberation resulted in Ordinance 910. It deserves enough attention in the implementation phase to insure its success. Kathleen Sayce, Ecologist and resource person, recommended vegetation work be conducted outside of the bird breeding season and ideally in Fall and Winter, so we do have time to get this right. The below recommendations were prepared by Nancy and Thad Clark, Sharon Kloepfer, and John and Margaret Green. The content of these recommendations arose from group discussions regarding our observations of failures in the previous ordinance language and/or implementation to provide easy enforcement tools. As shown below, we believe in the importance of meticulous documentation of approved actions to support success. The below recommendations for implementation provide some ideas as a basic starting point for planning the implementation process. We are willing to spend volunteer time to assist or provide further input regarding procedures or best practices. If this ordinance is not enforceable/enforced, all the work of many volunteers and city employees has gone for naught.

Regards,
Thad and Nancy Clark
Sharon Kloepfer
John and Margaret Green

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE 910

Passage of a clearly defined ordinance such as 910, supported by the Comprehensive Plan, is only a piece of insuring that the Beaches and Dune Overlay Zone continues to serve its original purpose and be compatible with supporting Citizens' needs and desires. Education regarding implementation of the ordinance and enforcement are the other equally important pieces. Without these, the ordinance could result in failure, with long lasting negative consequences. There must also be a smooth transition into our future Master Park Plan.

It is critical to have a plan for moving forward before projects begin. Clarification will also insure that citizen expectation aligns with the ordinance intent. Enactment, education, and enforcement, go hand in hand for success.

Enactment is complete.

Education should involve dissemination of the ordinance to affected property owners. It would be most helpful to also supply a layman's summary of allowed actions with bullet points clearly defining when a written plan is required to be brought to the City and which practices require a written permit. Also, a complete set of "Best Practices" should be provided so work plans are made within those guidelines before presentation to the City.

Enforcement should be a many-pronged plan: Other municipalities commonly have strict guidelines, particularly when allowing private work done on public land. Some examples of these requirements are listed below. Applied to the Gearhart situation, with the exception of the allowed 100 foot clearing of defensible space for fire protection, a plan and permit should be required for all work in the BAD zone.

1. APPLICATION/DRAWING/PHYSICAL PREPARATION OF SITE: A city application is filled out, including a description and drawing showing the exact details of the project. It should include a detailed description of all tree work planned (so that compliance with the ordinance can be verified).

- a) Exact site location is measured and physically marked with flagged stakes at all defining corners.
- b) Trees to be limbed-pruned, topped, or removed must be tagged (with caution tape or other identifiable markers), identifying trees for limbing-pruning, topping, and removal with different colors.
- c) Weed removal: area should be identified on the drawing by cross-hatching or shading with notation of the noxious weed being removed. "Best Practices" information is reviewed.

2.) PHYSICAL PLAN REVIEW BY CITY: Upon receipt of the completed APPLICATION, it is reviewed for identification of all required details. A designated city employee visits the site of the proposed project, preferably with the applicant and/or his representative to gather any additional data needed, including photos to support the plan for all vegetation removal. Verification of measurements of trees designated for removal is done. This is the time for thorough discussion of the plan and additional clarification of methods to be used and noted. The plan is either approved, revised and approved, or rejected.

3.) FOLLOWUP INSPECTION: Ideally, the same city employee visits the site once during the work to insure compliance, but definitely inspects at the project's completion. Colored tags should remain until after inspection. If completed work does not match up to the site plan/photos, then a fine is issued and this applicant will not be issued permits in the future. Fines should be predetermined and specific to the infraction. Before and after photos should accompany the completed permit into the City files.