

# PLEASE INCLUDE IN THE PACKET TO THE COMMISSIONERS

From: Lori and Bob Breslauer  
Re: Gearhart C-1 Zone Proposed Amendments

The above proposed code reads the purpose is to bring in needed small businesses and services to the city center of Gearhart. The new codes seems very restrictive and not business owner friendly or inviting. It seems it would be very hard to sell a business with these conditional use permits being so prohibitive.

The code also explains what the city finds essential

As far as we know the city has not asked the community what businesses they feel are essential . For example why does the city feel an Art studio is essential and not a restaurant, bar, antique store , Ice cream shop etc?

The code being proposed also seems to be making things even more complicated and difficult for current businesses. In these hard times due to the pandemic we should all be trying to help out and support our local businesses. We were just made aware that the covered outdoor seating area at the Sweet Shop was denied. This is the complete opposite of what other cities and towns across the country are doing to support local businesses. Portland is now allowing outdoor seating in parking lots, taking away street parking in front of restaurants and even closing down streets for outdoor seating. This is not the time to restrict, it would seem we would want to do everything we can do to help support our businesses that make our little community what it is .

Thank you for your consideration on the above matters.

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