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July 1, 2021

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

RE: FY 2021-2022 Dispatch Fee

Dear Chad,

The City of Seaside would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Gearhart for allowing us to provide dispatch services to your organization. The City of Seaside is dedicated to providing outstanding service at a reasonable cost to the City of Gearhart. As a result of increased costs associated with providing this service, the City of Seaside is proposing an increase of one-point five percent (1.5%). This will increase your monthly payment to \$3,287.54, an increase \$48.58 per month from last year.

The City of Seaside appreciates the cooperative nature our two agencies enjoy and looks forward to many years of mutual support.

Sincerely,



Mark W. Winstanley  
City Manager

MJW:kj

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**Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife**

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**City of Gearhart Oregon** <gearhart-or@municodeweb.com>  
Reply-To: City of Gearhart Oregon <info@cityofgearhart.com>  
To: krysti@cityofgearhart.com

Thu, Jul 8, 2021 at 8:22 PM

Submitted on Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 8:22pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 68.116.52.62

Submitted values are:

First Name Brad

Last Name Kernan

Email Address Kernanba@msn.com

Phone 4252326669

Type of Wildlife Encountered Elk

Type of Experience Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience They were awesome. 17 member herd.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife) No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/25213>

Aberhart City Council,

July 20 2021

We are writing to give input on the proposed changes to working days/hours for commercial construction and landscaping.

My husband and I own Downes Co. We are licensed and bonded contractors in the state of Oregon. We have a current Aberhart City Business License. We do landscape maintenance and small fencing and deck jobs.

I (Donna) grew up in Aberhart. For much of the time we raised our children here and our grandchild is being raised here. We have Aberhart's best interest at heart.

Having lived here as long as we have we know the fickle nature of our weather. Sprung are notoriously hard for anyone that works outdoors. There are times when mowing must be pushed off by a day or two. The lawns keep growing and must be mowed. However sometimes this will push our work days into Saturdays. This is especially true when our route is accompanied by extra projects. Saturdays are often

used by us as a catch-up day or for those projects during the growing season. This unavoidable at times. We are sure that painters, roofers, and really anyone that makes their income during the spring, summer, and fall would be dealing with this.

The last two years have been hard on small businesses. This would only add to the frustration.

We are asking that the City Council make no changes to the current restrictions on hours and days. However in the event that the Council finds that further restrictions must be implemented, we ask that it would not include Saturdays. We feel that this could be a good compromise.

Thank you for your consideration and hearing us on this matter.

Respectfully,  
Donna + Toby Daines  
Daines Co.  
541-480-0184

July 25, 2021,

To: Mayor Cockrum & Gearhart City Council

Re: Aug 4 Council Meeting regarding Noise Ordinance

Dear Mayor Cockrum & City Council,

It has come to my attention that Gearhart is considering changes to the current noise ordinance regarding construction, landscaping & lawn service noise.

I own Mancill Lawn & Yard Maintenance, Inc. I have served customers in Clatsop County between Astoria & Cannon Beach for the last 20+ years. I have held a Gearhart business license for 20+ years also as well as living in Gearhart for 24 years & going to Gearhart Elementary before graduating from Seaside High. I have resided in Seaside for the last 17 years but I have dozens of customers in Gearhart & work in Gearhart usually 4 days a week. My parents have lived in Gearhart for 42 years & counting.

I am quite concerned with proposal that was submitted with the 20 signatures on it. Gearhart currently has a noise ordinance that is working & is basically common sense & common courtesy. Pretty much all contractors, landscapers, lawn services, etc. use good judgment for when to start & stop work. I start just after 8 am & usually am always out of Gearhart by 6 or shortly after. I do work on weekends but I never would start until well after 9 as well as not work too late in the afternoon. The mowing late in evenings or weekends is actually do-it-yourselfers. Many people work & have to work on their house & yard after work or on the weekends.

The reason contractors like myself end up having to work some weekends is usually due to weather or mechanical breakdowns. Mother Nature doesn't just cooperate M-F & save her bad weather for the weekends. Obviously if it rains 3" or blows 80 mph I'm not able to get all my work done & therefore have to finish it on the weekend. Recently we had a day well over 100 degrees. If that were on a normal working weekday I would've had to cut my day short & make it up on the weekend instead of putting my health at risk. Or if I have a sick day during the week I would make it up on Saturday. If a mower or vehicle breaks, it throws my week off & I end up having to work on the weekend. Builders face the same challenges & are also on timelines to get things done before a big storm or to be ready for the subcontractors (plumbers, electricians, etc.) to do their jobs. If the city were to ban weekend work altogether it would cause great harm to those that are just trying to do their jobs & earn a living.

The real issue here is the group of people that are doing all this complaining. They have been on a kick about how Gearhart is supposed to be residential & we're breaking the character of Gearhart, how Gearhart doesn't follow the Comprehensive Plan, and so on & so forth. Their vision of Gearhart is their fairy tale of how they think Gearhart has looked historically. Most of the people complaining have only moved to Gearhart in the last 10 years or less.

I can correct this fairy tale about Gearhart. Growing up here, Gearhart was primarily local working people. Local contractors, business owners, commercial fishermen & other working middle class people who got up every day & went to work. They understood what it takes to make a living here & worked to make an honest living. No one complained to the city about someone making some noise to build a house or mow a lawn. The original Gearhart people were people like Jim Furnish. That man could tell you more about Gearhart than all these newcomers combined. I grew up going to Curs Gearhart Market. It was a vital part of the Gearhart business community. They employed quite a few good people. Now if you remember back a few years ago, this same group of complainers are the same ones that gave the new owners of Gearhart Market such a hard time while he was just trying to make it a viable business once again. And it's the same group of people that were publicly bad mouthing City Manager Sweet.

I think by now the City should understand that this group of people is mostly newcomers that are trying to change Gearhart into their fairy tale vision that they saw when they moved here. One particular person on the petition personally complained to me about mowing at 3pm on a WEEKDAY! This person has only lived here 7-8 years & has done nothing but complain about everything. Several of the people live close to the golf course which runs mowing equipment daily including weekends. Makes you wonder why they bought a house so close to the golf course if they hate noise.

The real reason this group is doing this is they are trying to stop anyone from making a living. They think in the letter submitted by them that Gearhart is a "sanctuary". What they don't understand is that while they may have made their fortune in a big city, or in stocks or investments, there are still many truly local people here that have to work to make a living. It's as if they made their retirement but screw anyone else that's trying to work hard & make a decent living.

Another thing to consider is do our police really have time to worry about this nitpicking stuff? I'm pretty certain Chief Bowman & his officers have much more serious things to worry about than someone mowing a lawn on Saturday or someone working on a house.

I think that if these people are so unhappy here they want to complain & whine about everything, then maybe they should sell their houses & move somewhere else. And don't let the door hit them on the way out!

Sincerely,



Tim Mancill

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July 28, 2021

**TO: MAYOR COCKRUM AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SUBJECT: 3<sup>RD</sup> OFFICER POSITION**

We will open the hiring process for the vacant 3<sup>rd</sup> officer position on August 16, 2021 and it will close on September 20, 2021. I have contracted with a company NTN (National Testing Network). All interested applicants will be directed to NTN for testing first. The testing is approx. 5 hours in length online. Applicants that pass this test, their information will then be forwarded to us. Any applicant throughout the country that has passed the NTN test within the last year, will also be notified by NTN that we are seeking applicants for an Entry Level Police Officer.


As you can see by the attached page, training for new law enforcement officers is still a challenge, even though supposedly things were returning to normal. This hiring process will not be quick by any means. Hopefully we will be able to fill this position before HB 2936 comes law (though we will still be following most of the requirements outlined in this bill). Hiring law enforcement officers has become a much more difficult task with a smaller applicant pool and changes in general attitudes of some citizens concerning the law enforcement profession.

I encourage any of you to come see me and I will discuss this more in length.

Jeffrey T. Bowman  
Chief of Police

**Department of Public Safety Standards and Training**

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Dear Agency Heads,

We just learned of a third confirmed CoVid19 case associated to BP408. With this information at hand and other students awaiting test results, the decision to pause BP408 was made. All BP408 students are being sent away from the academy for a currently undetermined time. Their training calendar as it corresponds to other classes on campus will be evaluated and a return to training date will be sent out as soon as it is determined.

Please note that all other classes on campus are moving forward as planned as the incidents of CoVid19 appear to be isolated to BP408. Our hope in taking this action is to keep spread from getting further out of hand.

Thank you for you continued patience and willingness to be flexible under these circumstances.

H. Hassan  
Training Division Director  
Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training  
4190 Aumsville Hwy SE  
Salem, OR 97317



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## City of Gearhart

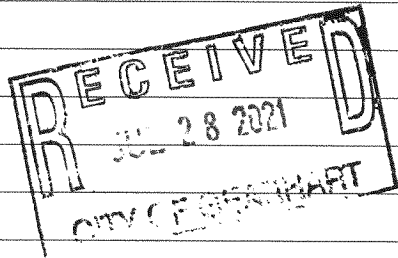
I understand you are considering changes to the workdays and or hours for contractors to work. I found out "by word of mouth" This has been under consideration for some time. Nearly every business in town could be affected by this. Why didn't every business in town get a letter so they could have the option of speaking out.

I have had a lawn maintenance business in Gearhart for nearly 35 years. Nearly all my work must be done in fair weather. Steady rain makes the work unsafe, impossible or both. When it rains for days at a time, I get behind in my work. The only way to catch up is by working some weekends. I work very few weekends from June through September. But it is very common for me to work weekends in the winter.

When mowing I rarely spend more than 45 minutes at any one job site. Nearly everyone in Gearhart understands that the work needs to be done.

James Waddell

James Waddell



July 29, 2021

Gearhart City New Fire/Police Station Location Survey Addendum:

It is our wish if this “land swap” does occur, that the city council, as part of the structured deal, will place a cap on total number of housing units that can be built by the developers on the remaining parcel of land, after the “land swap” has occurred. In other words, after this deal is complete, the developers should not be able to add more housing into the development than what was originally agreed to by the city. No re-platting of the parcel to “squeak” out more buildable lots should occur. We have seen this happen in other developments in Gearhart that started out being nice additions to the community with the end result being housing seemingly built in a helter-skelter fashion, with little consideration given for the impact on the design integrity of the whole development.

Jeanne and Wilson Mark  
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