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## Occupancy and Fire Rating Concerns

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**Steve Weed**

Sun, Aug 22, 2021 at

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5:17 PM

To: mayorcockrum@cityofgearhart.com

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Dear City of Gearhart,

Deb and I walked down to the oceanside benches and met a large group of people who were staying near us. One of the elders indicated this was their annual pilgrimage to Gearhart, and 50 to 80 family members attended. I remember about five years ago I was concerned about the occupancy of a house in Gearhart and Chad checked it out and said they all went away from the house at night.

I have a real concern that a house could be used for high occupancy during a weekend. I've lived in my Marion house for almost 20-years and remember the airplane crash and deaths which resulted because of egress problems. As you are aware, fires and accidents happen at any time of day and house design have limited access points and are not designed the same as a public

building. It does concern me that the city could be held liable for allowing such high occupancy for residential properties. Perhaps occupancy limit signs should be posted on vacation rental houses.

Also, I have concerns about the location of the proposed fire station. Has any local fire insurance company been contacted if the rating for most homes located in the original City of Gearhart will have their fire rating changed because of the new location being further (miles) from many of the homes which are currently within a mile of the station and response times increased by x number of minutes?

Thank you for the opportunity of expressing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Steven Weed  
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July 26, 2021

Mayor Paulina Cockrum  
Gearhart City Council  
698 Pacific Way  
Gearhart, Oregon 97138

Re: Proposed Noise Ordinance Amendment

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I am very concerned about a minority group of Gearhart residents attempting to amend Noise Ordinance #877 and #876, which was enacted after much public debate in 2014. I recommend no action on the new proposal.

I object to limiting hours for weekend work for landscape construction professionals and other construction professionals. My son, Timothy and I have a Gearhart Business license and I have owned property in Gearhart for over forty years. This proposed change affects the ability to operate in Gearhart. Tim maintains my property every other Sunday, which I pay for. Will he be allowed to do this in the future?

We live next to Bayview Transit Mix which is in the county. They work in the middle of the night. Gearhart's noise ordinance doesn't apply. When the highway traffic starts at 4 am, there is a great amount of noise. The solution is to close windows.

The Do-it-yourself projects being exempt from this ordinance makes no sense. If a homeowner decides to cut their grass at 8 p.m. does their lawnmower make less noise?

The existing noise ordinance seems to be working. Making it harder to work in Gearhart does not make any sense. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Deanna Mancill

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August 8, 2021

Mayor Paulina Cockrum  
Gearhart City Council  
698 Pacific Way  
Gearhart, Oregon 97138



Re: Proposed Noise Ordinance Amendment  
September 2021 City Council meeting

Dear Mayor and City Council:

This is a follow-up letter concerning my July 26, 2021 letter that I e-mailed each of you that day. This did not make it into the City Council August meeting agenda packet. I find that very concerning. There are other things that I question about this noise ordinance.

The manner in which contractors and the public were notified about this major change is suspect. The Gearhart blog is not the proper way to notify Gearhart business owners. Most people don't know to look at it. Since Gearhart collects a business license fee mailing a notice out to all affected contractors would have been the proper way to conduct the public's business. It seems like this proposal was rushed to benefit the few people that support it.

I used to attend all the Gearhart city council meetings years ago. I remember that it was the property owners along Cottage Avenue that complained about lawn equipment making noise at the Gearhart Golf Course. After much debate, in 2014 the Gearhart City Council crafted a noise ordinance that everyone could live with.

The people complaining bought their new homes into a new developing subdivision, Creekside. There are new houses being built everyday. Didn't these people realize when they bought their houses there would be construction noise until the subdivision is totally built out? So every general and landscape contractors have to pay the price to benefit a few selfish people. This is not fair!

The deception employed by chief-petitioner Sheila Nolan and Councilor Brent Warren is beyond the pale. With a little digging, I found that they are husband and wife and live at the same address on Creekside. Councilor Warren should have declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting. Because I can't find a direct monetary benefit to his family, a complaint to the state ethics board won't amount to anything. But the Gearhart City Council should hold its members to a higher standard than required by law. The integrity of local government decisions from unbiased officials is at stake.

I have enclosed my July 26, 2021 letter to be included into the public record. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



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## 2020 Census Redistricting File (Public Law 94-171) and Additional 2020 Census Data and Resources Now Available

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Marc R Czornij (CENSUS/LA FED) <marc.r.czornij@2020census.gov>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:19 PM

Good afternoon,

The U.S. Census Bureau has just released the **2020 Census Redistricting File (Public Law 94-171)** that is used for drawing legislative districts and other boundaries across the United States. This file is in the "legacy" format, which means it requires additional handling and experience to correctly extract the data from. To access the file as well as resources on how to use it, please visit: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html>.

This same data will be released in more user-friendly formats as well as on [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov) by September 30, 2021.

If you'd just like to review local 2020 Census results *without* having to work with the Public Law file, there are a few options:

- Visit the Census Bureau's easy to use **QuickFacts** tool at <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219>. Here you can review 2020 Census population totals for all states and counties as well as cities or towns with a population of 5,000 or more. (Note that as of this writing the QuickFacts tool is experiencing heavy traffic and may be operating more slowly than normal.)
- Check out the **2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer** to review demographic data at the state, county, and Census Tract level. That tool is available here: <https://arcg.is/0eWzy8>.
- Look out for a release provided by the **Population Research Center at Portland State University**, the U.S. Census Bureau's State Data Center for Oregon. The Center is planning to work with the Public Law file to extract the data for all counties and cities/towns in Oregon and provide it in a table format as they have done in the past. Stay tuned to the Center's website for more information: <https://www.pdx.edu/population-research/>.

Even if you're not working with the Public Law file, the first link in the top paragraph has a ton of great information about this release and data, including Frequently Asked Questions, data visualizations, how-to-videos, and social media toolkits.

Thank you, again, to those of you that worked with our Oregon Partnership Team from fall 2018 through fall 2020 to engage your communities and encourage them to respond to the 2020 Census. We couldn't have done it without you!

Best,

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