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Proposed Development Code under Consideration by City Council

The City Council has scheduled a public hearing, and they will consider adopting an updated Development Code at the Council meeting on February 16th.

Cities within the State of Oregon are required to write, maintain, and adopt a development code as a part of its overall municipal code. Coos Bay has had a code for many years, and it is currently adopted as Chapter 17 of its municipal code. The current City's code was primarily written in 1987, and it has had some minor modifications since that date. The Planning Commission spent approximately eight months working on the code in a series of work sessions, holding a public hearing, hosting a town hall meeting, along with presentations to the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Coos Bay Downtown Association, and the Community Coalition of Empire all with the purpose of gathering public opinion and writing a draft document that reflects the majority opinion for development within the City of Coos Bay. With a unanimous favorable decision from the Planning Commission, the code went to the City Council for three work sessions last year.

A copy of the [Current Development Code](#), the proposed [Draft Development Code](#), and associated [Land Use Maps](#) can be viewed by clicking each highlighted link. The goal at the end of this process is for the City to have a new, legally reviewed, easier to follow development code and associated maps, which along with the City's Comprehensive Plan, directs development within the City.

A [Comment Card](#) is also available by clicking the highlighted link, to allow comments to be submitted to the City prior to the meeting or to bring with you to the meeting. Please come and share any thoughts or questions you may have on the proposed draft code with City staff as the City moves through this process. Please email any comments to Community Development Director Eric Day at eday@coosbay.org

The main goals of the development code rewrite proposal are to:

1. Provide a new land use review format which will be easier for applicants to follow,
2. Provide clear and objective language for applicants,
3. Establish conformity within the pre-application process,
4. Delete many unnecessary reviews for proposed uses, and
5. Delete some of the unnecessary zonings within the City.

The Friday Update



Randy and Kelly Hoffine owners of Pacific Properties recently moved their business to 810 Broadway in Coos Bay. Tonight at 4:00 pm, the Hoffine's and their real estate team will be hosting an **Open House** at their new location.



Do you need a shirt cleaned? What about stained pants? OK, how about something a little more difficult, let's try a rug, or a wedding gown? Well Empire Cleaners does it all...well almost.

Empire Cleaners located at 983 Newmark Avenue in Coos Bay has recently changed ownership, and it is ready to tackle everything from your mundane messes to your glorious gowns. Give them a call at 541-888-3356.



America's Mattress newest location on the Oregon Coast is now opened for business!

America's Mattress is located in downtown Coos Bay in the former location of BNT (and Surplus Center).

O'Reilly Auto Parts is Opening this Weekend!!!



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Officers from the Coos Bay Police Department joined law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon in a Safety Belt Enforcement Campaign which began February 8th. This is the first of three scheduled safety belt and traffic safety campaigns for 2016. The focus of the program is to increase public awareness of the seatbelt laws with the goal of reducing traffic injuries and deaths.

Members from the Coos Bay Police Department will take to the road during this campaign to focus their attention on seatbelt violations and child safety seatbelt violations, but they are also watching for drivers who are speeding, texting, and driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Oregon law requires that there be "proper use" of the entire seatbelt system - lap belt placed low across the hips and a shoulder belt over the collarbone and crossing the center of the chest. Belts should be free of slack and lying flat with no twists or knots. If necessary, slide the attachment on the door post up or down to fit the size of you or your passenger. Shoulder belts should not be placed under the arm or behind the back as this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in the event of a crash.



JOB FAIR

On Wednesday, Coos Bay Public Library held its second job fair. It was organized by Gary Furuyama the library's AmeriCorps member and Paul Addis the reference librarian. The participating organizations were Atlas Edge Staffing, Bay Area Hospital, Care Connections, Coquille School District, FCR, First Community Credit Union, First Student, Mid-Columbia Bus, ORCCA, SCBEC, and Star of Hope. The job fair attracted 156 job-seekers, eclipsing the first fair which brought in 152.

Like its first job fair in November, this event demonstrated the library's impact on the local economy. This impact was felt even more quickly than anticipated as one employer, Mid-Columbia Bus, interviewed and hired at least one applicant on-site during the fair! Atlas Edge Staffing reported that they handed out over 70 applications, and they were impressed with many of them. Several employers have already expressed great interest in participating in future job fairs.

Due to the popularity of its first two job fairs, the library plans on making them a regular occurrence. Two additional job fairs have already been scheduled for April 6th and June 1st.

Tracking Down Criminals...

Last week Sgt. Sean Merritt and his partner K-9 "Tron" responded to help an officer in North Bend track down and capture Brett Carpenter a wanted felon who had fled from officers in Simpson Park during the middle of the night.

Despite the heavy thick brush, K-9 "Tron" found his man; and Mr. Carpenter was provided lodging at the jail in Coquille.

