

# Vote: Ordinance will be revised

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However, after the passage of the changes to the ordinance and funding approvals, the council voted to give the ordinance an ending date of June 30, 1998. At this date, and in the time from now until then, the council will attempt to develop different long-term options for Eugene's homeless.

After an open forum, where the council fielded comments and recommendations for the public, they approved \$150,000 in immediate service funding for homeless programs and adopted an ordinance that will increase the locations where homeless people can sleep.

The council's decision comes at an important time

as the encroaching cold weather of the winter season will affect Eugene's increasing number of homeless people. According to Tom Musselwhite, who is on the steering committee for the Homeless Action Coalition, the number of people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless in the Eugene area has doubled from 2 to 4 percent over the past 3 to 4 years. He attributes the figures to the population increase Eugene has endured, and also to the wages available for workers to afford housing.

"Things are happening a lot more quickly now than 20 years ago," he said. "There's plenty of work to be done, but there's just not enough profitable work out there."

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Service that they can't implement a program for very basic uses of public lands," said Dan Stotter, the defendants' lawyer. Stotter, a local environmental and natural resource law attorney, said drinking water, bathroom facilities and road access are basic services. He said he does believe the agency can charge for using trails and campgrounds.

Stotter said he believed Coffin's judgment affirmed that the South Jetty is a public right-of-way and that the Forest Service cannot curtail its use or charge for it. Stotter said he believed the agency will regroup after the ruling, and he expects that a healthy dialogue will develop between the public and the agency.

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"If the public doesn't back the program, it won't work," he said. Sandy Berger, spokeswoman for the Forest Service, said it

for the Forest Service, said it would take some time for federal lawyers to analyze Coffin's ruling for its greater effect on the recreation fee program. In the short term, she said recreation users won't be charged the \$3 fee for the use of the South Jetty Road, in compliance with the ruling.

However, the user-fee collection station will remain on the South Jetty Road for recreation users to buy \$3 passes for day use and \$25 annual passes. Rick Alexander, public affairs officer for the Siuslaw National Forest, said recreation users will still have to buy a pass while using the Oregon Dunes parking areas, offroad vehicle staging areas, picnic areas and bathrooms.

Berger said the Forest Service will continue to charge for the parking lots, trail heads, off-highway vehicle staging areas and boat launches, in addition to other recreational facilities.

The defendants received support from the Surfrider Foundation, an international organization with 30,000 members throughout the world that deals with water cleanliness, beach conservation and beach access issues, said Scott Sherwood, chairman of the Oregon chapter. The chapter, located in Eugene, has about 100 members, Sherwood said.

"This [victory] isn't just for surfing," Sherwood said. "It's for everyone."

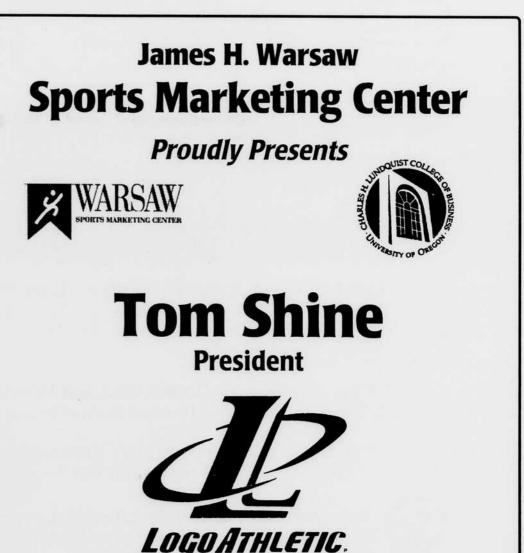


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