

Apartments like this one haven't had a housing code since 1983 to regulate livability standards such as energy efficiency, lighting or room sizes. The ASUO says a housing code would increase the quality of living around campus, and the student government is pushing Eugene's City Council to implement a housing code. However, the city's planning department says it doesn't have enough money to enforce such a code.

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Megan Hughes, ASUO community outreach director, has been working for several months to develop a proposal outlining five to 10 issues students should have in a code. The proposal is similar to one Corvallis is in the final stages of implementing.

She said the city's lack of funding surprised her. She has been meeting with City Councilor David Kelly and said funding issues haven't been raised during their meetings.

Kelly, who began representing the University after the Jan. 1 city redistricting, said he is still getting acquainted with ASUO concerns.

"I'm still educating myself about housing code issues," Kelly said.

Hughes said a housing code could create accountability for landlords and overall "positively affect the housing around the campus for students." She said that the student government would try to find a solution to funding problems if money is not available.

If a lack of money makes the implementation of a code unfeasible, Hughes said ASUO will continue a housing education campaign it is currently creating.

The campaign will include a renter's information pamphlet set for distribution by late fall, which will include various rental rules and building codes, a directory of Eugene apartments, apartment profiles, maps and a question-and-answer section.

Hughes' next step is to meet with Richie Weinman, the planning department's housing code expert.

ASUO veterans said roadblocks to implementing a housing code are nothing new, but they are making sure progress isn't lost in the transition from one year to the next.

Holly Magner, last year's ASUO vice president, also included housing code implementation in her and ASUO President Jay Breslow's campaign platform, but the process took so long it never got out of the planning stage. That research was passed to the current administration, and they have based much of their work on its findings.

Magner said a viable housing code proposal takes several years to make, and can only be completed if ASUO creates more continuity between incoming and outgoing administrations to facilitate ongoing projects.

"It's a lot of red tape and crap you have to go through" to create a housing code proposal, she said.

Hughes agreed with Magner and said she hopes to return to student government next year and work more on the proposal.

Although Eugene doesn't have a housing code, the city does maintain a building code. A building code regulates housing conditions, like how tall it is and how old its wiring can be, but only allows the city to intervene if it deems the structure dangerous in some way.

"For the city to take action, it needs to be considered dangerous," Murray said.

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## Food

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coincides with the Governor's Challenge program, which urges all state employees to take part in a statewide mission to raise food and money for people in need.

The challenge is "the governor's way of saying hunger is an issue, and state employees are committed to doing something about it," said Deb Buchanan, food solicitor for Food for Lane County.

The University is the largest organization of state employees in Lane County, and is a long-term supporter of Food for Lane County's Food Rescue Program, Buchanan said. The national economy is struggling and Oregon has the highest unemployment rate in the country, and Buchanan said that makes the food drive especially important.

According to University Assistant Director for Community Outreach Kim Mangun, who is coordinating the food drive, University employees are working harder than ever to reach the 60,000-pound goal set for this year's drive. Last year, the University collected the

equivalent of 52,000 pounds of food.

"We wanted to really encourage the departments to be creative this year and find fun ways to get people to give," Mangun said.

Some departments sold chocolate hearts for Valentine's Day. All departments are giving out red, white and black collector's edition buttons that read "I have a heart for the hungry" with every donation of \$10 or more.

"Raising money is very important, as \$1 donated is equal to six pounds of food and can buy a meal for a family of four," Buchanan said.

In the University admissions office, everyone refers to Brian Stanley as the "Cookie Guy." Stanley, residency officer, is getting involved by making and selling snickerdoodles. He buys all the ingredients and makes all the cookies himself, then sells them to co-workers to raise money for the food drive.

"I got the idea because I would bring the cookies in for holiday parties and folks commented on how much they liked them, so I thought it was a good way to contribute," Stanley said.

Last year he made 58 dozen cookies, and he's hoping to surpass

that this year. The cookies are \$5 per dozen.

Other departments participating in the drive include economics, psychology, music, history, journalism, athletics, the graduate school, the Knight Library and the bookstore.

There are 60 barrels scattered around campus for food donations, and facilities services volunteers deliver and pick up all the barrels.

After the food drive ends, there will be an event on March 11 with University President Dave Frohn-mayer and the duck mascot in the Johnson Hall lobby. Mangun plans to give out prizes to the department with the best theme, the best team initiative and the most donations.

Buchanan, who works with the University throughout the year to acquire donated food, is thrilled with all the different ways the University is raising funds.

"It's such a great drive. It's a great way for employees to bond and do something as a collective organization," Buchanan said. "It's all about finding whatever sparks creativity for the group."

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