

SMALL CLAIMS ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Small Claims Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the January 24, 2018, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments make significant revisions to the Ordinance to update and clarify Ordinance provisions. The Ordinance was adopted in 1993, has not been amended and is very out-of-date. The proposed amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting, typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Small Claims Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by March 5, 2018. ■

NAME CHANGE AND BIRTH
CERTIFICATION ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Name Change and Birth Certification Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the January 24, 2018, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments made several changes to the Ordinance including but not limited to removing all provisions related to Birth Certification, renaming the Ordinance to the Name Change Ordinance, and updating and clarifying name change provisions. The proposed amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting, typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Name Change and Birth Certification Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

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TOBACCO ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Tobacco Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the January 24, 2018, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments establish that it is a violation to sell or distribute tobacco to anyone under the age of 21 on the Reservation. The proposed amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting, typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Tobacco Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

The Lighthouse Church, located in the Tribe's Community Building, has opened its doors to provide temporary shelter for homeless Tribal members and Tribal families in the Grand Ronde area. It is open from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. So far, one person has taken advantage of the service.

Homeless help offered
Tribal Council survey compiled in December

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Lack of stable, affordable housing in Oregon has left many people without a permanent place to stay and Grand Ronde is no exception.

After Lighthouse Church Pastor and Tribal member Ken Haller heard of people staying at nearby campgrounds, sleeping in their cars and couch surfing with friends, he decided to take action.

With the assistance of volunteers from the local Narcotics Anonymous group that meets at the church, Haller decided to have coffee, cookies and information available for anyone who needs it between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Tribal community building located at 24702 S.W. Grand Ronde Road.

So far, the response hasn't been huge, but Haller will keep the lights on and the building warm for anyone who may need it.

"It is good for me to come down here and focus on projects that need to be done, so we will keep doing this and hope people come," Haller said. "If we can help just one person, then it is all worth it."

Tribal Council was informed about the issue of area homelessness from Tribal members at meetings in the fall and decided to compile a survey in December to gauge the need.

Surveys were available in *Smoke Signals* and at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, Social Services Department and Early Childhood Education, and were also sent electronically to all Tribal employees.

General Manager Dave Fullerton said that a statement was being prepared and would be available later in the week, after *Smoke Signals'* press time.

Since those who lack housing sometimes are unaware of all of the local resources, Haller has put together pamphlets of information to hand out, a sort of "one-stop shopping," approach.

Visitors also can access food, clothing and toiletries while at the church.

"We have had a lot of people drop off supplies for us," Haller said. "We will continue to be here for a while. We have a lot of volunteers from the NA group who want to help. ... They have been there and see the need."

Families with young children also are allowed to stay overnight on an emergency basis. Haller is hoping to expand the service to single people in the future if he has volunteers who will spend the night as well.

"When we can get it going further, then we can start bringing them in," he said. "Right now, people can warm up and we can talk to them if they want that. Plus, we have NA and counseling available if that's an interest. We want to give them a spark of hope. We are a blessed Tribe, we have the resources and ought to be able to help." ■

West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Name: _____ PH: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DOB: _____ Gender: Male / Female (circle) CTGR Tribal: Y / N (circle) If Tribal, roll# _____

DOE _____ Place of Entry _____

DOS: _____ Place of Separation _____

Rank: _____ Branch: _____ Honorable: Y / N (circle)

Deceased: Y / N (circle) DOD: _____ Place of Burial _____

*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy of a bill/record with your name and address showing you had lived or now reside in Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan. Please send application and all documents to: Grand Ronde Veterans SEB, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. If you have any questions, please call Steve Bobb at 503-876-3118.

Deadline is March 15, 2018

Any applications received after March 15, 2018, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2019.