

**ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT**

The Tribal Council has moved forward with a first reading of amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance at the Tribal Council meeting held on March 19, 2025.

The amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance will (1) Update sections of the ordinance including the duties of staff section, the committee section, the Tribal roll section, the application section, the proof of descendency section and the publication section; (2) Add sections to the ordinance including a waitlist section, a 2025 open enrollment section, and an enrolled in error section; (3) Remove the blood degree correction section and other unnecessary references to blood quantum; and (4) other minor technical changes. Tribal Council invites comments on the amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance.

For a copy of the ordinance, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by May 1, 2025. ■

ECE move



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Shayim classroom Teacher's Aide Aleah Patterson places books on shelves in the library area as the Tribe's Early Childhood Education Program moves into the new Early Care and Education building on Monday, March 24. The 26,000-square-foot building includes 12 classrooms, two outdoor play areas, community room, large commercial kitchen, 16 administrative offices, break room, restrooms and other support areas. Students started classes in the building Monday, March 31.



Teacher's Aide Wendy Mercier cleans a cubby in the Chak Chak classroom as the Tribe's Early Childhood Education Program moves into the new Early Care and Education building Monday, March 24.

Now Accepting Applications



ADULT FOSTER CARE

Priority is given to Grand Ronde Tribal Elders, dependent on need and acuity of all Tribal applicants

Eligibility Requirements

- TRIBAL ELDER (55+)
- COMPLETED WAITLIST APPLICATION



FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Where:
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Procurement Building V
9635 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

When:
Saturday April 12
9 a.m. – Noon



Tips for Safe Household Hazardous Waste Delivery

1. Use safe containers

- o Keep products in securely-sealed original containers when possible
- o Place items in boxes or sturdy containers.
- o Please do not put inside plastic garbage bags.
- o **No containers larger than 5 gallons.**

2. Waste collected from vehicle

- o Keep products in securely-sealed original containers when possible.
- o Please stay in your vehicle.
- o Materials will be collected from trunk, cargo area, or truck bed.
- o Please do not bring additional passengers or pets.
- o **No smoking.**

3. Follow instructions at event



Bring This:

- Pesticides and poisons
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Mercury and mercury-containing items
- Fluorescent lights/ballasts
- Polishes
- Household cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Rust remover
- Antifreeze
- Parts cleaners
- Automotive fluids
- Paint and paint thinners
- Batteries

Not That:

- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Sharps
- Pharmaceuticals
- Electronic Waste

ODFW rescinds Siletz consent decree

SALEM — On Friday, March 14, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission rescinded a 1980 consent decree between ODFW and the Siletz Tribe. This means that Grand Ronde is now the only Tribe in the state of Oregon, as well as the United States, to still be bound by a consent decree.

Consent decrees are enforced by federal agreement and were used as a means of negotiation in order for terminated Tribes to get their reservation lands back. In exchange, Tribes agreed to have very limited hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering rights. Decades after these agreements were signed, the state of Oregon has acknowledged that these were a product of the times and represented a distorted view of Tribal sovereignty.

“I couldn’t be happier for the Siletz people,” Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “Not only is the repeal of the Siletz Tribe’s consent decree historic in its own right but it signifies that the state is moving forward to right these historical wrongs. We look forward to working with the state to address our own.”

The state’s action came after congressional legislation and a federal court’s vacating of the Siletz consent decree.

“Today’s action rights a historic wrong and continues to advance our cooperation with the Siletz Tribe towards our shared goal of healthy fish and wildlife populations,” ODFW Director Debbie Colbert said.

In February, U.S. Rep. Andrea Salinas and U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley reintroduced legislation to restore traditional hunting and fishing rights for Grand Ronde.

The House version of the bill is cosponsored by U.S. Reps Suzanne Bonamici, Val Hoyle and Janelle Bynum. The Senate version is cosponsored by Ron Wyden.

If passed, this legislation would allow the Tribe to return to federal court to request the termination or modification of their current consent decree with the state of Oregon. ■