

THE RECORD

Oregon House passes legislation addressing housing crisis

SALEM — Thursday, the Oregon House of Representatives continued its focus on access to affordable housing with the overwhelming passage of House Bill 4006 and House Bill 4010.

House Bill 4006 requires Oregon communities experiencing the highest levels of rent burden to hold public meetings and start to identify next steps to reduce rent burdens. The bill includes \$1.73 million in funding for local jurisdictions around the state to take their next housing planning step — like a housing

needs analysis, zoning code update, or a housing plan specific to the needs of the community.

Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland) is the Chief Sponsor of the bill. The legislation passed the House unanimously.

“More than one in four renters are paying over half of their household income on rent. We must continue to take crucial steps towards addressing Oregon’s severe housing crisis,” said Speaker Tina Kotek.

House Bill 4010 establishes a Task Force on Addressing Racial Disparities in Home

Ownership. The goal is to compile data, identify barriers, investigate mortgage practices, and recommend solutions to close the gap in homeownership rates between communities of color and white families.

The legislation was championed by Rep. Janelle Bynum (D-Happy Valley) and Rep. Mark Meek (D-Oregon City).

“In Multnomah County, just 32 percent of African Americans own homes, as compared to a rate of 45 percent nationally,” said Janelle Bynum. “I’m here in Salem to help remove unnecessary and

cumbersome barriers of entry for motivated, hardworking Oregonians.”

“Home ownership is more than just a roof over a family’s head — it also provides families with unique opportunities to build a brighter future for them and their children,” said Rep. Meek. “That opportunity is out of reach for too many communities of color in our state, and this legislation is the first step in expanding home ownership in Oregon.”

House Bill 4010 passed the House 54 to 5, and will be sent to the Senate.

POLICE LOG

Florence Police

Feb. 22

Fraud was reported in the 1500 block of 10th Street.

Dispute was reported in the 87000 block of Highway 101.

Dispute was reported in the 500 block of Skookun Court.

Feb. 23

Alarm was reported in the 1200 block of Laurel Street.

Trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Highway 101.

Shots fired was reported in the 90000 block of Highway 101.

Feb. 24

Accident, without injury, was reported in the 100 block of Highway 101.

Dispute was reported in the 3000 block of Munsel Creek Road.

Theft was reported in the 1700 block of 20th Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported at the Munsel lake boat ramp.

Feb. 25

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of Highway 101.

Accident, without injury, was reported on North Chestnut Street.

Driving while suspended was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 101.

Feb. 26

Accident, with unknown

injury, was reported in the 91000 block of Highway 101.

Driving while suspended was reported in the 3700 Block of Highway 101.

Driving while suspended was reported at Pine and 15th Streets.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 2300 block of Highway 101.

Driving while suspended was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Feb. 27

Driving while suspended was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Harassment was reported in the Florence Area.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Evergreen Lane.

Driving while suspended was reported in the 22nd Block of Oak Street.

Accident, with unknown injury, was reported in the 2900 block of Oak Street.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of Harcor Street.

Shots fired was reported 87000 Ternyk Court.

Dispute was reported in the 1700 block of 43rd St.

Driving while suspended was reported in the 2400 block of Highway 101.

Commissioner Bozievich sends demand letter to opponent

Thursday, attorneys representing Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich sent his opponent, Nora Kent, a demand letter asking for a retraction of a false statement.

Kent is accused of misrepresenting Bozievich’s votes on commissioner pay raises in her Feb. 14 letter and initial campaign announcement.

Attorneys for Bozievich say her statement is in direct contradiction to October 2016

votes, where Bozievich cast a dissenting vote three times against the Lane County Commissioner pay raises.

The false statement violates ORS 260.532(1) that specifically prohibits false publication relating to a candidate.

The letter sent from Bozievich’s attorneys are also asking that Kent set the record straight.

“I took a pay cut to serve my community full time on the

commission and voted three times against a pay raise. Why lie?” Bozievich said. “This is a dishonest attack. Eight years ago when I decided to run for the commission, I wanted to rebuild the trust that the previous board had violated and lost. False statements do not build trust.”

If the request for corrective actions are not met within a 10-day period, Bozievich said he would pursue additional legal

action to protect his interest.

Bozievich was first elected to the Lane County Board of Commissioners in November 2010. He has been employed as an engineer for 29 years, most recently as a senior engineer in the water division of EWEB.

West Lane District encompasses the communities of Santa Clara, Bethel, Junction City, Fern Ridge, Lorane, Triangle Lake, Mapleton and Florence.

Spring outdoor burning season now open with new rules

The Lane County spring outdoor burning season opened Thursday for certain areas in Lane County.

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) will issue daily outdoor burning advisories with start and stop times for outdoor burning.

LRAPA regulates outdoor burning, also known as open or backyard burning, allowing some Lane County residents to burn dry woody yard debris that was generated on their own residential property. Rules concerning outdoor burning differ throughout the county.

Last fall, the LRAPA Board of Directors finalized changes to the outdoor burning rules. Many of the revisions aimed to update boundaries and requirements to match existing local city and fire district ordinances, in addition to clarifying existing terminology.

Burning in barrels and burning grass clippings are now prohibited county-wide. Furthermore, fees for outdoor burning letter permits rose from a minimum of \$4 to \$10 per cubic yard, with the minimum fee amount also rising from \$50 to \$100.

A full list of rule changes can be found at www.lrapa.org/271/Adopted-Rules#OUTDOOR-BURNING. Outdoor burning is always prohibited inside the city limits of Eugene and Florence, as well as on lots

smaller than 0.5 acres inside Springfield city limits and the Urban Growth Boundaries of Eugene and Springfield.

However, starting April 1st, 2018, outdoor burning inside the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary on any lot size will be prohibited.

“In February, the LRAPA Board of Directors voted to prohibit outdoor burning in the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary after studying the matter for several years and receiving feedback from stakeholders.

“Additionally, public comments were accepted through two public hearings and over two months of public comment period,” said LRAPA spokesperson, Jo Niehaus.

Clean burning practices such as covering piles and keeping them dry until burning or using alternatives like wood chipping

will help keep spring air quality clean.

Burn piles cannot smolder overnight.

Residents should check local ordinances and contact local fire districts regarding restrictions and permits before burning.

LRAPA’s advisory is updated daily on the website at 7 p.m. for the following day. Lane County residents can call LRAPA’s Outdoor Burning Advisory Line at 541-726-3976.

Coastal residents can call 541-997-1757 for burn advisories.

Residents who are in areas that allow burning must be aware that burning only woody yard debris generated on their property is allowed. All fires must be attended to and completely extinguished by times determined by LRAPA.

CORRECTION

In the front-page article, “Port Discusses Business Oregon IGA, Public Input” in the Feb. 24 edition of the Siuslaw News, the name of the community member Jeff Amundson, who offered pub-

lic input regarding a new Oregon law opening state roads to off-road vehicles, was misspelled.

Siuslaw News regrets the error.

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IMPOUNDMENT

#13792

Small male Chihuahua mix #13792 has been impounded at the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

Call 541-997-4277 or stop by the shelter at 2840 Rhododendron Drive to claim.

Visit OCHS at oregoncoasthumanesociety.org.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Feb. 20	40	28	0.54
Feb. 21	42	31	0.10
Feb. 22	42	28	0.23
Feb. 23	45	25	0.13
Feb. 24	48	38	0.24
Feb. 25	46	35	0.73
Feb. 26	47	29	0.06

Rainfall Week: 2.03" Month: 4.81" Year: 18.21"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

Horace “Hod” Johnson
08/05/1947 - 06/15/2017



A memorial service for Hod is set March 10, 2018, at 2:00pm at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy 101 - Florence w/ Jim Terry officiating. Inurnment with family will be prior to the service at Pacific Sunset Memorial Park.

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