

Water: No more noncity hookups

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ing and maintaining the infrastructure needed to supply water to customers outside city limits often exceeds the cost of serving comparable customers within Warrenton."

Recognizing the extra cost, the city imposes a 50 percent rate surcharge on customers outside city limits.

The new study will determine how many more, if any, should be approved.

"Hopefully, this will answer the questions we all have," Public Works Director Collin Stelzig said.

The mayor has led the charge to stop approving outside connections at the expense of current and future Warrenton residents.

"At some point we've got to figure out how much is acceptable," Balensifer said. "We've been talking about this for six months. ... We've got a lot of water lines out there and no money to maintain them."

He asked at the previous commission meeting to have the new policy drawn up.

The policy will remain in effect for 18 months and may be renewed for successive six-month periods after that.

Other provisions:

- Public Works will not approve any new water system development or new water system connections outside city limits.

- Public Works won't allow existing customers to expand existing water meters outside city limits, including change of property use, change of occupancy, substantial remodels, increased occupancy load, or increased connections within existing developments.

- Developers who submitted engineering plans before the policy was adopted are exempt.

- Individual single-family homes on existing lots created prior to the policy's adoption are exempt if an existing water main of sufficient size abuts the lot. Applications for service must detail how the single-family home will incorporate water conservation measures.



Balensifer



Stelzig

Jim Doner • March 5, 1935-Feb. 12, 2019

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College students use more marijuana in states where it's legal, but binge drink less

Oregon State University

Marijuana use among college students has been trending up for years, but in states that have legalized recreational marijuana, use has jumped even higher.

An Oregon State University study published this year in the medical periodical *Addiction* shows that in states where marijuana was legalized by 2018, both occasional and frequent use among college students has continued to rise beyond the first year of legalization, suggesting an ongoing trend rather than a brief period of experimentation.

Overall, students in states with legal marijuana were 18 percent more likely to have used marijuana in the past 30 days than students in states that had not legalized the drug.

They were also 17 percent more likely to have engaged in frequent use, defined as using marijuana on at least 20 of the past 30 days.

The differences between states with and without legalization escalated over time: Six years after legalization



in early-adopting states, students were 46 percent more likely to have used marijuana than their peers in nonlegalized states.

The study, conducted by Harold Bae from OSU's College of Public Health and Human Sciences and David Kerr from the College of Liberal Arts, is the first to look broadly at multiple states that have legalized recreational marijuana and to go beyond the first year following legalization.

It includes data from 135 colleges in seven states where marijuana was legalized by 2018 and from 41 states and 454 colleges where recre-

ational use was not legal.

More than 850,000 students participated in the National College Health Assessment survey from 2008 to 2018, which provided the data. The survey asked about a wide range of health behaviors including drug and alcohol use and is administered anonymously.

Using the same dataset, they found that after legalization, students ages 21 and older showed a greater drop in binge drinking than their peers in states where marijuana was not legal. Binge drinking was defined as having five or more drinks in a single sitting within the previous two weeks.

Binge drinking has been on the decline among college students in recent years, but dropped more in states that legalized marijuana than in states that did not, researchers found.

Looking at specific demographics, researchers found that the effect was strongest among older students.

Fire: Warrenton native dies

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Cause of the fire hadn't been determined. It burned quickly and hot in the 40-foot originating trailer. A neighbor's trailer was singed.

When firefighters arrived, all the affected trailers' occupants were outside their homes and they and other park residents were using garden hoses to keep flames from spreading to the two closest trailers before firefighters doused the flames.

A man in a neighboring trailer was hospitalized and also has been released.

Residents of the park were cooperative and helpful during the chaos of the fire,

Warrenton Fire Department wrote on its Facebook page.

Warrenton Fire Department was assisted by firefighters from Lewis & Clark, Gearhart and Astoria fire departments. Seaside, Cannon Beach, Hamlet and Knappa fire agencies provided coverage in the area during the fire. Clatsop County Sheriff's deputies also assisted at the scene.

A fire in the same park 17 months ago took the life of George A. Bolles, 47, who was found dead inside his RV after a swift-moving early-morning fire on Oct. 17, 2018.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

In compliance with ORS 87.691, a public auction will be held at noon on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at North Coast Mini Storage, 605 Altemate Hwy. 101, Warrenton, Oregon. Items for sale from Grigsby, a 10x15 storage unit.

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