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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warrenton Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 PM, June 9, 2022, at the Warrenton City Hall Commission Chambers to consider the following:

- V-22-1, a variance application submitted by Jeff and Jennifer Canessa (L46, LLC Latitude 46 Apartments), to allow the overhead lines in Jetty Avenue to remain in place and to avoid the hardship and risk of placing the high-voltage power lines underground in the residential area. The subject property is located at 1335 SE Jetty Avenue, Warrenton, and is also identified as taxlots 81027BA3800, and 81027BA3900. Applicable criteria and standards specific to this request are contained in Warrenton Municipal Code (WMC) 16.208.050 Type III Procedure (Quasi-Judicial); 16.272.020 [Variance] Criteria; and 16.136.060 [Design Standards] Utilities.
- V-22-2, a variance application submitted by Jason Palmberg (Jetty Street Apts.), to allow the overhead lines in Jetty Avenue to remain in place and to avoid the hardship and risk of placing the high-voltage power lines underground in the residential area. The subject property is located at 1285 SE Jetty Avenue, Warrenton, and is also identified as taxlots 81027BA2400, 81027BA2600, 81027BA4000, 81027BA4100, and 81027BA4200. Applicable criteria and standards specific to this request are contained in Warrenton Municipal Code (WMC) 16.208.050 Type III Procedure (Quasi-Judicial); 16.272.020 [Variance] Criteria; and 16.136.060 [Design Standards] Utilities.
- V-22-3, a variance application submitted by Eryn Cary on behalf of Rally Time LLC, to not do a half street improvement on 7th Avenue as required by a pre-application meeting with City staff. The subject property is located at 719 S Main Avenue, Warrenton, and is also identified as Taxlot 81021DC02900. Applicable criteria and standards specific to this request are contained in Warrenton Municipal Code (WMC) 16.208.050 Type III Procedure (Quasi-Judicial); 16.272.020 [Variance] Criteria; and 16.136.020 Transportation Standards.

Those wishing to testify on this request may attend the public hearing and sign a card to speak to the Planning Commission, or submit written materials, which must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to Rebecca Sprengeler, Deputy City Recorder, P.O. Box 250, Warrenton Oregon, 97146-0250; or emailed rsprengeler@ci.warrenton.or.us.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission chair will open the public hearing and describe the general conduct and procedure for providing public comment. A staff report will be given, followed by a statement from the applicant, public testimony, discussion among the commissioners, and a decision on, or a continuation of, the request.

**Failure to raise an issue in person**, or by or by letter at the hearing, or failure to provide statements of evidence sufficient to afford the decision makers an opportunity to respond to the issue, means that an appeal based on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at Warrenton City Hall at no cost and copies shall be provided at a reasonable cost. A copy of the City's staff report and recommendation to the hearing body shall be available for review at least seven days before the hearing, and a copy shall be provided at a reasonable cost.

**Anyone wishing to review** and/or purchase copies of the proposals and/or staff report may do so at Warrenton City Hall, 225 South Main, or may contact Rebecca Sprengeler at 503-861-2233 x102 or via email at rsprengeler@ci.warrenton.or.us.

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ZED by Duane M. Abel



#### Letter to the editor

# Concerned about Warrenton's fire, water services

Dear Mayor Balensifer,

I am a resident, and am taxed, as being within the ZIP code of Warrenton, but considered outside the city boundaries.

I'm being supplied with domestic water at an increased cost due to my physical location (91616 Highway 104) outside city borders.

An article in The Columbia Press (May 6, 2022, front page) reporting on a fire not far from my residence has me concerned about my own property's safety. A home on the outskirts of the city was burned to the ground because, in part, of the lack of fire hydrants and absence of a sufficient water supply. Perhaps you can tell me what is more important to a fire department than water when fighting a fire?

I pay property taxes to Clatsop County (as I presume the owner of that destroyed home does) and a substantial part of my taxes is paid back to the city of Warrenton for my fire protection.

If there are insufficient hydrants or inadequate water supplies in the Fire Protection District's area of responsibility, for which you are being paid to protect taxpayers in that area, then I will expect an explanation from you as to why I am paying taxes for something I can expect to NOT receive when I need it. I have no alternative but to pay property taxes; ergo, the city has no alternative but to provide the protection for which I am paying.

Destruction of my home and loss of life from a fire has always been my highest and greatest fear; I take extraordinary care not to cause a fire, yet I absolutely depend on the local fire department to be available to protect me and my residence. Surely, any loss of life or property due to malfeasance on the part of the city of Warrenton and/or its fire department is a liability for which the city must be prepared to pay when it happens.

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I will appreciate your explanation as to what the city of Warrenton is doing to ameliorate this condition. One demolished residence due to inappropriate action, or absence of water, both of which are services the city of Warrenton is paid to provide, is one too many.

Christopher J. Armstrong-Stevenson Warrenton

## Tax-friendly: Warrenton in top 10 for low senior taxes

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location, we applied the relevant deductions and exemptions," according to the report.

Calculations included the standard deduction, personal exemption and deductions for each specific type of retirement income. The company then calculated how much the person would pay in income tax at federal, state,

county and local levels."

The property tax rate was figured by dividing median property tax paid by median home value for each city.

Fuel taxes were calculated by distributing statewide vehicle miles traveled to the city level using the number of vehicles in each county.

Then miles driven per capita in each city was calculated. Using the nationwide aver-

age fuel economy, the company calculated the average gallons of gas used per capita in each city and multiplied that by the fuel tax.

The company also created an overall index weighted to best capture the taxes that most affect retirees.

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