

LOCAL WEATHER

# City hosting open house about proposed landscaping ordinance

The public is invited to attend an open house to review and offer comments on a potential ordinance that would set minimum landscaping standards for all new commercial, industrial and multi-family residential developments in Hermiston. The open house will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 7 at Hermiston City Hall.

The proposed language for the ordinance would require a minimum of 6 percent of the developed area in the Outlying Commercial Zone (C-2) to be landscaped. The minimum requirement would be 3 percent of the developed area in the Central Commercial Zone (C-1). Properties in the Downtown Commercial Overlay (DCO) would be able to meet the landscaping requirements by using alternate enhancements, such as planter boxes, hanging baskets, decorative lighting and others.

In the Industrial Zones (M-1 and M-2), the minimum landscaping requirement would be 3 percent, or 10,000 square feet, whichever is less. Industrial sites larger than 5 acres could also plant

trees along street frontages to screen the development, in lieu of part of the landscaping requirement.

The only residential properties that would be required to meet landscaping standards are multiple family residential developments. Multi-family developments would be required to install landscaping on at least 15 percent of the developed area. The proposed ordinance would only apply to new development in Hermiston. The proposed language also includes reference to a reference handbook of design examples and illustrations. A full copy of the proposed language is available at [www.hermiston.or.us](http://www.hermiston.or.us).

Creation of a landscape ordinance is a City Council priority and was assigned to the Community Enhancement Committee when it was formed in the spring of 2014. Since then, city staff have researched similar ordinances in similarly sized communities and presented initial draft language to the CEC in the fall of 2014. The CEC devel-

oped the ordinance further over several months before forwarding a copy to the city's Planning Commission for an initial review. The Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance at its March 11 meeting and made additional comments and changes to the proposal.

The CEC and Planning Commission wish to gather additional public input on the initial proposed ordinance and will be soliciting input and suggestions at the open house. After the event, the public comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the proposed ordinance, and the proposal will be presented to the City Council. After review by the City Council, council members may offer additional comments and amendments before sending it to the Planning Commission for a public hearing, or the council may choose not to move forward with the ordinance.

For more information about the open house or the ordinance, contact Hermiston Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, 541-667-5003.

## Corrections

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## Today's Weather

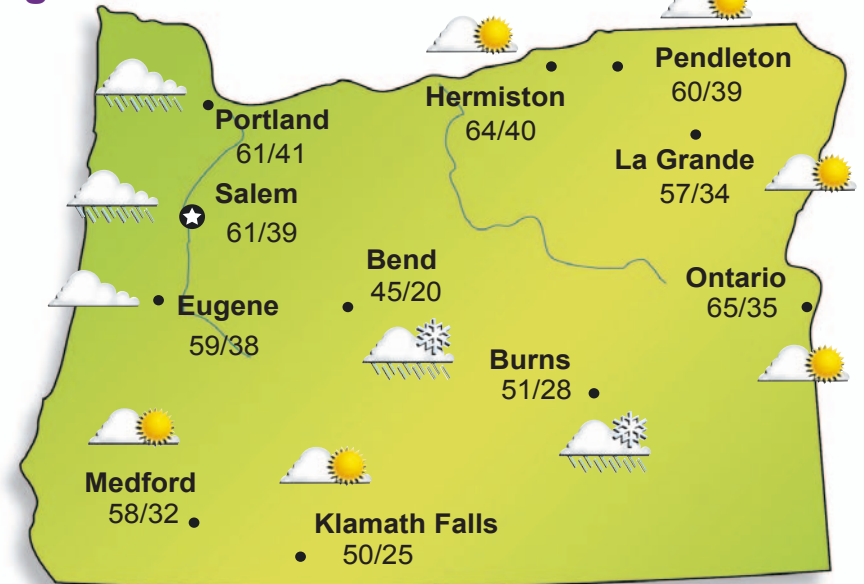
### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/8	Thu 4/9	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12
<b>64/40</b>	<b>66/37</b>	<b>70/45</b>	<b>58/37</b>	<b>58/37</b>
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 64F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
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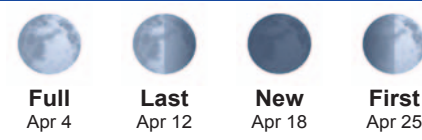
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	61	40	rain	Florence	57	39	rain	Newport	53	40	pt sunny
Ashland	56	33	pt sunny	Grants Pass	60	34	pt sunny	Pendleton	60	39	pt sunny
Astoria	55	36	pt sunny	Hermiston	64	40	pt sunny	Portland	61	41	rain
Baker City	55	29	windy	John Day	53	34	t-storm	Redmond	56	28	pt sunny
Bend	45	20	mixed	Klamath Falls	50	25	pt sunny	Roseburg	60	39	pt sunny
Brookings	57	39	pt sunny	La Grande	57	34	pt sunny	Salem	61	39	rain
Burns	51	28	mixed	Lakeview	48	24	sn shower	Springfield	56	36	rain
Coos Bay	56	40	pt sunny	Lincoln City	57	40	pt sunny	The Dalles	65	40	pt sunny
Corvallis	59	38	rain	McMinnville	60	38	rain	Tillamook	58	37	pt sunny
Eugene	59	38	cloudy	Medford	58	32	pt sunny	Vale	64	37	pt sunny

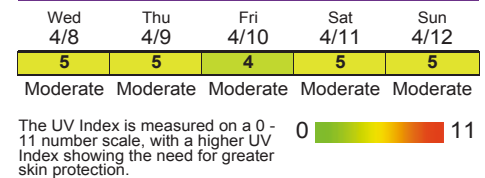
### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	63	pt sunny	Houston	85	72	cloudy	Phoenix	74	47	sunny
Boston	41	35	rain	Los Angeles	69	51	sunny	San Francisco	63	47	sunny
Chicago	49	40	rain	Miami	84	73	pt sunny	Seattle	65	43	mst sunny
Dallas	82	67	t-storm	Minneapolis	55	39	cloudy	St. Louis	83	68	t-storm
Denver	68	38	mst sunny	New York	44	39	rain	Washington, DC	55	46	rain

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