

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ September 2015

Measure 5-248

The City of Scappoose has referred Measure 5-248 to the November Ballot.

What will Measure 5-248 do?

This measure proposes changing the annexation process presently required for citizens in the Urban Growth Boundary wanting to annex into the City limits. Presently, citizens must receive City Planning Commission and City Council approval and then seek approval from the voters. This measure would eliminate the need to refer annexation applications to the voters. Applicants would still be required to receive approval from both the Planning Commission and the City Council. The present annexation process can take up to 6 months.

PCC is considering building a campus in Scappoose including sites located in the Urban Growth Boundary. Waiting for an election to annex next spring may not be timely enough to meet PCC's timeframe. This measure could influence PCC's decision to build a campus in Scappoose.

This measure would expedite the time it would take for new properties to annex into the City, possibly by several months depending on the election cycle. This measure would simplify the annexation process and create more certainty for new businesses wanting to locate in Scappoose city limits.

This measure would save property owners the expense of paying for an election in order to annex their property into the City. Annexation of a small lot may cost up to \$5,000 under the existing annexation ordinance.

This measure would have no impact on property taxes.

Explanatory Statement for Ballot Measure 5-248

Amends Charter Allowing Annexation As Provided By State Law.

This measure, if approved, would change Chapter 1, Section 3 of the City of Scappoose Charter ("Charter") to allow annexations to be approved using the process provided for in state law. Currently the Charter requires that any annexation, unless mandated by state law, be submitted to a city-wide election for approval by a majority of those voting in the election. If this measure is passed, annexations would only be submitted to a city-wide election for approval by the voters if such election was required for approval under state law.

If this measure is approved, Section 3 of the Charter would be amended as set forth below (deleted language stricken).

Section 3. **Boundaries** The City includes all territory within its boundaries as they now exist or hereafter are modified pursuant to state law. ~~However, no annexation, delayed or otherwise, unless mandated by state law, shall take effect unless approved by a majority of those voting in a municipal election.~~ The custodian of the City's records shall keep an accurate, current description of the boundaries and make a copy of it available for public inspection at the City during regular City office hours.

Welcome New Committee Members

I wanted to share my excitement about the recent appointment of our new Parks Committee and Economic Development Committee. The City believes these new Committees will help guide the City in shaping the future of our community. The Parks Committee will focus on developing a Parks Masterplan that will help guide how and where the City will place, construct and enhance community parks. The Economic Development Committee will work with our regional partners to retain and recruit new industry to Scappoose that will bring new jobs to our area.

Both Committees are comprised of talented and committed local residents who are willing to give their time to make our community a better place to live. I want to thank them for stepping up to the plate and I look forward to working with them in the months ahead.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Economic Development Committee

Committee Members ~ Len Waggoner, Brady Preheim, Natalie Sanders, Brian Rosenthal, Philip Griffin, Kelly Marks, George Hafeman, Christine Prokish, Carmen Kulp.

The purpose of the committee is to help develop and promote an economic development strategic plan. To provide oversight and review of economic development marketing strategies and products. To enhance communication and understanding of economic development strategies, and build relationships between the Scappoose public sector, community, and business community. To act as a forum for sharing information on best economic development practices, current issues and resources available for communities and businesses. To encourage connections and coordination with other regional, state and national organizations working for the benefit of economic growth and enhancement of the Scappoose area economy. To respond to additional matters relating to economic development as requested by the City Council.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Committee Members ~ Dakota Meyer, Peter McHugh, Beth Zelfer, David Powers, Alyse Lansing, Duane Meissner, Jolene Jonas, Jeannine Duehren, Ryan Poster.

The Committee shall have the responsibilities to advise the City Council on the planning, construction, land acquisition, operating and maintenance, and organized and coordinated activities and other issues related to parks in the City of Scappoose.

News from the Community Development Center

You have all been asking about it, so here's the latest update.....Bi-Mart has been issued their building permit and will soon begin construction on their building located on SE 2nd Street. They are very happy to be coming to town and we will keep you updated on their progress.

Two new subdivisions, Dutch Canyon Estates III (35 lots) and Five Peak Terrace (7 lots), were approved by the Planning Commission on August 13th, and will now move toward final plat approval over the next several months.

Look for changes to the website soon! We are in the process of updating our forms for various land use applications and will be placing them online in order to make it easier to access the information regarding application submission requirements, etc.

Welcome Alexandra & Nick

On the 1st of September the City welcomed Alexandra Rains as a part time Program Analyst focusing on creation of an Economic Development strategic plan and marketing plan. She will staff the Economic Development Committee as a part of those efforts.

Alexandra is a graduate student at Portland State University studying Public Administration with a focus on local government administration.

On September 14th, the City welcomed Nick Sund to the CDC team for the next 11 months. Nick is a participant in the RARE program and has a background in Planning and Community Outreach. Nick will be working to facilitate the community visioning process and will organize the first Annual Town Meeting. He will also be working to update the Parks Master Plan and will be actively involved with the Parks Committee. We look forward to having him join the team.

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Fall is Here

Raking or blowing leaves from your yard into the street is not permitted. The street sweeper is not able to sweep up large piles of leaves at the curb, and leaves left in the street can cause clogged catch basins, slippery surfaces and rotten vegetation.

Tips for proper leaf disposal:

After raking or blowing leaves into piles, there are several ways to dispose of them:

- ◆ **Garbage Service** - Place the leaves in your yard debris can. Be careful not to exceed the weight limit. Check with your garbage service provider if you have questions.
- ◆ **Burning** – Contact the Scappoose Rural Fire District (503-543-5026) for a burning permit.
- ◆ **Compost** the leaves.
- ◆ **Mulch** leaves with a lawnmower and spread the mixture over flowerbeds for winter. The nutrients in leaves are beneficial.
- ◆ **Donate for others to compost**-Contact Senior Center (503-543-2047) for more information.

Car Break-in Prevention Tips

Vehicle break-ins are an internationally common crime, and the City of Scappoose is not immune. The good news is there are things that you can do to protect yourself from having your car broken into and your personal property stolen:

Leave items in your home that might be attractive to thieves.

Never leave anything visible inside your vehicle.

Park in well-lit locations.

Please visit our website www.ci.scappoose.or.us, for the complete list of safety tips and what to do if you witness a break-in in progress.

Mark your Calendar

Utility Billing Statement~

Please note new due date– Bills are due the 15th of each month.

Scappoose Police Department ~

Halloween Night ~ Hot Chocolate Event
October 31, 2015 ~ 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Scappoose High School lower parking lot

Coming Soon~

The City of Scappoose will be sending out a survey in the November Utility Billing Statement