

Press Release –Meeting on Building Program



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DUNES CITY ANNOUNCES MEETING TO DISCUSS OPTIONS REGARDING THE IMPENDING SHUT DOWN OF THE CITY'S BUILDING PROGRAM

The Dunes City Mayor and Council have scheduled a meeting for Monday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss options that may be available to the City to address the recent notification from the Building Codes Division that because the City contracts with a third party for its building inspections, it is in violation of the Oregon Constitution and, consequently, its building program will be shut down by the State effective July 1, 2018, unless action is taken by the City prior to that date.

"Several options exist that the City could take to resolve the alleged violations," said Mayor Robert Forsythe. "We're looking for some feedback from our local contractors and residents to help the Council identify which option might be the best for our circumstances."

The decision of the Building Codes Division to shut down the building programs for all cities that contract for their building inspections affects a number of communities in Lane County, including the City of Florence. Options available include each City hiring its own building inspector and electrical inspector, and ask that the building inspector also serve as the building official; contracting with another City or two to "share" in hiring the building inspector, electrical inspector, and a building official; letting the program go to Lane County for permit issuance and inspections; letting the program go to the State of Oregon for permit issuance and inspections; and pursuing litigation to try and stop the action from occurring or at least staying the action to give the legislature an opportunity to try and resolve the concerns.

Dunes City contractors and residents are encouraged to attend this open discussion with their City Council members.

