



**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

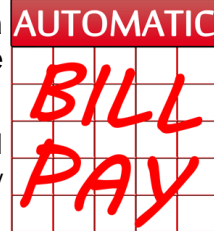
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## Auto-Pay For Water Bills

Auto-Pay is now available for City Service Bills. Forms can be obtained at City Hall or on the city website.

Funds will be drafted on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or legal holiday, it will be drafted on the next working day.

Completed forms need to be turned in to the Water Department at City Hall.



## City Recorder

Join us in welcoming our new City Recorder Angela Watson. Angela started with the City on July 20th and is a great addition to the City staff. Stop by and introduce yourself and say hello.

### Mayor

Paul Becker

### Council

Brad Bennington

Criss Garcia

David Jesser

Jim Lewis

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

### City Administrator

Jeff Alvis

### City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

### Police

Office 541-899-7100

Dispatch 541-776-7206

### Fire

Office 541-899-7246

Dispatch 541-776-7206

### Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

### Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

## Jacksonville Municipal Court

The City of Jacksonville has contracted with Jackson County Justice Court for all court services beginning August 2017. This applies to all parking citations, moving violations and municipal code violations. All prior citations will be transferred and all future citations will be cited into Jackson County Circuit Court. If you have any questions relating to paying for a citation, payments on an existing payment plan, reinstating your license, or options you may have for new citations, moving violations or municipal code violations please contact:

### Jackson County Justice Court

541-774-3894

4173 Hamrick Rd.

Central Point, OR 97502



## Improving Stream Water Quality

Jacksonville's two streams in town are Jackson Creek and Daisy Creek. These creeks run into Bear Creek, and contribute to its water quality. For creeks to be a healthy environment, they need to have a cool water temperature, the right amount of bacteria, and low sedimentation. Erosion is one aspect humans can help control with proper plantings. With heavy rains, you see what water will do. Bare dirt is washed away leaving ruts, and streams are brown with sediment. To minimize erosion, property owners can help hold soil in place by planting non-invasive plants whose roots help hold the soil, or whose canopy protects the ground from hard rainfall. Mixing plants can add texture to your landscaping and understory plants may have a good root system to hold soil, and larger plants can shade the stream bed.

Bacteria can enter the waterway through animal waste or human activity which can include failing septic systems near a creek. Jacksonville is a wonderful city for walking with our dogs, and the City has put up dog waste bag dispensers throughout town. Thank you for using them! If you don't have a doggy waste bag with you, and your dog decides to do his business, you can easily think that it is best to flick his leavings in the creek to conveniently wash it away while feeling good that you didn't leave it on the ground where someone might step in it. But now the fecal material (which can include E. coli bacteria) is in the water. If dogs could talk they might say "If you think stepping in doggy-doo is disgusting, try drinking it!". So please don't think of our creeks as a convenient place to throw stuff. Creeks are not nature's washing machine that take our messes away. They just move the mess along. Simple, common sense treatments around stream beds can keep the water quality healthy.

## What You Need to Know about Vacation Rentals in the City of Jacksonville

One of the most common inquiries we receive in the Planning Department is whether short-term vacation rentals are permitted within the City of Jacksonville. Because this is one of our more frequent questions, we thought it would be a good opportunity to clarify and define the rules.

### Definitions

A Vacation Rental is the transient rental of a Single-Family Dwelling where a room, rooms, or the entire dwelling is offered for compensation for fewer than 30 days. This includes whole-house rentals as well as the rental of individual rooms in a house while the owner is present. A Bed and Breakfast facility is an owner-occupied historically listed establishment in a residential district having rooms or apartments rented, or kept for rent. Long-term rentals are 30 days or more and are considered an outright permitted use in existing, permitted residential structures.

### Where are Short-term Rentals Permitted?

There are only two zones where short-term vacation rentals may be conditionally approved: General Commercial and Historic Core.

### Where are Short-term Rentals Not Permitted?

For all other zones (Single Family Residential, Multi-Family, Hillside Residential, Border Residential, and Special Protection) short-term vacation rentals are **not permitted**. Only long-term rentals (30 days or more) are permitted in residential districts. There is a Conditional Use Permit process for Bed and Breakfast facilities, but only owner-occupied residences which are on the Jacksonville Contributing Historic Landmark List may be permitted as a Bed and Breakfast facility, subject to Planning Commission review.

### What is Required by the City?

Prior to operating a short-term vacation rental in either of the zones where vacation rentals may be permitted, property owners are required to apply for a land use permit (Performance Review) with the City of Jacksonville Planning Department. The Performance Review requires review by the full Planning Commission. The Planning Commission evaluates impacts the use will have on city facilities and neighborhoods. If approved, short-term rental permit holders must then also obtain a business license with the City of Jacksonville and pay the transient lodging tax.

Any property owner concerned about compliance with short-term rental rules may submit a formal complaint to the City of Jacksonville Planning Department for review. Forms are available at the Planning Department. Complaint information will be kept confidential per ORS 192.502 (4): "Information submitted to a public body in confidence and not otherwise required by law to be submitted, where such information should reasonably be considered confidential, the public body has obliged itself in good faith not to disclose the information, and when the public interest would suffer by the disclosure."

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council	Tuesday, August 1st	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
City Council	Tuesday, August 15th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
HARC	Wednesday, August 22nd	6:00 pm	Old City Hall