



JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

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.

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Do you have an interest in our historic district? Are you passionate about historic preservation? Have you thought about getting involved in volunteer opportunities to help preserve our Historic Jacksonville?

There are vacancies on the Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC). This important body reviews applications for remodeling/restoration of historically significant buildings, among other duties.

Applicants should have experience in either professional, educational, or recreational of preservation of historic properties.

For more information please contact the City Recorder, Kimberlyn Collins, by phone 541-899-1231 ext.312 or email recorder@jacksonvilleor.us



NEWS FROM FIRE CHIEF HULL

March 1st Jacksonville Fire Department instituted an ALS (Advanced Life Support) Service, which gives our Citizens Paramedics as their "First Responders". This was culminated with the hiring of a new Firefighter/Paramedic and the recent certification of one of our Senior Firefighters. Having Firefighter/Paramedics on each shift will allow the department to institute additional life support care when seconds count, prior to arrival of a Mercy Flight Ambulance. Cardiac and Trauma Patients will benefit the most, because of the ability to administer the most advanced drugs and life saving techniques that are entrusted to Paramedics. The department was recently recognized as a Class 2 Fire Department, because of several factors including the size of our City, 24 hour Staffing, Response Time, Water Supply, and Training Level. With the addition of Paramedic Service our Citizens are again receiving the top level of service they should expect from their Fire Department.



Development Code Revision Update

For the first edition of the Jacksonville newsletter, City staff is providing an update on the code revision process and next steps. Applications for a new Citizen Advisory Committee to review the draft code are now available. See “Next Steps” for more information.

Overview

Over the years, the Jacksonville Land Development Code was updated multiple times by a number of different authors. The intent was to reflect the changing needs of the community, and to continue protecting the City’s status as a National Landmark District. However, with so many changes and added layers, the code became complicated and cumbersome for the user and practitioner. Additionally, the State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO) recommended a rewrite of the historic section of the ordinance because the preservations standards are not clear and objective.

In response, the City of Jacksonville developed a new set of ordinances over the past five years, using a model code for small cities as a framework, while tying in Jacksonville’s unique needs and also adhering to best practices for historic preservation. During that time, staff held open houses, conducted focus groups, and developed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to help develop a draft ordinance. After the groups completed the draft, the Planning Commission reviewed the language in advertised workshops and directed staff to make modifications. However, they left several areas unresolved, to allow for input and discussion during the public hearings process before making a recommendation.

In October 2016, the Jacksonville Planning Department notified all property owners regarding the first public hearing regarding the draft language. Due to the large turnout, the Planning Commission decided the best action was to cancel the meeting and direct staff to find a larger venue. The hearings resumed in January 2017 at the Jacksonville Elementary School Gym. Because of the significant and valuable participation from the public, staff recommended the Commission indefinitely postpone the hearings. That way, staff could step back in the process and evaluate concerns and comments received over the past few months. Additionally, staff recommended reestablishing a CAC to ensure compliance with the City’s Citizen Involvement program. The City Council agreed with this recommendation and directed staff to prepare a CAC application. Council approved the application during their Council meeting on March 21.

Next Steps

If you are interested in participating in the code update process, application for the new Citizen Advisory Committee are available at City Hall and the Planning Department (both at 206 North Fifth Street). Applications are also available on the City website (jacksonvilleor.us). There is no established deadline for returning applications at this point. We will provide an update once there is a deadline. We look forward to further discussions regarding the code, and ensuring that we have the best possible code to ensure a vibrant future for Jacksonville.

Please contact the Planning Department if you are interested in serving on the CAC or if you have any questions regarding the process.

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council	Tuesday, April 4th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
Planning Commission	Wednesday, April 12th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
City Council	Tuesday, April 18th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
Jacksonville Municipal Court	Thursday, April 20th	1:30 pm	Old City Hall
Budget Committee	Thursday, April 20th	4:00 pm	New City Hall
HARC	Wednesday, April 26th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall