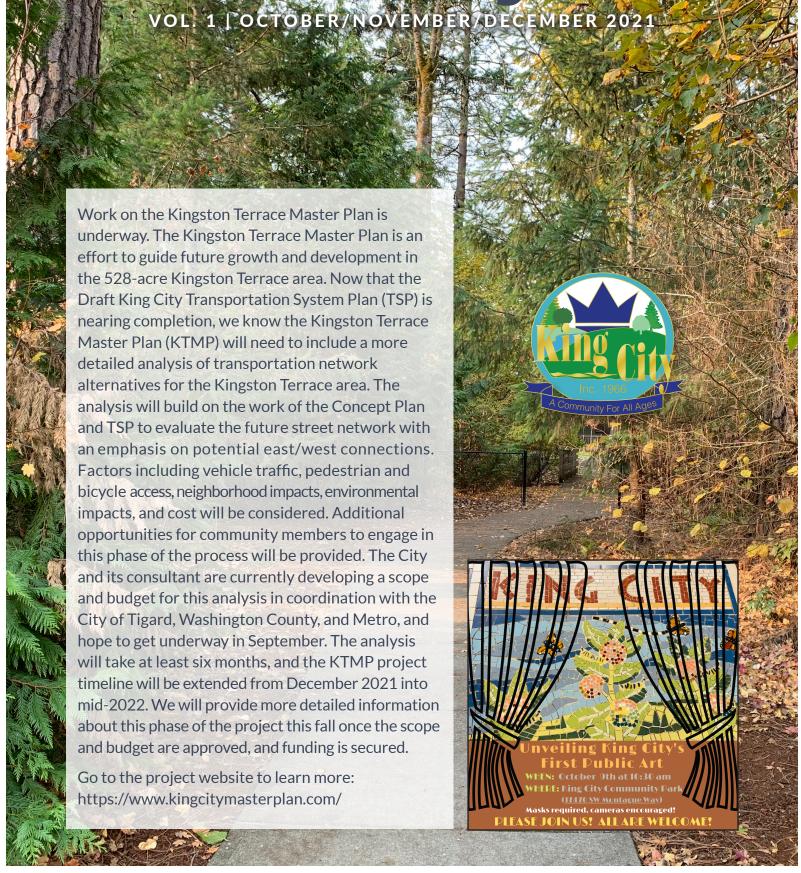
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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

#### King City Growth: The Truth

I am a very proud resident of King City, a city that is safe, quiet, and well-maintained. Most residents truly appreciate the living conditions that we are so fortunate to have. The 2020 Census results indicate that we have grown by 67% since 2010 to a population of 5,184.

Now we have an opportunity to continue responsible growth and provide more opportunity for others to enjoy this wonderful and desirable Metro location.

I understand that change can be very uncomfortable for most of us. That is why growth must be carefully planned. I want to take some time to explain our planning process.

The desired outcome for the 500 acre expansion area now known as Kingston Terrace is to be a Master Planned Community.

A Master Planned Community is one that has:

- 1. Easy access to a wide range of amenities and services;
- 2. A high degree of safety and security; and,
- Stabilized property values supported by mixed-use development that integrates with residential, commercial, and cultural sites making Stabilized property values supported by mixed-use development that integrates with residential, commercial, and cultural sites
- 4. making for effective land use that will influence increased property values throughout the City.

What is the planning process for Kingston Terrace?

- Expert consultants helped the King City residents, Staff, Planning Commission and City Council develop a concept plan that led to Metro approving our expansion request in December of 2018.
- 2. In 2019, the King City Council and Staff hired expert consultants to develop a Transportation System Plan (TSP) and Master Plan.
- 3. The consultants are responsible for proposing roadway design, developing infrastructure, cost, feasibility, and overall community design that includes parks, business sites and residential communities.
- 4. The Pandemic slowed progress, but we are still hopeful that our consultants will have a sustainable and exciting proposal developed by December of 2021.
- Once the Planning Commission is satisfied with the plan presented by the consultants, they will forward a recommendation to the city council for review,
- 6. Planning Commission and City Council reviews will include public hearings before the final decision. (It is important to note that future development is most likely 5 to 10 years away and could span 20 to 30 years to reach complete buildout).

I have given you a very brief overview of a very complex planning process that has many unanswered questions, but rest assured your King City Staff, Council and Planning Commission are diligently working to create the best possible outcome.

#### We have not made any final decisions!

Look, I know there are those opposed to the possibility of Fischer Road being extended from the Bonneville powerline west to Roy Rogers Road, but opposition must be based on truth.

I just want to highlight a few things that have been stated that are misleading or simply not true:

- 1. It is not true that there is a plan to widen existing Fischer Road.
- 2. There is no data whatsoever that supports the claim that there will be increased crime if Fischer Road is extended. In fact, this was the same claim that was made by those who were in opposition to the Edgewater development in the early 2000's. This is clearly a scare tactic.
- No homes will be lost if Fischer Road is extended: The truth is that a potential Fischer Road extension has the least amount of impact to existing homes out of all the options being considered.
- 4. It is not true that we have ever discussed or would allow Fischer Road to become an expressway or thoroughfare.

#### Our Community Must Demand the Truth!

Change comes with opposition, but opposition must be based on truth—not scare tactics and misinformation.

Your City Staff, Council, Planning Commission, and I are committed to telling you the truth about what we are doing today and for the future of King City. You—King City residents, deserve truth and nothing less.

Sincerely,



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### COUNCILOR CORNER: DR. SMART OCHOLI



#### King City Is My Home

All my life, I have had the opportunity to travel and live in many parts of the United States and other parts of the World. King City is the one place I have lived the longest! Why? When my family returned from Germany after about five years over there on active duty in the U.S. Army, we moved to Oregon for a job that offered the opportunity in the Northwest, versus heading back to Dallas, TX. After a little while, we wanted to own our house. So, we searched the communities and cities in the Portland / Metro area for a period because we were looking for that ONE place that stands out. It all paid off when we found and fell in love with King City because it was very beautiful, peaceful, quiet, and well-built out, which offered us a sense of dense suburban feeling with many great amenities available in the restaurants, coffee shops, bars, highly rated schools, grocery stores, gas stations, the beautiful parks and places to play games

/ walk dogs, well-kept hiking trails, etc.
Pretty much everything one needs are close together, and within walking distances!

With King City identified as one of the best places to retire, we immediately met and made great friends with wonderful retirees who continue to inspire and motivate us for what's to come as we also progress through life! Their friendliness, pure and genuine love, wealth of experiences, and the sharing of information / history about the City made us know we made the right choice to settle here and call King City home!

The City Council and Staff do a great job in keeping the city welcoming, safe for all, resulting in the diverse community it is today. No wonder, the observed population growth of the City from what it was when we moved here in 2007 and what it is today. The schools are awesome and highly rated, and our kids enjoy attending because of the amazing administrators, teachers, and volunteers! The roads are well maintained, and the community is engaged in discussions for plans to continue supporting efforts that will keep them that way. Other outstanding features that make my family and I proud to call King City home is the work being put into generating impressive rankings when it comes to employment rates, job and business growth, and the cost of living.

Even with challenges posed by the impact from COVID-19 and other circumstances on all aspects and areas of our daily living and activities (social, economic, and personal), I am very pleased to see how the City Council and Staff handled everything and continue to provide services, helping individuals and businesses, and communicating with the residents (through Council meetings, State of the City, representation in HOAs, etc.). Great efforts continue to be put into welcoming and encouraging or engaging

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residents to participate in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), the Kingston Terrace Master Plan, and the Transportation System plan (TSP) discussions. This goes a long way and contributes to what makes King City one of the best places to live because of the approach by City Council in reaching out and letting the residents know they will continue to be heard, asking to exercise patience, and understanding, and most importantly treat and show uttermost respect for ALL as we ALL continue working on activities and functions to keep King City vibrant and thriving for ALL!

I am so grateful to be part of this and really appreciate all the support and contributions by all toward these amazing accomplishments, and for the many more to come, which will continue to make the current and future King City one of the best places to live!



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#### City Council Meeting Information:

PUBLIC NOTICE: In accordance with the City of King City Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19 and Oregon House Bill 4212, all meetings are scheduled to be a virtual meeting where Council and staff will participate remotely. There will be no in-person public testimony during the meetings. Testimonies can be placed through the City website or by email to rsmith@ci.king-city.or.us.

The City Council Meeting is open to the public via ZOOM webinars. The public can view the meetings on the City YouTube channel and televised multiple times on community access television (TVCTV). For the most up-to-date schedule, agenda, and materials, call City Hall (503)639-4082 or visit http://www.ci.king-city.or.us/

All-City Council meetings are held on the third (3rd) Wednesdays every month.

#### What is the difference?

CITY RESPONSIBILITIES/FEES - HOA RESPONSIBILITIES/FEES.

If you live in King City, Oregon, there's a good chance that you also pay dues to a Homeowners Association (HOA.) There are 18 HOAs (including sub-HOAs) within this City alone! But what is the difference between these associations and your City? This article will explain both sides of the coin so that it's easier for you to understand which institution has jurisdiction over certain aspects pertaining to your home and property.

#### **Your City:**

The City of King City is a municipality (City). The City practices a form of government called Council and City Manager, which has an operational structure consisting of a governing Council, a Mayor, a City Manager, and Staff (City of King City, 2021). The City also has ordinances (laws) that the City monitors and implements. Among the services that the City provides are Police protection, elections, street maintenance, permitting, business licenses, parks and recreation activities, and other numerous social services determined locally. The City of King City is also responsible for land use planning within City Limits and urban growth boundary.

#### City Fees and Taxes:

King City has one of the lowest tax margins of any surrounding city at \$2.15 per \$1000 of assessed value (including the Police Levy at \$0.63). We are a small, efficient City that operates on a conservative budget. We take pride in the level of service that we are able to provide at such a low tax rate.

When certain other repairs don't fall under the HOA's responsibility, who do you call? The City!

- Public street maintenance from curb to curb;
  - Street maintenance prevents injuries and unnecessary car damage. It also helps maintain property values.
- Streetlights maintenance;
- Parking enforcement;
  - Any parking issues on public roads must be addressed with the local authorities, including but not limited to: abandoned vehicles and improper vehicle storage.
- Code enforcement issues pertaining to city ordinances; o This is the process where the City uses various techniques to comply with duly adopted regulations such as land use and zoning ordinances, health and housing codes, sign standards, and uniform building and fire codes.

#### Your HOA:

A homeowner's association is formed by a developer and pertains to a specific subdivision or project. The association provides the framework for the future maintenance of the development's common grounds and amenities, for instance, a pool, clubhouse, golf course, or common area landscaping. All homeowners are compelled to follow the codes, covenants, and restrictions (CC&Rs), which govern the development

and establish the association dues or assessments. The City has nothing to do with the CC&R or the HOA dues/assessments. Your HOA dues/assessments only go to your HOA and do not come to the City.

HOA rules cannot supersede city ordinances. If an HOA rule requires less than what the City requires, then city ordinances take precedent. If an HOA rule requires more than the City requires, it is up to the HOA to enforce those rules.

#### **HOA Dues/Assessments**

If you live in an HOA, you are paying dues and/or assessments. Each HOA is different, and they maintain certain aspects of the community. If you want to know exactly what your HOA covers, you'll need to read the governing documents provided to you in your escrow document packet when you purchased your home. In general, though, expect some or all of the following from your Homeowners Association.

- Exterior maintenance and repairs on your home (including the roof);
- Maintenance and repairs of HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and elevator systems;
- Landscaping Maintenance (including sprinklers);
- Maintenance and repair of all private roads and private parking lots
  - o Your HOA may be responsible for private roads. However, it depends on how the HOA bylaws are written and if the road is public or not. You can start by calling your association, but know that you might have to contact a city representative next. They could consider those roads to be public property instead of being privately owned.
  - Parking is often an issue in HOAs.
     The responsibility only falls on the
     HOA when private roads are involved.
     The HOA only has the right to tow
     improperly parked cars on private
     property. They may only do so after

- taking the proper steps outlined in your governing documents (McClure Management Inc, 2019).
- Maintenance and repairs of all shared areas, such as pools or fitness centers.
- CC&R enforcement: o Are you having an issue with your neighbor? If a unit owner violates the CC&R, the HOA has a few options. If the issue violates HOA rules, the HOA can enforce the penalty. The City has nothing to do with enforcing the CC&R's.

The difference between HOAs and the City is not always clear. Hopefully this article helps clarifies where each institution has jurisdiction, so you know who to call when necessary. If your HOA seems unresponsive, or a matter falls outside their responsibility, it might be worth calling the City as well to see if they can help out in some way or point you in the right direction. You never know until you ask!

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### CITY GROWTH

I have been very happy to see all the wonderful activities at the Park over this past summer. I feel it has been too long since I have seen the field green throughout the year. In 2017 our water intake pump failed, and we had to special order a replacement pump. In 2018 while preparing for the 4th of July event we ruptured a supply line and had to shut down the system. In 2019 we razed the field, adding drainage lines and irrigation. We then top coated the field with sand and seed. 2020 was our first shot at utilizing our newly renovated field, but as circumstances would have it, we had to shut most of the activities down due to the Covid 19 virus. Regardless, all the activity at the Park (Skyhawk Sports, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball & Football) has created such a delightful environment.

Now a year later, Covid is still circulating, more contagious, dangerous, and aggressive than ever before. This new Delta variant is sweeping across the country and our area. In August the Governor reinstated the indoor mask mandate and just last month the City Council ordered the close of the public interface and passport window at City Hall. A recent update from the Governor's office and some of the hospitals around the region indicates that our region's medical resources are reaching maximum capacity. We urge you to follow the science, and please protect yourself and your loved ones by getting your vaccine, which now has full FDA approvals.

On August 21 the City in cooperation with Pride Disposal and the King City Community Foundation held a trash and shred event at the Park. For the most part the event was very successful. We did have a few folks drop off some items after the fact and stack them outside of the dumpsters, which made it look messier than it needed to be.

Over the summer we held a Community Art Project sponsored by the Community Psyche Grant disbursement at the King City Park under the Gazebo. I am happy to announce that the artwork is forthcoming and is being installed in the two walls this week. Thank you to all the community members who participated and made the event so successful. Hopefully we will be able to do more of these types of events in the future.

Since 2016 the City has been conducting an extensive planning effort. We finished a concept plan in 2018 and submitted it to Metro for consideration in their most recent Urban Growth Boundary expansion. The City participated in the expansion request because we were almost out of buildable lands and had little to no opportunity for growth. The Urban Reserve area that King City Concept Planned now Kingston Terrace was known as URA-6D. URA-6D was slated to be brought into the Urban Growth Boundary at some point over the next 20-30 years. If King City did not begin the planning process, then another City or Agency would have eventually.

King City proactively sought out an Urban Growth Boundary expansion because we were almost out of buildable lands. With 5 remaining parcels and about 1.5 acres of land we could not meet the City's growth needs. The Housing Needs Analysis identified a deficiency of approximately 1000 units of Single and Multi-Family dwellings within King City; however regionally there is an even larger deficiency, and we are seeing that playing out in the housing market.

Census numbers indicate that our region continues to grow at a rate of almost 100

people a day. It will be vitally important to plan for those impacts. King City has been doing exactly that. Over the past 4 years your City Council and Staff have been working diligently to develop a long-range strategic plan that will ensure the prosperity. health, safety, and well-being of its current and future residents. It is important to make the hard decisions now so that we can be prepared for the unexpected in the future. Last year King City worked with Oregon Department of Transportation and DKS Associates to develop a Transportation System Plan (TSP). The TSP is under development and should be out in rough draft form in the next month or two. Additionally, King City has partnered with Metro and retained 3J Consulting to work on and develop a Master Plan for our community.

Recently we have seen a number of red signs cropping up in a number of lawns regarding one aspect of the current plan, which involves a connection at Fischer Road. There are a number of logical reasons to consider Fischer Road as a higher class connection over additional connections at Capulet, Sebastian, Avenue B, Montague, or King Lear. Regardless, of your particular favorite it is important to consider street classification and capacity. While all these local streets will likely connect to other local streets in the future, what kind of design or classification do we want on these streets as they extend westward. We have heard many rumors, most of which are exaggerated or inaccurate. I just want to be clear that the plans are still under development, and nothing has been set in stone. Even if adopted in its current draft form, it would still be subject to potential change in the future.

There will be more opportunities to participate in the near and extended future and we encourage your participation in the process.

Please be respectful, we understand that there are a lot of raw emotions that can be triggered when dealing with fears of growth and the unknown. Please be courteous, our society nationally and globally has been under a lot of stress over the past couple years, and those stressors combined with emotional strain associated with an uncertain future can make for a volatile situation. Those of us representing and working for the City will continue to do our best to plan responsibly for the future. Please understand that sometimes in order to meet our goals and plan responsibly we may have to make unpopular decisions. Making an unpopular decision does not mean we don't care or that we aren't listening.

There are a number of decisions that will need to be made over the course of the next year. Some very exciting decision that will help shape the City over the course of the next generation. Please consider constructive ways you can contribute to the plan that will benefit not only yourself but future residents as well. Please help us build a united and welcoming City with amenities that we and our future residents can enjoy for generations.

#### Kind Regards,

#### Michael J Weston II

Michael J Weston II, MPA City Manager – King City



#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS AT A GLANCE FOR 2021

The Capital Improvement Program is made up of projects that are needed to maintain and improve the City's infrastructure. The CIP includes major projects like street resurfacing, stormwater improvements, park improvements, and smaller projects such as city-owned sidewalk improvements and pothole repairs. Projects are evaluated on their needs for timing, scope, costs, and benefits to determine which one should be done first. All of this information can be found online at the "Public Projects" website. This, at a glance, provides an overview of the CIP's major capital improvement project for 2021, so you have a better understanding of what's going on.

This list highlights some of the major work happening in King City but does not include all construction.

#### Park Improvements:

- Baseball Field: Our Public Work Director,
   Dave Runyon, added the fencing around
   the baseball field this summer.
- We are also in the process of adding chain-link fencing to the natural conservation area next to the playground.
- We added fresh sliver-less apple bark to the playground areas.

#### 2021 Street Maintenance

The City of King City is in the process of its 2021 street maintenance. The streets are being repayed in late September and early October.

Street Name	From	То	Engineers Estimate Cost	Knife River Estimated Cost
SW Matador Ln. (City funded)	SW Morocco St.	Dead End	\$65,300.00	\$72,640.00
SW Matador Ln. (City funded)	SW Morocco St.	SW King Richard Dr.	See above	See above
SW 116th Ave. (\$100,000 is funded from the ODOT SCA Grant)	SW Beef Bend	SW Majestic Ln	\$173,470.00	\$183,831.00
SW Majestidn. (City funded)	SW Crown Dr.	SW 116th Ave.	\$60,370.00	\$78,570.00
SW Bexley Ln. (City funded)	SW Wimbledon Ct	Dead End	\$24,900.00	\$20,050.00

On Thursday, July 1, 2021, the City of King City received five bids from several contractors for the 2021 street maintenance. A summarized bid tabulation for the received proposals can be found at the City Hall or the City website, as well as the Bid Opening Records. After careful review, the City engineer firm recommended awarding the contract to Knife River, the low bidder, in the amount of \$351,091.00. The engineer's estimate cost for the project was \$324,040. On July 21, the City Council awarded the contract to Knife River.

The above costs are only estimated until the projects are finalized in late October 2021.

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## FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2022

#### **Future Park Improvements:**

- We were in the RFP process of repairing the footpath on the east side of the playing field.
- We will be upgrading our park irrigation system pump and adding a filtration system so it will be sustainable for future use, thereby avoiding expensive replacement costs.
- We will be replacing the four small trees that are near the gazebo/tennis court that were damaged by vandals.



The following street repairs are scheduled for late Summer 2022. Please note that these streets can change due to priority and or budget.



Street Name	From	То	Engineers Estimate Cost
SW Royal Ct.	SW King Arthur Ave.	SW 123rd Ave.	\$39,667
SW Queen Victoria Pl.	Queen Elizabeth St.	Queen Victoria B	\$38,903
SW Queen Victoria Pl.	Queen Victoria B	Queen Victoria D	\$38,903
SW Crown Dr.	SW Majestic Ln.	M1	\$16,380
SW 123rd Ave.	SW Royal Ct	SW King Arthur Ave.	\$9,118
SW 123rd Ave.	SW King Arthur Ave.	SW Imperial Ave.	\$10,374
SW 126th Ave.	SW Morocco St.	SW King Richard Dr.	\$43,680
SW Camino Ave.	SW King Richard Dr.	SW Carmel St.	\$17,800
SW King Richard Dr.	SW 126th Ave.	SW 124th Ave.	\$23,205

The total engineer's estimated cost to the City is \$285,635.00 (with a 20 percent contingency.) The City will be publishing a Request for Proposals (RFP) in late April 2022 for the street maintenance program.

### ART IN KING CITY

#### Call for Artwork:

The City Talk Newsletters is looking for creative, festive, and interesting artwork to be published by the quarterly Newsletter. All submissions must follow guidelines set out in submission guidelines, or they will not be considered. Go to http://www.ci.king-city. or.us/submissions\_guidelines/index.php to learn more about the guidelines. Submitted art should have a light tone, as we are trying to show people that our community has great things going on within it!

#### Art in the Park:

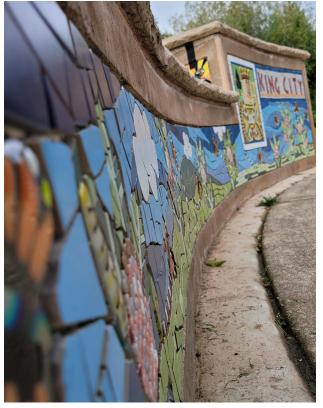
The City of King City had its first public art commissioned back in June 2021. This was possible by a grant that the City received from the Federal Cares Act through Washington County Public Mental Health and Community Psyche Program. The King City Community Foundation ("KCCF") helped facilitate three days of community participation in helping to create the mosaic mural. The final art piece will be unveiled October 9th 2021. We want to thank the fantastic artist Mark Brody, his assistant artist Carol, The KCCF volunteers, and all the community members who came out to participate (safely)! Thank you.















## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE: **ERNIE HAPPALA**

Fall is fast approaching and with fall we see our schools re-opening and daylight diminishing. Please be very aware of school kids, school zones, buses and the increased drop-off traffic at Deer Creek Elementary. With the upcoming school year, there has been an increase in traffic enforcement in the area of SW Fischer and SW 131st Avenue with a particular focus on speed and obeying traffic control devices (stop signs.)

Throughout Washington County, there has been an alarming increase in catalytic convertor theft, the State of Oregon has passed a new law that scrap metal businesses will only accept catalytic convertors from commercial sellers, this law does not take affect until the new year. The seemingly most popular car to steal the catalytic convertor from is the ever popular Toyota Prius, the Prius is low emissions and thus the precious metals contained in them such as platinum, palladium and rhodium are in better condition. Those three metals are currently trading at outrageous prices per ounce. Also popular are pick-ups and SUV's, why you ask? Because it is very easy to crawl under and cut the convertor out and leave the area.

With the catalytic convertor thefts increasing, so have the car prowls. Please lock your cars, keep valuables such as phones, laptops and firearms in your home, all three items have been stolen recently here in King City. We have been very lucky in that the car prowls have been very few as compared to neighboring cities. We also love to see neighborhoods lit up with porch lights to help deter and spot suspicious activity.

Please be aware of our new mask mandates ordered by the State of Oregon, with the

mask mandates coming back, if you are requesting police and it is of a non-emergency nature, you may receive a phone call from an officer. We wish to keep you healthy as well as the team here at King City by reducing exposure for us all.

#### Calls For Services:

The King City Police Department has been working hard! The department ran 2,279 total calls between January 01, 2021, through August 27 this year - ranging from welfare checks, tickets (i.e., traffic), warrant arrests DUIIs, to traffic accidents.

A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE STARTS WITH A SIGN LIKE THIS:







Signs may also be posted to let you know that traffic fines are higher in a school zone.

It's that time of year again, everyone. Summer is over and schools have been kicked into high gear. With that said, there are some things to keep in mind while we make our morning, afternoon, and evening commutes.

School zone speed limits are now in effect. Police officers across the county and specifically in King City will be actively enforcing the school zones. Our primary goal at all times is the safety of our children. Please pay attention to flashing yellow lights as you approach school areas. Watch for children crossing the street and for those biking in the roadways. Always watch for school buses picking up kids at local bus stops and be sure to stop for the flashing reds and stop sign. Drive with extreme caution and give your undivided attention to the roadways.

Be alert. Be aware. Be vigilant. Most importantly, be safe.

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## HOUSING RULES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS:

Oregon legislators passed the House Bill 2001, and 2003 was passed in 2019 by Oregon legislators to offer alternatives to single-family zoning. The significant benefit of the bill is that it provides for more affordable houses to be built since it is an example of additional zoning. Furthermore, various smaller homes are built on green spaces or around the backyard of a community, including triplexes, duplexes, cottage clusters, and fourplexes. After the passing of HB 2001 and 2003, King City has been changing its development code to align with these new laws. Over recent months the City has held several meetings to update the residents, Planning Commission and City Council.

On June 09, 2021, the King City Planning Commission held a public hearing. They recommended approval of the proposed CDC amendments. On June 16, the City Council held a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations. At the City Council meeting on August 18, 2021, the Council approved the Community Development Code amendments to comply with House Bill 2001. The Ordinance took effect 30 days after it was adopted.

To find out more about House Bill 2001 or 2003, please visit the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) website at https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx.

To find the City of King City Ordinance that was passed, go to:

https://library.municode.com/or/king\_city/ ordinances/municipal\_code? nodeld=1105244





