



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 6, 2025

4:30-6:00 PM - 51 Winburn Way - Siskiyou Room

<https://zoom.us/j/95199637970>

**Note: Agenda updated on 11.4.2025 to include requested Zoom link accomodation and additional agenda items.*

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Land Acknowledgment - We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work -the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza
2. Labor Acknowledgment - We also pause to recognize and acknowledge the labor upon which our country, state, and institutions are built. We remember that our country is built on the labor of enslaved people who were kidnapped and brought to the U.S. from the African continent and recognize the continued contribution of their survivors. We also acknowledge all immigrant labor, including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force. We acknowledge all unpaid care-giving labor. To the people who contributed this immeasurable work and their descendants, we acknowledge their indelible mark on the space in which we gather today. It is our collective responsibility to critically examine these histories, to repair harm, and to honor, protect, and sustain their contribution to our society.

II. Approval of Minutes from 10.9.2025 Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from the 10.9.2025 regular meeting

III. Special Presentations

1. Linda Reid - Housing Program Manager and Staff Liaison to the Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee - Equitable Housing Plan Development

IV. Public Forum

V. Unfinished Business

1. Belonging Survey - Status update, discussion, and next steps
 - A. The Belonging Survey is Live - [Here is the link](#)

VI. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:
 - Greenspan – Planning Commission
 - Tyler – Climate and Energy Policy Advisory Committee
 - Preskenis – Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee
 - Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee
 - Smith -- Parks

VII. New Business





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1. Enhanced Law Enforcement Area - Review of updated ordinance and discussion
2. SERJAC Committee Structure - review and discussion
3. SERJAC Social Event - ideas for discussion and planning

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. **Native American Heritage Month Celebration**
Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 11:00am-4:00PM
Southern Oregon University
Stevenson Union
2. **Aidan Ellison Vigil**
Sunday, November 23, 2025
Mountain Ave (from Iowa to East Main)
2-4pm

IX. Adjournment

If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Kerrick Gooden at citymanageroffice@ashlandoregon.gov or 541.488.6002 (TTY phone number 1.800.735.2900). Notification at least three business days before the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



**ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 9, 2025**

Otte-Peterson Conference Room at the Grove - 1195 East Main - 4:30PM
These are DRAFT minutes until approved by the committee.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM

Members present: Catherine Greenspan, John Tyler, Cassie Preskenis, Sean Smith, and Allison Mendel.

Staff present: Kerrick Gooden

Guests present: Kenwani Kravitz and Peter Finkle

1. Land Acknowledgment - We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work -the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza

Preskenis read the land acknowledgment

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Mendel read the land acknowledgment

II. Approval of Minutes from 9.4.2025 Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from the 9.4.2025 regular meeting

Greenspan moved to approve the minutes. Preskenis seconded the motion. All ayes - motion passed.

III. Special Presentations

1. Kenwani Kravitz - Native Nations Liaison for SOU - Significance of Indigenous Peoples Day (October 13) and Native American Heritage Month (November)

Kravitz introduced herself as Southern Oregon University's (SOU) Native Nations Liaison and had come to speak from her heart regarding Indigenous Peoples Day (IPD). Indigenous Peoples Day will be recognized nationally on October 13. However, recent uncertainty at SOU paused planning for this year's local IPD event, which has pivoted to an event in honor of Native American Heritage Month on November 15 in SOU's Rogue River Room with Native dancers, artists, speakers, and food (see flyer attached). Kravitz reflected on her help organizing a citywide IPD celebration in Redding, CA and proposed a collaboration between SOU and the City of Ashland for a citywide IPD event in 2026. She visualized a parade and Native Artisan Market as part of the celebration that would draw folks to town and build bridges between communities. Kravitz clarified that she did not represent the local tribes, Grand Ronde and Siletz, and encouraged the committee to connect with them directly. She explained the concept of manifest destiny used to justify the killing and displacement of the original peoples of Ashland to the current reservations of Grand Ronde and Siletz, and explained how reparations could move beyond a land acknowledgment to more active recognition and inclusion of Native contributions to modern society.

The committee discussed the robust planning and turnout for the annual MLK celebration and the potential for something similar in honor of Native peoples. Discussion included the need for ongoing inclusion of local Native issues in future agendas and asked Gooden to reach out for appropriate contacts for Grand Ronde and Siletz.

2. Peter Finkle — historical significance of the 'Pioneer Mike' sculpture at the Ashland Plaza

Preskenis introduced Finkle as an advisor to the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) with extensive knowledge of the City's public art collection. She had invited Finkle to speak on the historical perspective on the statue known as 'Pioneer Mike' in an effort to explore alternative views after a previous committee discussion explored questions about the statue: if it still represents Ashland or if a relocation to make room for a more representative artwork was in order.

Finkle explained that 'Pioneer Mike' was the first public art in Ashland, which currently has 63 works in its public art collection, and was donated in 1920 by the children of Henry and Harriet Carter who were active in local business. Finkle explained the statue is not a likeness of anyone in particular and was most recently replaced with a bronze replica made for Ashland in 2015.

Finkle had put together a consideration of BIPOC-related, BIPOC-created, and/or BIPOC-welcoming art in Ashland (see attached). The committee discussed briefly the composition of the current public art collection as well as the current cultural climate, and considered when would be the best time to bring up this topic again for consideration.

IV. Public Forum

none

V. Unfinished Business

1. Belonging Survey - review of draft in Survey Monkey and decide on timeline

The committee discussed that the final version of the Belonging Survey is ready to launch through Survey Monkey and discussed its timeline. The committee decided to launch prior to the upcoming Housing and Human Services Resource Fair on October 20th so that paper survey responses can be gathered. Gooden will work with the City's communications officer on a news release, publicity, and timing for the launch and let the committee know when it goes live. The committee discussed keeping it up through the fall holiday season, and may request a second publicity effort depending on the level of response. Paper versions can be printed by Gooden for committee members to use in gathering responses during various upcoming community events from community members that may prefer that method.

2. Planning for wide distribution of Belonging Survey

Gooden will e-mail the committee when the Belonging Survey launches. The Committee discussed adding a QR code to the printed survey that will link to the online survey and discussed gathering responses at local events and locations. Gooden can print paper surveys as requested by committee members prior to anticipated events. Mendel will staff the Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee's Resource Fair on behalf of SERJAC on October 20 and have printed surveys available.

3. Update - Letter to the Editor of Sneak Preview has been published to the October edition

The committee discussed this was published.

VI. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:

Greenspan – Planning Commission

Tyler – Climate and Energy Policy Advisory Committee

Preskenis – Transportation Advisory Committee

Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee

Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee

Smith -- Parks

Greenspan shared that the last Planning meeting included a training - nothing substantive for discussion.

Tyler shared that CEPAC talked about electric charges and discussed the decrease in federal funding for initiatives.

Preskenis shared that Transportation discussed that bus routes have been reduced due to funding issues and will be considering how to manage high responses to SeeClickFix reports.

Preskenis also shared that PAAC has had issues meeting quorum, but the big news is that Micah Blacklight's project (Ancestor's Future: Crystallizing Our Call) has received an anonymous donation of full funding! PAAC discussed plans for a playwright plaque by artist Betty LaDuke that will have a matching plaque placed in Guanajuato as one of Ashland's Sister Cities. PAAC will be proposing artwork for Ashland's entrance on the south side of town.

Mendel shared HHSAC had a presentation by a tech worker at OSF regarding how difficult it is to live in Ashland, discussed changes to the HUD contract language, and discussed housing as everyone's problem. HHSAC's staff liaison Linda Reid will come to SERJAC's November meeting to discuss collaboration on the Housing Equity Plan.

Mendael also shared that the monthly meeting of committee chairs (CoCoConvo) talked about BlackLight's project funding, art in parks, and ADA parking and access going in at the Japanese garden.

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. **Ashland Pride Parade**
Saturday, October 4, 2025 - 10:00am - 2:00PM
2. **An Evening with john a. Powell**
Monday October 6, 2025 - 6:30-8:30PM - Agnus Bowmer Theater - Oregon Shakespeare Festival
3. **Indigenous Peoples Day**
Monday October 13, 2025

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM

Native American Heritage
Month
Celebration
at
Southern Oregon University

**Saturday
November 15, 2025**

**Stevenson Union
11:00AM-4:00PM**

Native Artisans Market, Food,
Dancers and Speakers

Everyone is welcome!

For more information contact:
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Volunteer Sign up



Vendor Sign up



BIPOC-related, BIPOC-created, and/or BIPOC-welcoming art in Ashland

list created by Peter Finkle
October 2025

Introduction: Our built environment, including art, has an effect on all of us in so many ways. Trying to describe art through a social justice and racial equity lens is an impossible task, but we try anyway. I find it frustrating and presumptuous to try to determine what art is "BIPOC-related, BIPOC-created, and/or BIPOC-welcoming," but I hope my list will have some value for this group.

This list is one person's attempt to give the members of the Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee an overview of art in Ashland as it relates to the focus of your committee. If committee members find this list useful (or confusing), I would be glad – at a future meeting – to expand on why I have included each artwork on the list.

City of Ashland Public art collection

Rio Amistad Artist: Sue Springer and Karen Rycheck Date: 2005
Gift Artist: Wataru Sugiyama Date: 2009/2012
"We Are Here" Artist: Russell Beebe, Jack Langford Date: 2013
Seasons of Gratitude Artist: Denise Baxter Date: 2014
Las Calles de Guanajuato Artist: Loreta (Laura Rangel Villaseñor) (assisted by Denise Baxter and others) Date: 2016
BIPOC Celebration Mural Artist: Isa Martinez Moore Date: 2021
Golden Connections Artist: Jennifer Corio and Dave Frei Date: 2022
Otterlifter Canoe Artist: Gray Eagle, George Fence, Ivan Otterlifter Date: 2022
Ashland's Chinatown, bronze sidewalk plaque Designed by: Public Art and Historic Preservation sub-committee Cast by: Masterworks Plaques Date: 2023
Walking Upstream Artist: Glory Nylander Date: 2024
Lorraine Hansberry quote, Playwrights Walk bronze sidewalk plaque ("One cannot live with sighted eyes and feeling heart and not know or react to the miseries which afflict this world.") Date: 2025 Designed by: Micah BlackLight Cast by: Jack Langford

In this very rough overview below (again, one person's perspective), you can see that the city has made a strong commitment in the past five years to increase the amount of what I am calling artworks with a BIPOC-related, BIPOC-created, and/or BIPOC-welcoming theme.

Total public art collection, as of 9/1/2025 – 63 total

Public artworks with a BIPOC-related, BIPOC-created, and/or BIPOC-welcoming theme, as of 9/1/2025 – 11 total (17%)

Public artworks dedicated, from 2021 to 2025 – 14 total

Public artworks with a BIPOC-related, BIPOC-created, and/or BIPOC-welcoming theme, from 2021 to 2025 – 6 total (43%)

Art at SOU and other schools (not in the public art collection)

Ashland Middle School - Christie Boyd, Grizzly mural with Wilma Rudolph quote, 2020.

SOU Hannon Library -

Russell Beebe, "We Are Here" wood carving, 2006 (moved to Hannon Library 2012)

Russell Beebe, Bear bench, 2012

Russell Beebe, Salmon bench, 2012

Russell Beebe, Cougar bench, 2012

Meera Censor, sculpture busts of humanitarian leaders

- Mahatma Gandhi
- Kasturabai Gandhi
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Mother Teresa
- H.H. The Dalai Lama
- Cesar Chavez
- Danilo Dolci
- Meena
- Peter Berenson
- Mairead Corrigan McGuire
- Betty Williams
- Albert Schweitzer
- Dr. Marshall Rosenberg
- Albert Einstein
- John Muir
- Nelson Mandela
- Desmond Tutu
- Sister Chan Khong
- Tariq Khamisa
- Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo
- Father Gregory Boyle
- Dr. Catherine Hamlin

Betty LaDuke – many paintings

Thalden Pavilion at SOU –

Russell Beebe, Anishinaabe Teaching Pole, wood carving, 2018.

Betty LaDuke, Sunflower, painting on wood, 2020.

Betty LaDuke, Tomato pickers, painting on wood, 2020.

Betty LaDuke, Grape pickers, painting on wood, 2020.

City Parks (not in the public art collection)

North Mountain Park –

Mural in lobby by Sarah Cribb, 2002 (Native American theme)

Full-room mural in Exhibit Center by Jenna Kesgen, 2010 and 2015 (Native American cultural elements)

Elders' Tale by Cheryl Garcia, 2012 (Native American theme)

Lithia Park –

Japanese lantern by Wataru Sugiyama, 2020

Ashland Library (not in the public art collection)

Collection of art from Guanajuato, Mexico

Betty LaDuke: Cherry Harvest, 2008.

Betty LaDuke, family and sun

Neighborhoods around town (not in the public art collection)

"Adenika" mermaid mural by Micah Blacklight (2024; paint on composite garage door)

East Main Street

"Bonding" by Wataru Sugiyama (2016; marble)

Clear Creek Drive

Wataru Sugiyama small stone sculpture (carved stone)

Augusta Court

(and probably many more I am not yet aware of)

Equitable Housing Plan Development

Project Purpose: Create a decision-making framework. *How do we get there?*

- Should be a collaborative process
- Should include a robust community engagement process
- Should include input from the Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee
- To create a decision-making framework that integrates and aligns the City's values, policies and investments
- Is specific to housing and grant decision making

What this Project Will Not Include

- Many Equitable Housing Plans include affordable housing strategies and action steps.
- Many Equitable Housing Plans include an exhaustive exploration of the need for affordable housing.
- Many Equitable Housing Plans include data on demographics and housing and economic disparities.

Resources for Informing the Development of a Framework for Evaluating Impacts/Unintended Consequences

- [DLCD's Racial Equity Framework](#)
- [Eugene's Triple Bottom Line](#)
- [Sustainable Action Map](#)
- [Fort Collins Sustainable Action Map Template](#)
- [Equitable Decision Making](#)
- [City Council Priorities, Vision and Values](#)
- [Housing Justice Framework](#)

Community Engagement Process

- This process is intended to gather input on the unintended consequences and impacts of housing and community development investments on housing choice and accessibility.
- ensure that all people regardless of race, ethnicity, family status or ability have agency in the decision-making process and input on the outcomes of those processes and the impacts to housing and environment.
- The community engagement process should center the voices of traditionally underrepresented community members.
- Help identify perspectives on and the impacts of City investments and policies on underrepresented populations

Primary Tasks-Thought Partner Request

- How should the HHSAC coordinate with SERJ to gather input from a variety of stakeholders?
 - Joint meeting/workgroup/?
- How will we ensure input from traditionally underserved groups?
 - Targeted community questionnaire/public engagement event?
 - Evaluation of existing City grant processes?
- Evaluation tool review and recommendation process- Community meetings/review of existing city documents? How do we:
 - Evaluate existing tools
 - Develop, refine and strengthen tool to align with the City's goals and priorities.
 - Public Review/Public Hearing Process to elicit community input

Key Principles of Equitable Decision Making

To fully grasp the concept, it's helpful to understand its core principles. These are the guiding lights that help ensure that decisions are not only effective but also just.

- INCLUSIVITY → Actively seeking diverse perspectives.
- TRANSPARENCY → Openly sharing decision-making processes.
- ACCOUNTABILITY → Being responsible for the impact of decisions.
- FAIRNESS → Treating all groups justly, considering their unique needs.

Understanding these principles provides a solid foundation for implementing Equitable Decision Making in any organization or community. It's not just about doing the right thing; it's about making better decisions that lead to more sustainable and just outcomes for everyone.

Questions? Thoughts?

ORDINANCE NO. 3273

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMC SECTION 10.120 ENHANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT AREA AND PERSISTENT VIOLATION

Annotated to show deletions and additions to the Ashland Municipal Code sections being modified. Deletions are ~~bold lined through~~, and additions are bold underlined.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

10.120.010 Enhanced Law Enforcement Area and Persistent Violation, Misdemeanor

A. It is the intent of the City Council to protect discrete areas within the City that are experiencing increased unlawful activity against becoming an attraction for more such activity and to protect the public against health and welfare hazards posed by persons who are attracted to these areas for opportunity to engage in or to contact others to engage in unlawful activity.

B. The City Council finds that the following geographic areas within the City are particularly affected by unlawful behavior and/or are subject to a disproportionate number of incidents of the unlawful activities comprising persistent violation as defined in AMC 10.120.020, and declares each of the following areas to be an enhanced law enforcement area (ELEA):

~~1. Downtown Enhanced Law Enforcement Area (ELEA West) — inclusive of Bill Patton Garden and 130 N. Pioneer Street public parking lot, as depicted in Exhibit A attached to the ordinance codified in this section.~~

1. ELEA West (Downtown): As depicted in Exhibit A, attached to the ordinance codified in this section.

~~2. ELEA East, as depicted in Exhibit B attached to the ordinance codified in this section. (Ord. 3253 § 1, amended, 12/17/2024; Ord. 3142, amended, 04/18/2017; Ord. 3114, amended, 2015; Ord. 3066, added, 06/19/2012)~~

2. ELEA East: As depicted in Exhibit B, attached to the ordinance codified in this section.

10.120.020 — A Person Commits the Crime of Persistent Violation If:

~~A. The person is convicted in Ashland Municipal Court or other court of competent jurisdiction for any combination of the following crimes or violations occurring in separate incidents solely within ELEA West or solely within ELEA East within a six-month period; provided, that convictions in ELEA West and ELEA East shall be separate and distinct, with each ELEA subject to its own applicable expulsion order:~~

- ~~1. Three (3) or more Class A, B or C felonies or Class A, B or C misdemeanors;~~
- ~~2. Two (2) Class A, B or C felonies or Class A, B, or C misdemeanors plus one (1) or more violations of the sections set forth below;~~

- ~~3. Three (3) or more violations of any of the following sections or laws:~~
- ~~a. AMC 9.08.110 – Scattering Rubbish;~~
 - ~~b. AMC 9.08.170 – Unnecessary Noise;~~
 - ~~c. AMC 9.16.010 – Dogs – Control Required;~~
 - ~~d. AMC 10.40.030 – Consumption of alcoholic liquors in public places prohibited;~~
 - ~~or~~
 - ~~e. AMC 10.40.040 – Open Containers Prohibited;~~
 - ~~f. AMC 9.16.015 – Dog License Required; or~~
 - ~~g. ORS 475B.381 – Use of marijuana in public place prohibited.~~

~~B. The person knowingly enters the particular ELEA area in violation of a Municipal Court expulsion order as a term of the person’s probation or a court expulsion order pursuant to AMC 10.125.010 et seq. (Ord. 3253 § 1, amended, 12/17/2024; Ord. 3142, amended, 04/18/2017; Ord. 3113, amended, 2015; Ord. 3066, added, 06/19/2012)~~

10.120.020 Qualifying Events.

A. Qualifying Events. A person is subject to a civil expulsion per 10.120.040 from entering ELEA West or ELEA East under the conditions outlined below. Each area (ELEA West and ELEA East) shall have its own separate qualifying events; an expulsion in one area does not automatically apply to the other unless separate facts exist.

A “Qualifying Event” occurs when, within a six month period, any of the following conditions are met:

1. Violation. An individual has been issued, but not necessarily convicted of, three or more of any of qualifying violations listed below. Upon the issuance of the third violation, a person is subject to a Qualifying Event:
 - a. AMC 9.08.110 – Scattering Rubbish;
 - b. AMC 9.08.170 – Unnecessary Noise;
 - c. AMC 9.16.010 – Dogs – Control Required;
 - d. AMC 10.40.030 – Consumption of alcoholic liquors in public places prohibited; or
 - e. AMC 10.40.040 – Open Containers Prohibited; or
 - f. ORS 475C.377, or as it may be amended from time to time – Use of marijuana in public place prohibited.

2. Crimes. A person has been lodged or issued criminal citation by a police officer, but not necessarily convicted of, any of the following crimes:
 - a. Felonies: One or more felony charges.
 - b. Misdemeanors:
 - i. One or more person crime misdemeanor charge(s) as outlined in OAR 213-003-0001, as that authority may be amended from time to time.
 - ii. One or more misdemeanor unauthorized burning charge(s) per AMC Chapter 10.30.
 - iii. Two or more misdemeanor charges.
 - iv. Prohibited Camping shall not be used as a qualifying event

3. Citations During the Same Point of Contact. An officer shall not use a single point of contact or call for service to establish multiple qualifying events. Qualifying Events for purposes of an expulsion petition should be cited based on contacts on different dates.

10.120.030 Process to initiate a Civil Expulsion

- A. Process. If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe a person has committed a Qualifying Event that may result in an expulsion from either ELEA West or ELEA East, the officer may request the Ashland Municipal Judge issue an expulsion order under 10.120.040, according to the following steps:
 1. Provide notice to the charged individual of the date, time, and location the officer intends to request the expulsion.
 2. At the time specified in the notice, the officer shall present evidence to justify the expulsion under the terms of this chapter.
 3. If a charged individual is present, the Ashland Municipal Judge shall afford the opportunity to (1) contest the expulsion and (2) request any relevant variances should the expulsion order be issued. If a charged individual is not present, the Ashland Municipal Judge may enter a default order.
 4. The expulsion order shall be effective upon personal notice.

10.120.040 — Misdemeanor Classification Presumptive Penalty

~~A. Persistent violation is a Class B misdemeanor.~~

~~B. Unless reasonable cause exists to order otherwise, upon a finding of persistent violation under AMC 10.120.020 the Court shall enter a judgment expelling the person from the applicable ELEA, as defined in AMC 10.120.010.B, for a period of not less than three (3) months and not more than one (1) year. Any judgment that includes an expulsion shall also include the following exceptions to the terms of the expulsion from the applicable ELEA:~~

~~1. The expelled person is present in the ELEA for one (1) or more of the following activities:~~

~~a. To actively address or remedy the subject offense if ordered to do so by the Court, perform official governmental business, or attend public meetings;~~

~~b. To actively pursue or obtain social, medical, pharmaceutical, groceries, or other services reasonably deemed related to the needs of the person not otherwise available outside the applicable ELEA;~~

~~c. To actively secure or maintain lawful employment or attend registered educational services.~~

~~2. The expelled person is actively traveling through the applicable ELEA. For ELEA West, this travel exception is limited to those traveling in a vehicle or on public transit while using a necessary street or highway to reach a destination outside of the ELEA West area.~~

~~C. Upon a showing of good cause, the Court may enter an order limiting the exceptions set forth in subsection B of this section regarding the expelled person's ability to enter the particular ELEA that is the subject of the expulsion order. (Ord. 3253 § 1, amended, 12/17/2024; Ord. 3066, added, 06/19/2012)~~

10.120.040 Civil Expulsion Order

A. Upon a preponderance of the evidence finding that a Qualifying Event exists under 10.120.020 the Court shall enter a judgment expelling the person from the applicable ELEA, as defined in AMC 10.120.010.B, for a period of not less than three (3) months and not more than one (1) year. Any civil expulsion order shall also specify exceptions to the terms of the expulsion from the applicable ELEA, as follows:

1. The person expelled may be present in the applicable ELEA for one or more of the following activities:
 - a. To actively address or remedy the subject offense if ordered to do so by the Court, perform official governmental business, attend public meetings, or other rights protected by the Oregon or federal constitution.
 - b. To actively pursue or obtain social, medical, pharmaceutical, groceries, meal programs, or other services reasonably deemed related to the needs of the person not otherwise available outside the applicable ELEA;
 - c. To actively secure or maintain lawful employment or attend registered educational programs; or
 - d. Any other variance conditions that might exist under 10.120.5(F).
2. The expelled person is actively traveling through the applicable ELEA. For ELEA West, this travel exception is limited to those traveling using a necessary street or highway to reach a destination outside of the ELEA West area.

10.120.050 Appeal of Expulsion Order; Variance

A. Appeal Process for Expulsion Order:

1. Right to a Hearing: A person who receives an expulsion order has the right to request a hearing to challenge the expulsion order, seek a reduction in the expulsion period, or request a variance.
2. Fee Waiver: A person who submits a request for an appeal or variance shall not be subject to any fines related to that request.

B. Filing a Hearing Request:

1. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to the Municipal Court Clerk at Ashland Municipal Court within ten (10) days of receiving personal notice of the expulsion notice.

C. Scheduling and Conducting the Hearing:

1. The Municipal Court Judge shall conduct the hearing within ten (10) business days of receiving the request.

2. The hearing may be rescheduled for good cause but must be held no later than five (5) additional business days from the rescheduled request.

D. Effect of a Timely Filed Appeal:

1. If an appeal is filed within the specified time, the period of expulsion is stayed pending the outcome of the appeal. If the expulsion order is upheld, the remaining period of expulsion will take effect immediately upon the issuance of the Municipal Court's decision.

E. Burden of Proof and Decision:

1. The City must prove the validity of the expulsion order by a preponderance of the evidence. If the Municipal Court finds that the expulsion order was based on conduct prohibited by AMC 10.120.2 and is otherwise lawful, the court shall uphold the expulsion order.
2. If the court finds that the City has not met its burden of proof or that the expulsion order is unlawful, the court shall rescind the expulsion order.
3. If the court finds the City has met its burden of proof but determines that the length or scope of the expulsion order is unreasonable under the circumstances, the court may issue an order to shorten the expulsion period or allow for a variance.

F. Variance:

1. A court of competent jurisdiction may, at its discretion, grant an additional variance to an expelled person at any time during the period of expulsion if the person demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that:
 - a. The person has a legitimate and compelling need to engage in a specific, non-criminal activity within the expulsion area that is unrelated to the behavior leading to the expulsion, such as employment, medical appointments, or caring for a dependent;
 - b. The person resides within the expulsion area and no reasonable alternative housing or accommodation is available outside the area that would allow compliance with the expulsion order;
 - c. The person has a specific and compelling need to obtain essential goods or services that are not reasonably available outside the expulsion area, such as access to unique medical services, prescription medications, or other necessities critical to the person's health or well-being.
 - d. Providing a variance serves the interest of justice, public safety, or public welfare.

10.120.060 Civil Expulsion Penalty

A. Violation. If a person is subject to a civil expulsion order is found within the boundary of the applicable ELEA during the expulsion period, that person may be arrested for Criminal Trespass under ORS 164.245.

10.120.070 Revocation of Expulsion Orders

An expulsion order may be revoked by the issuing authority if it is determined that there has been an acquittal on an underlying charge, the expulsion order was issued in error, the conditions for expulsion are no longer applicable, or the offender has demonstrated rehabilitation or changed behavior that no longer poses a threat to public safety or property.

SECTION 2 Severability. Each section of this ordinance, and any part thereof, is severable, and if any part of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Codification. Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "code", "article", "section", "chapter" or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or re-lettered, provided however that any Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions (i.e. Sections 3-5) need not be codified and the City Recorder is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.

The foregoing ordinance was first read by title only in accordance with Article X, Section 2(C) of the City Charter on the 16 day of September, 2025, and duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 7 day of October, 2025.

PASSED by the City Council this 7 day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:



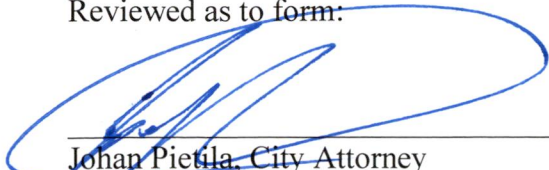
Alissa Kolodzinski, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this 7 day of October, 2025.



Tonya Graham, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:



Johan Pietila, City Attorney



Council Business Meeting

Date: November 6, 2025

Agenda Item	SERJAC Committee Structure - review and discussion
Department	City Manager's Office
From	

TIME ESTIMATE

CATEGORY

Informational - this is to inform the body on a particular topic. No motion or direction needed.

SUMMARY

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FISCAL IMPACTS

SUGGESTED ACTIONS, MOTIONS, AND/OR OPTIONS

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

None



Native American Heritage
Month

Celebration
at
Southern Oregon University

**Saturday
November 15, 2025**

**Stevenson Union
11:00AM-4:00PM**

Native Artisans Market, Food,
Dancers and Speakers

Everyone is welcome!

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