

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

Business Meeting 6:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor Graham, Councilors Sherrell, Dahle, Bloom, Kaplan, DuQuenne, and Hansen.

Council Absent: None

Staff Present:

Sabrina Cotta	City Manager
Johan Pietila	City Attorney
Carmel Zarhan	Assistant Deputy Attorney
Alissa Kolodzinski	City Recorder

Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Land Acknowledgement**

Bloom read the land acknowledgement.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kaplan led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IV. MAYOR'S/ CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. Black History Month Proclamation – the proclamation was read into the record.

Graham announced that the "If I Were Mayor" contest was underway with a deadline of March 13th and encouraged community members to inform young people about this opportunity.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the January 14, 2026 – Special Study Session Meeting
- b. Minutes of the January 20, 2026 – Business Meeting

Hansen noted a scrivener's error in the January 20th minutes on page 3 where a roll call vote listed Kaplan twice instead of recording NO votes for Dahle, DuQuenne and Bloom.

Hansen moved to approve the minutes of Jan 14 and 20 with the one change. The motion was seconded by Dahle.

Roll Call Vote: Sherrell, Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen –YES. Motion passed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Javier Dubon, Interim Executive Director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF), provided a comprehensive overview of the festival's challenges, financial situation, and recovery efforts. He identified three main challenges: leadership instability (six different executive directors since 2019), changing audience behavior (exacerbated by the pandemic), and rising production costs. (See attached presentation.)

Dubon presented financial data showing the festival had faced pre-pandemic deficits, masked by one-time gifts and excess endowment draws. He explained the shift from a ticket-driven (65% earned pre-pandemic) to a contribution-reliant model (over 60% recently). Ticket sales plummeted from \$22 million to \$7 million post-pandemic but rebounded to \$10.4 million in 2024.

Dubon addressed common questions about cost-cutting measures, explaining that most expenses (nearly two-thirds of the budget) are related to labor rather than production materials. Staffing has already been reduced from 650 to 495 since 2019 levels. Programming variety remains essential as more than 50% of ticket revenue comes from people who see three or more shows. Recent successes include a 42% ticket sales increase in 2025, a \$5.1 million donor gift, \$1.9 million saved through cuts, and progress towards a \$22.5 million contribution goal. Dubon also discussed efforts to market the broader Ashland experience, the potential use of OSF spaces for events, climate change strategies, and city partnerships.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM –

Eleven community members addressed the Council with concerns about homelessness issues; the budget approval process, related charter enforcement, and other budget issues; the city's use of pesticides; Asante hospital changes; and the City Hall property agreement.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

Pietila and Zahran presented a series of ordinance changes, explaining these were the second set of more substantive ordinance changes following previous work on scrivener's errors.

a. Ordinance No 3271 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORDER IN THE CREATION OF AMC 2.28.530

Proposed changes would establish an office of the city recorder and create AMC 2.28.053, effectively updating code to reflect the change from an elected to appointed position.

Public Hearing open

Clarinda Marripen expressed concerns about the potential loss of transparency with the City Recorder under Administration rather than having Council oversight. She emphasized issues related to election integrity, arguing that the Recorder should be accountable more directly to the public and Council to prevent any undue influence on election processes.

Cate Hartzell voiced opposition to the Recorder's office as an elected rather than appointed position, citing the importance of a recorder that serves as a liaison to the public and concern that administration oversight might impede the transparency necessary for fair electoral processes.

Public Hearing closed

Councilors discussed the benefits of the position being hired based on qualifications and improved oversight through professional management and acknowledged that the change of the position as appointed rather than elected was already put to the voter's and decided upon.

After discussion and amendment, the following motion was adopted:

Dahle moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 3271, an Ordinance Establishing an Office of the City Recorder in the creation of AMC 2.28.053 and schedule second reading for February 17, 2026.

The motion was seconded by Hansen.

Roll Call Vote: Bloom, Sherrell, Dahle, DuQuenne, Hansen, and Kaplan – YES. Motion passed.

b. ORDINANCE NO 3283 AMENDING AND UPDATING CHAPTER 2.29 – PUBLIC ART

Proposed changes would clarify that the Public Arts Commission is a committee, expanding the selection panel membership to address recruitment difficulties, update noticing requirements, and clarify situations where public art can be placed such as on public property or on private property with specified maintenance arrangements.

Public Hearing open

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed

DuQuenne moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 3283, an Ordinance Amending and Updating Chapter 2.29 for Public Art. The motion was seconded by Bloom.

Roll Call Vote: Bloom, Sherrell, Dahle, DuQuenne, Hansen, and Kaplan – YES. Motion passed.

c. ORDINANCE NO 3284 AMENDING AMC 2.54.010 TO ALIGN WITH PROCUREMENT LIMITS

Proposed changes would amend AMC 2.54.01 to align disposal of surplus property with the city's procurement limits and standardize the process so that items over \$250,000 would require Council approval, which would be consistent with other procurement thresholds.

Public Hearing open

Clarinda Merripen expressed concerns that removing the finance department from the process could make it political, but that including general public participation in the surplus process could create further opportunities for corruption.

Public Hearing closed

During council discussion, Cotta clarified that the procurement process follows state law and that the same process applies whether surplus property goes to individuals, nonprofits, or other government agencies.

Hansen moved to approve first reading of 3284, an Ordinance Amending AMC 2.54.01 to Align with Procedure Limits and schedule the second reading for February 17, 2026. The motion was seconded by Kaplan.

Roll Call Vote: Bloom, Sherrell, Dahle, DuQuenne, Hansen, and Kaplan – YES. Motion passed.

d. ORDINANCE NO 3285 AMENDING AMC 2.62.030 TO PROVIDE FOR A CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Proposed changes would amend AMC 2.62.030 to provide a chain of command in the event the city manager is incapacitated or absent during an emergency.

Public Hearing open

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed

Sherrell moved to approve the first reading of 3285, an Ordinance Amending AMC 2.62.030 to Approve for a Chain of Command in the Event of an Emergency and schedule the second reading during the February 17 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bloom.

Roll Call Vote: Hansen, Kaplan, Sherrell, Bloom, DuQuenne and Dahle – YES. Motion passed.

e. ORDINACE NO 3286 AMENDING 9.08.120 TO PREVENT PROPERTY OWNERS FROM KEEPING HAZARDOUS OR INFESTED TREES

Proposed changes would amend 9.08.120 to prevent property owners from keeping hazardous or infested trees and would add language about trees that harbor insects or diseases that could threaten other trees in the city.

Public Hearing open

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed

Bloom moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 3286, an Ordinance Amending 9.08.120 to Prevent Property Owners from Keeping Hazardous or Infested Trees and schedule second reading at the February 17 council meeting. The motion was seconded by DuQuenne.

Roll Call Vote: DuQuenne, Hansen, Kaplan, Sherrell, Bloom, and Dahle – YES. Motion passed.

f. ORDINACE NO 3287 AMENDING AND UPDATING CHAPTER 14.12 – ELECTRIC SYSTEM REGULATIONS

Proposed changes would update chapter 14.12 on electric system regulations, primarily to align with the Electric Service Requirement manual and current standards. The changes included updating references to the manual and modifying language about tree trimming on private property.

Councilors discussed that these regulations impact infill housing costs, creating a "double-edged sword" when trying to promote affordable housing while implementing industry standards, and suggested removing specific fee amounts from the ordinance and instead referencing the miscellaneous fees book.

Public Hearing open

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed

Hansen moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 3287, an Ordinance Amending and Updating Chapter 14.12 Electrical System Regulations as Amended for Fees Referring to the Miscellaneous Fees Book and schedule second reading during the February 17 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Bloom.

Roll Call Vote: Sherrell, Bloom, Dahle, DuQuenne, Hansen, and Kaplan – YES. Motion passed.

Due to timing, the order was changed to accommodate those who came to address these topics.

a. ORDINACE NO 3294 AMENDING 9.16.070 TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DAYTIME VERSUS NIGHTTIME DOG NOISE

Proposed changes amend 9.16.07 to distinguish between daytime versus nighttime dog noise, creating separate standards for barking during day and night hours.

Public Hearing

Susan Peck suggested the ordinance should make barking between 10 PM and 7 AM a violation without requiring it to be "excessive."

Public Hearing Closed

Graham and Zahran clarified that the current language makes any unreasonable barking during nighttime hours a violation without specifying a time threshold.

Dahle moved to approve first reading of 3294, an Ordinance Amending 9.16.07 to Distinguish Between Daytime Versus Nighttime Dog Noise and schedule a second reading during the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Bloom.

Roll Call Vote: Sherrell, Bloom, Dahle, DuQuenne, Hansen, and Kaplan – YES. Motion passed.

a. ORDINACE NO 3293 AMENDING 9.08.170.D.2 TO REFER TO 9.16.070 FOR DOG NUISANCE MATTERS

Proposed changes would amend 9.08.170.D.2 to refer to 9.16.07 for dog nuisance matters, ensuring consistent treatment of dog-related issues across the municipal code.

Public Hearing open

No speakers

Public Hearing closed

Dahle moved to approve first reading of 3293, An Ordinance Amending 9.08.170.D.2 to refer to 9.16.07 for Dog Nuisance Matters and schedule second reading for February 17, 2026. The motion was seconded by DuQuenne.

Roll Call Vote: Sherrell, Bloom, Dahle, DuQuenne, Hansen, and Kaplan – YES. Motion passed.

Due to time constraints (reaching 8 PM), the remaining first reading ordinances were postponed to the next business meeting:

- *ORDINACE NO 3288 CREATING 15.04.270 TO PROHIBIT PERMITS WHEN CODE VIOLATIONS ARE OUTSTANDING*
- *ORDINACE NO 3290 AMENDING 9.08.170(3) –TO CREATE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR HEAT PUMPS OR MECHANICAL DEVICES FROM NOISE REGULATION*
- *ORDINACE NO 3291 AMENDING 13.16.035 TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS REMOVE OR PRUNE DANGEROUS TREES WITHOUT A PERMIT*
- *ORDINACE NO 3289 UPDATING 15.36.030 TO CORRECT FOR THE PROPER DEPARTMENT THAT ASSIGNS FRONTAGE*
- *ORDINACE NO 3292 Amending Chapter 6 to reflect Marijuana Retail Regulations*

b. First Reading of Ordinance 3282 Creating Section 2.55 of the Ashland Municipal Code: Disposal of Real Property

- X. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS**
- XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- XII. NEW BUSINESS**
- XIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT –**
 - a. Look Ahead*

Cotta noted there would be no study session on February 16 due to a holiday. The next study session will be March 2, 2026, featuring presentations from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife about deer population and from the Amiga Club.

b. February City Manager Report

Cotta reported that effective February 1, the city no longer has a combined fire and rescue ground membership with Mercy Flights; they are now separated. She also mentioned that Pioneer Hall is open for reservations, and the community center should open soon.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS

- Hansen reminded everyone about the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 11.
- Bloom noted Southern Oregon University's financial difficulties and proposed that the Council send a letter of support for SOU to receive state funds. He provided data collected by Eco Northwest's study: SOU generates \$282.5 million in annual output in Jackson County and is responsible for 2,146 jobs. Losing SOU could significantly impact the city's utilities, food and beverage tax, and lodging tax revenue.
 - The Council unanimously supported Graham and Bloom in drafting a letter on behalf of the full Council. Bloom also mentioned reaching out to other small university towns facing similar challenges.
- DuQuenne noted she would be listening to a legislative budget discussion the next morning and would report back on higher education funding.
- Kaplan reminded council members about a community feedback form for the Jackson County Continuum of Care that had been distributed by email.
- Graham mentioned she had sent a letter supporting OSF's funding requests to the state legislature, noting that both SOU and OSF are economic drivers with massive impacts on the community and region.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Bloom moved to adjourn. DuQuenne seconded the motion.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



City Recorder Alissa Kolodzinski



Mayor Tonya Graham



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WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY

- Reflect on **key challenges** and **successes** from the past five years
- Share **lessons learned** and how we're putting them to use
- Provide a **financial update** and **look at what's ahead**



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CHALLENGES



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KEY CHALLENGES

- **Leadership Instability:** Frequent leadership changes and poor strategic choices have set us back and eroded trust.
- **Changing Audience Behavior:** Patrons have fallen out of their pre-pandemic habits and are spending differently
- **Rising Costs:** From materials and labor to housing and transportation, the cost of producing theatre has risen dramatically in our current economic climate.

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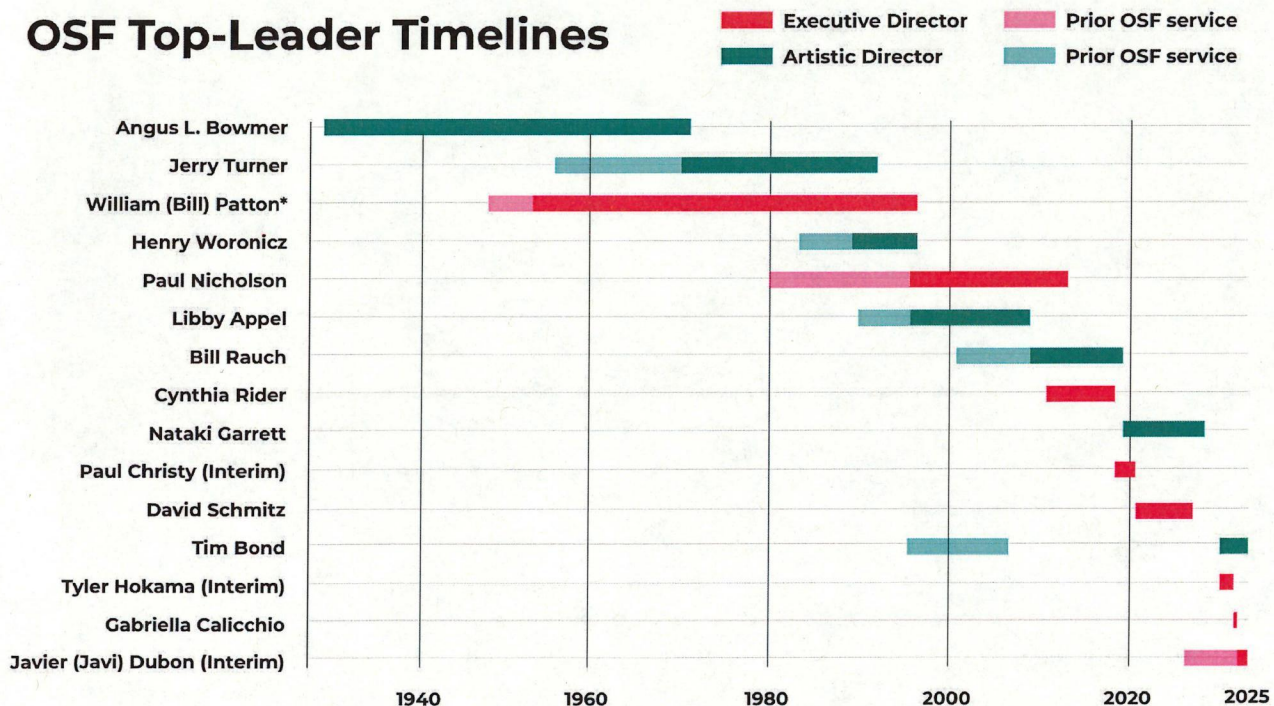
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LEADERSHIP INSTABILITY

- Since 2019, OSF has had **six different Executive Directors**
- Five of the six came in without prior OSF experience or institutional knowledge
- Leadership turnover led to mission misalignment during an already unprecedented time for the arts sector

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OSF Top-Leader Timelines

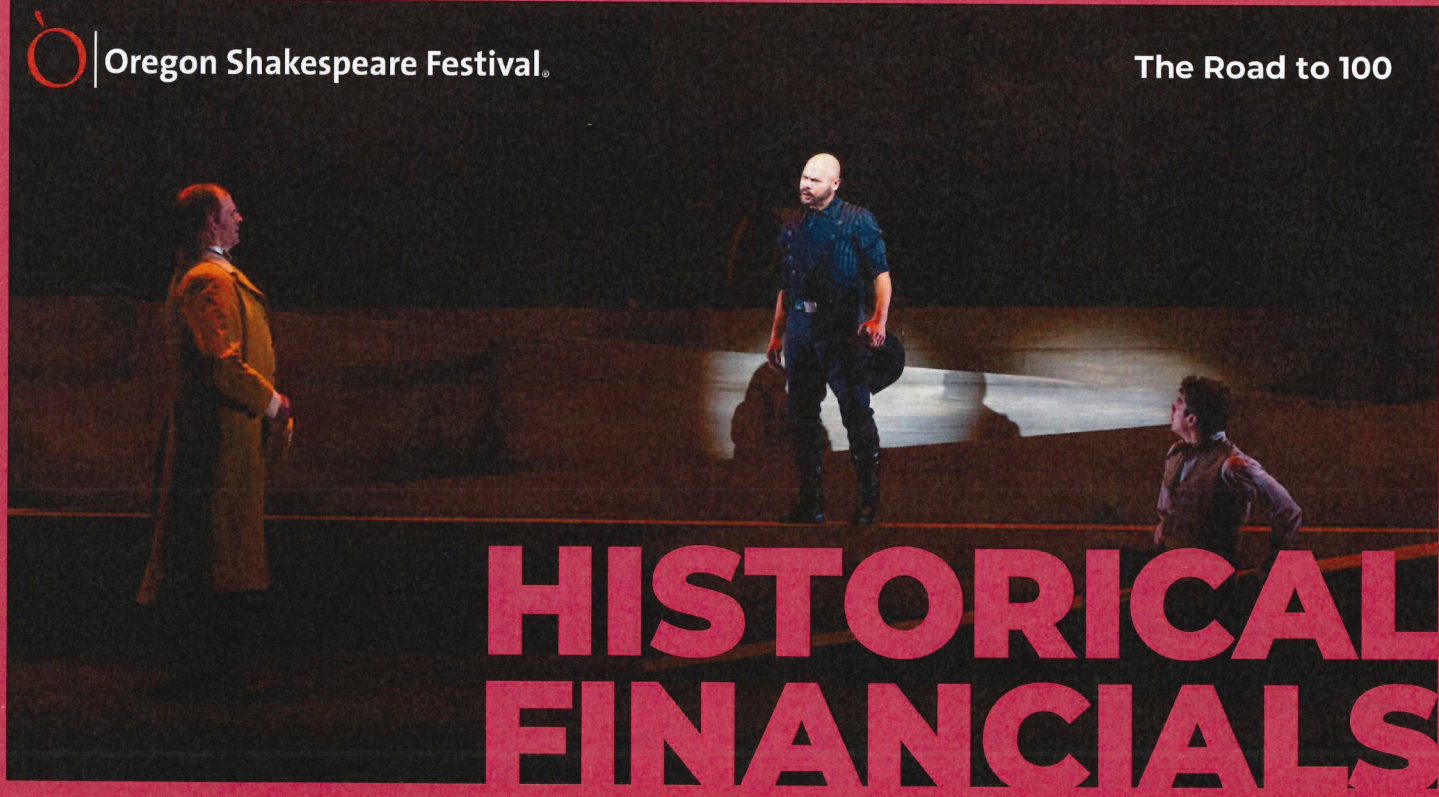


KEY LEARNINGS FROM LEADERSHIP INSTABILITY

- **Succession Is Strategy:** OSF must invest in developing future leaders across staff and board to ensure long-term resilience.
- **Knowledge Is Capital:** Retaining experienced staff and preserving what makes OSF unique is critical to sustainability.
- **Transparency Is Non-Negotiable:** Leadership and governance must understand and communicate OSF's financial realities clearly and early.

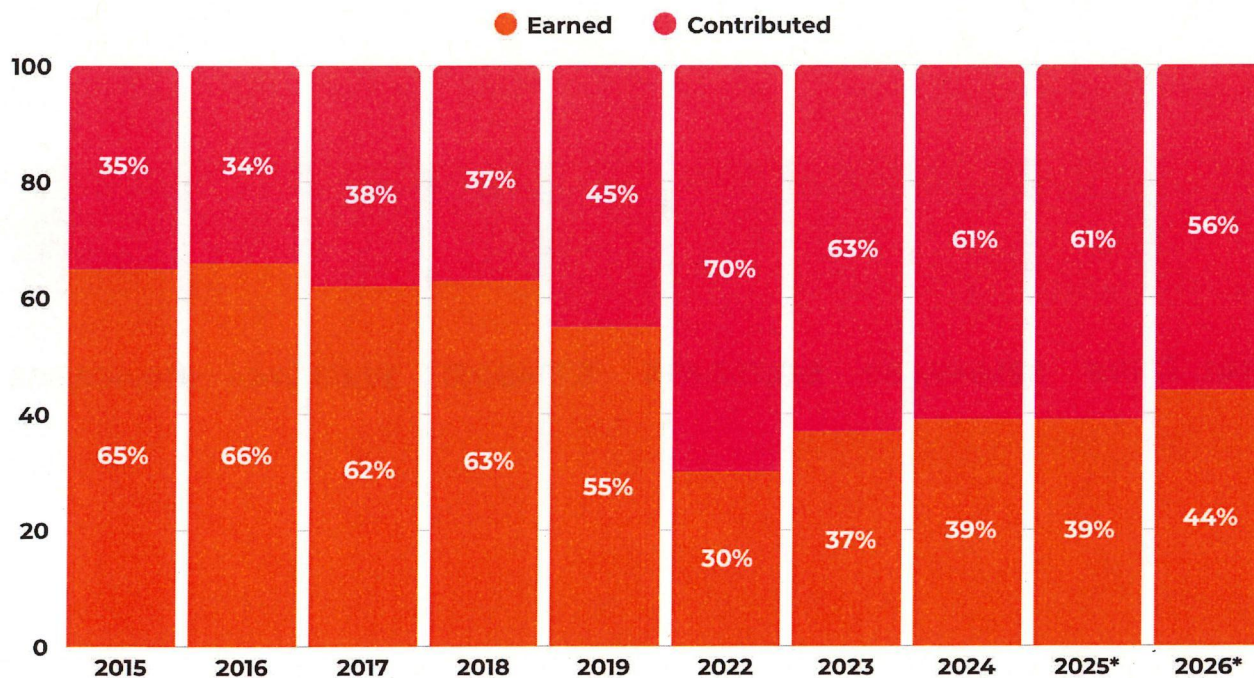
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	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	\$38,966,449	\$39,398,950*	\$43,400,450*	\$28,807,072	\$31,723,691*	\$31,757,171
Expenses	\$39,334,605	\$39,506,698	\$40,365,907	\$35,368,699	\$34,476,183	\$34,085,601
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*Includes excess endowment draw	-	\$3,500,000	\$2,500,000	-	\$4,825,655	-

Revenue Blend by Fiscal Year



	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024
Contributed Revenue	\$10,398,787	\$14,584,087	\$19,197,550	\$16,121,874	\$16,866,522

	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024
Ticket Sales	\$21,647,589	\$21,256,874	\$7,145,751	\$7,032,744	\$10,482,865

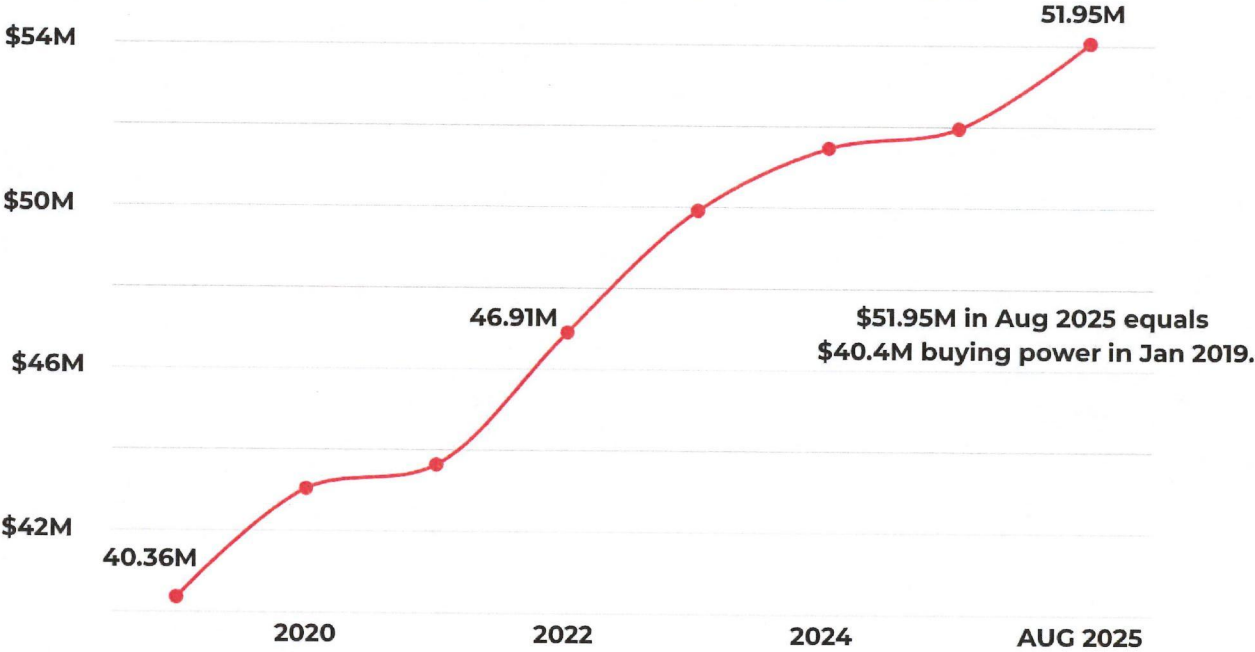


CAN THE FESTIVAL PRODUCE MORE ECONOMICALLY?

YES, BUT IT'S COMPLICATED...

- Repertory theatre relies on a fixed, complex structure that **doesn't shrink easily**
- Many expenses support revenue, so **cuts often reduce both cost and income**
- Several structural **savings have already been made**, leaving fewer options
- Labor is our biggest cost, as **it takes many people to produce at this level**

Inflation Calculator with U.S. CPI Data



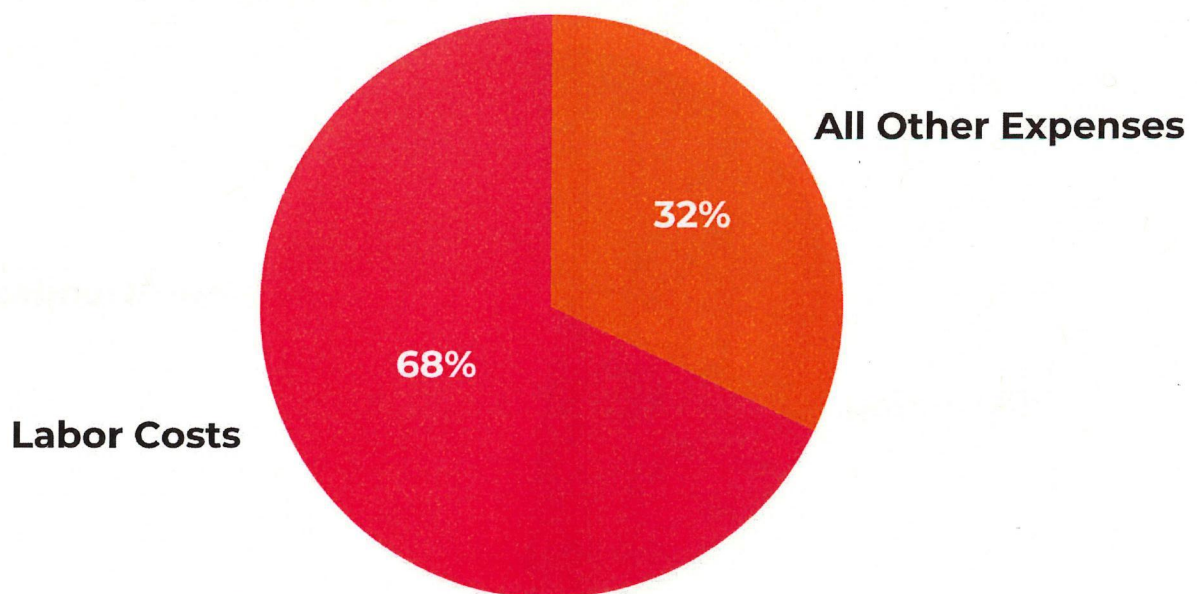


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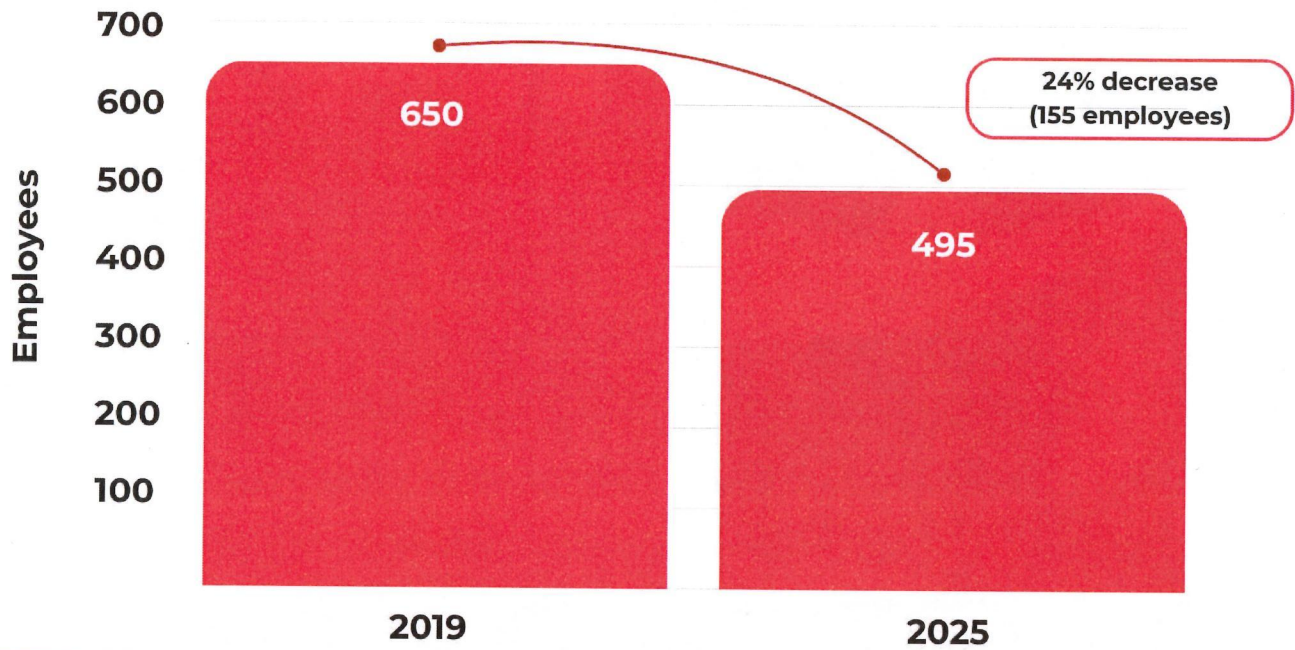
of FY2026 budget
is for materials

Materials only make
up a fraction of OSF's
operating expenses

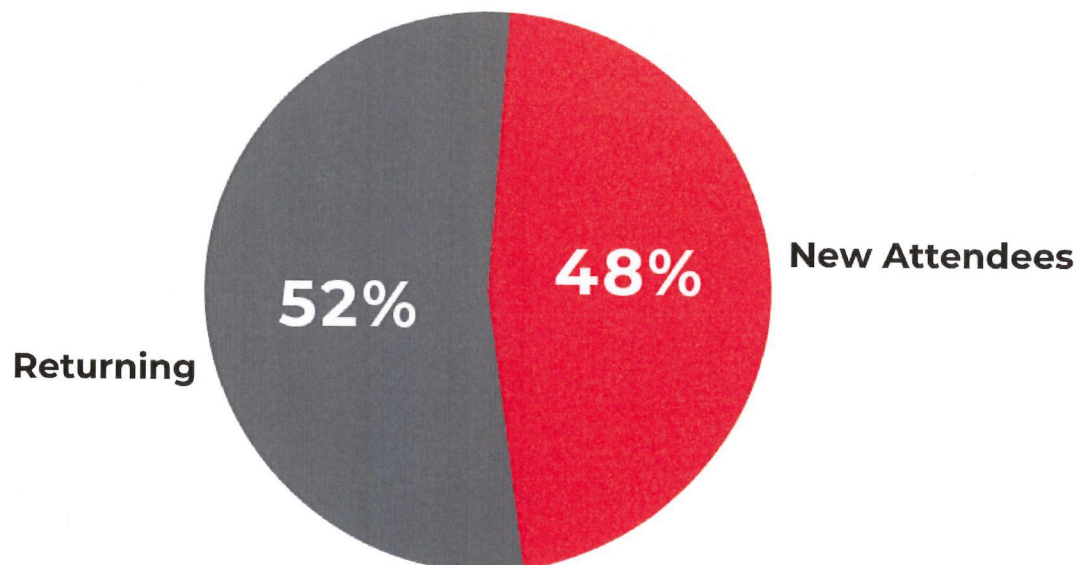
Labor as % of 2026 Operating Expenses



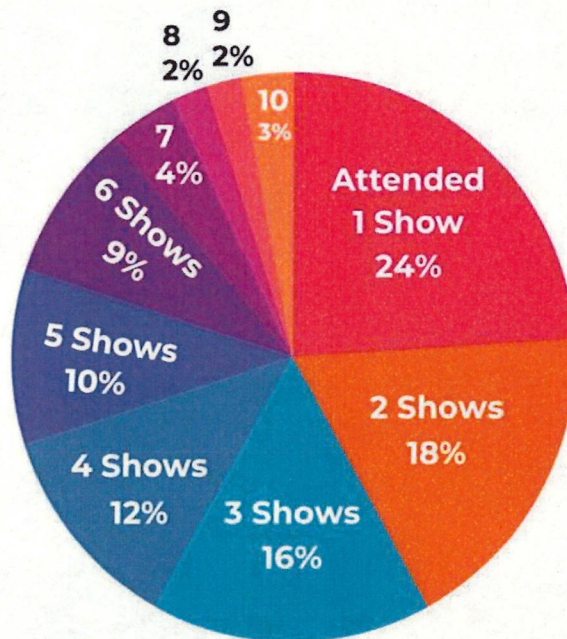
Headcount 2019 vs 2025



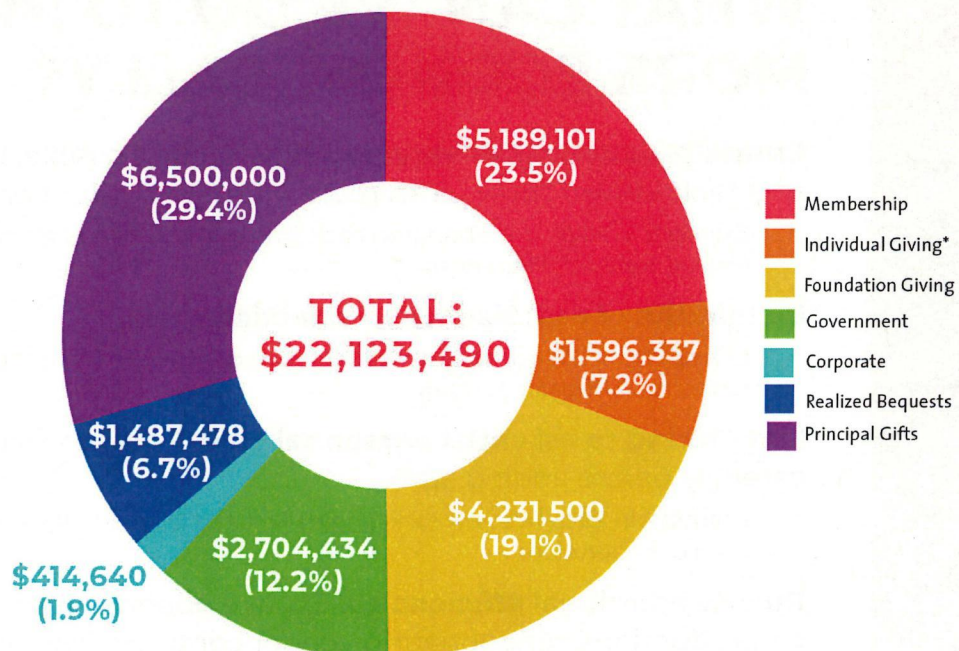
Who Purchased in 2025? Returning vs. New Attendees



2025 Revenue Per Number of Productions Attended



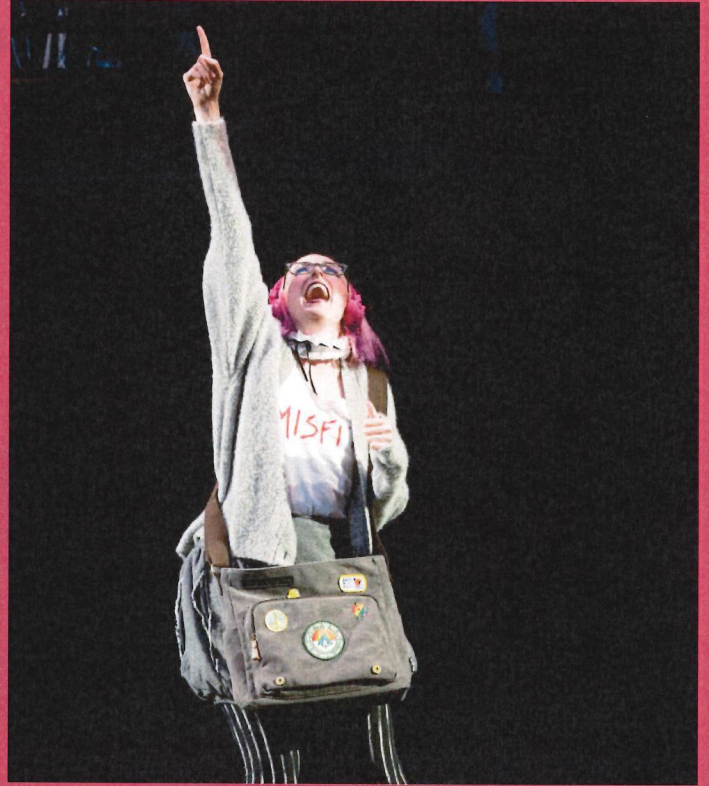
2025 Contributed Revenue by Category



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All's Well That Ends Well



WHAT CAN WE DO TO PRODUCE MORE ECONOMICALLY?

Curate productions of varying scale. When possible, balance larger, spectacle-driven shows with more intimate productions.

Example: In 2026, we're bringing back *Smote This* as part of a season designed to feature works of different sizes.

Be mindful of cast size when selecting titles.

Example: In 2026, our acting company will shrink from ~90 to ~70 members—a 22% reduction compared to 2025.

Limit hiring to essential personnel only. Evaluate organizational needs carefully before adding staff.

Example: In 2026, five new roles originally slated for hire were removed from consideration.

Pursue additional efficiencies. Explore opportunities such as co-productions, renegotiating vendor contracts, and other partnerships.

WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THESE LEARNINGS?

- **Programming with purpose:** Curating and balancing a season that honor OSF's legacy *and* meets today's diverse audience needs
- **Planning ahead:** Advancing our season planning and budgeting timeline to lock initial budget drafts a year in advance
- **Spending smarter, not just less:** Right-sizing production and business operations to balance revenue potential with artistic excellence

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WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THESE LEARNINGS?

- **Marketing for tomorrow:** Investing in modern, data-driven strategies to expand audiences in key markets and the local community
- **Leaning into Ashland:** Treating OSF as a destination marketing engine that highlights the region's vast offerings
- **Optimizing earned income:** Leveraging pricing and inventory management to meet demand while preserving access

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PRINCIPAL AND LEGACY GIVING IS KEY

To allow time for ticket sales to grow over the next few years, we must lean into principal giving and legacy giving, these strategies help create a financial runway that **supports long-term growth**.

This approach requires:

- A **clearly defined case for support**, including our best estimates of future needs.
- **Transparent financial reporting**, giving donors insight into both our successes and challenges.
- Connecting supporters to the aspects of OSF they're **most passionate about** and inviting them to **make transformational investments that align with their priorities**.

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WINS



\$14.89M

2025 Sales

Goal: \$15.2M

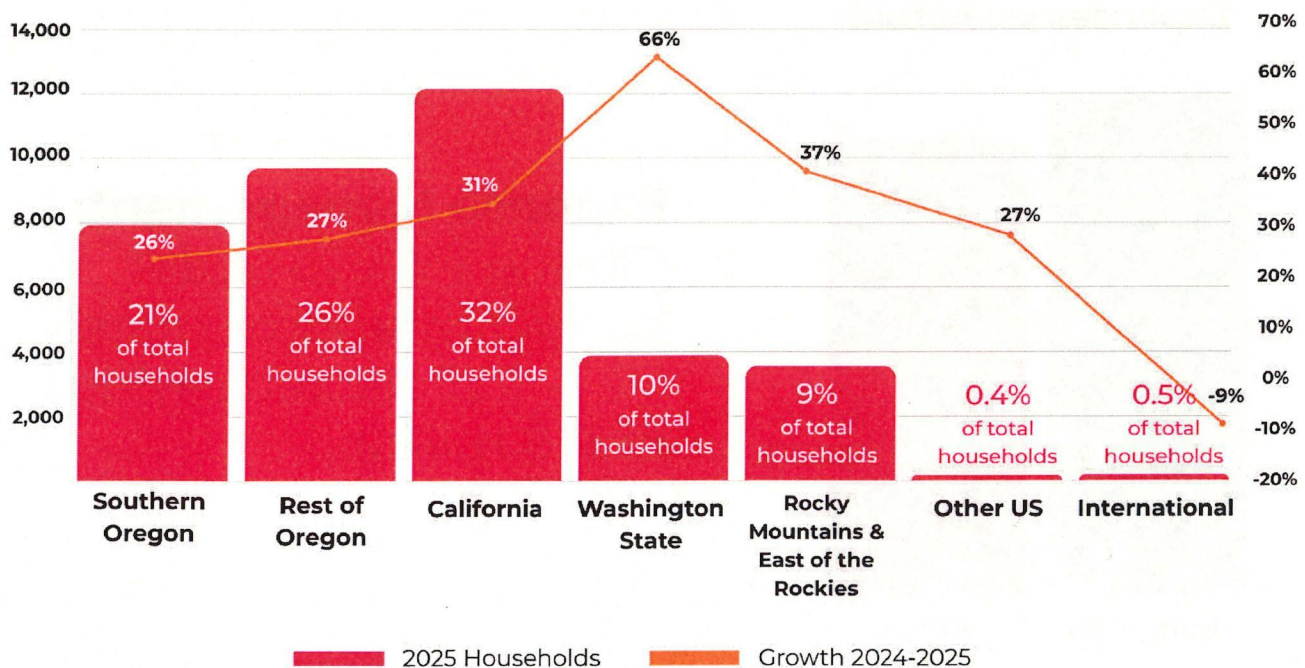
42% increase compared to the 2024 season!

2024: \$10.4M

2023: \$7.0M

2022: \$7.1M

Geographic Household Growth in 2025 vs 2024

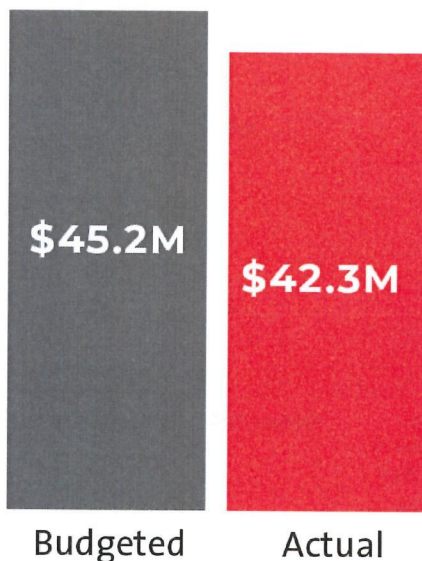




\$5.1M

Bridge gift made by **Bertie Elliott**, one of OSF's single largest donors, dedicated to 2026 operating expenses

2025 Budgeted Expenses vs. Actual



Expense Management:

Closing FY2025 under budget by approximately 5% — a projected savings of \$1.9 million.



\$43.4M

2026 Operating Budget

Ticket Sales Goal: \$16.3M

Contributed Revenue Goal: \$22.5M

Other Revenue Goal: \$4.6M

**Contributed Revenue Progress
to Goal: 58%!**



IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITIES

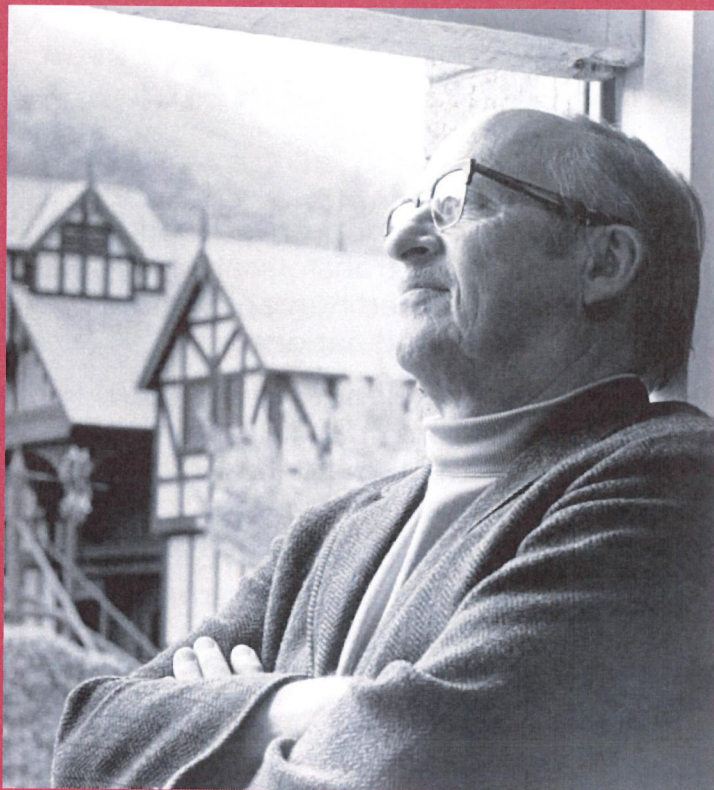
- **Mission Fulfillment:** Produce exceptional, mission-driven work that resonates deeply with audiences. Create transformative experiences that connect people to their shared humanity and elevate the festival's cultural impact locally and nationally.
- **Operational Excellence & Modernization:** Relentlessly evaluate and improve every operational process—from financial reporting to onboarding, offboarding, and policy development. Embrace modernization and efficiency to build a future-ready organization.
- **Audience Growth:** Accelerate audience growth through aggressive, data-driven marketing and intentional programming choices. Inspire audiences to travel and engage, while expanding the festival's visibility across the region and in key national markets.

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IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITIES

- **Principal Gift Cultivation:** Identify and engage high-capacity donors with a compelling, clearly defined vision and funding priorities. Secure transformational gifts that provide the financial runway to grow earned revenue and reduce long-term unrealistic reliance on philanthropy.
- **Rebuild Membership Base:** Focus on acquiring new members and bringing back former members to build a stronger foundation for long-term sustainability
- **Expense Management:** Focus not only on how much we spend, but on how and where we invest. Align expenditures with strategic priorities to maximize impact, ensure sustainability, and support long-term organizational health.

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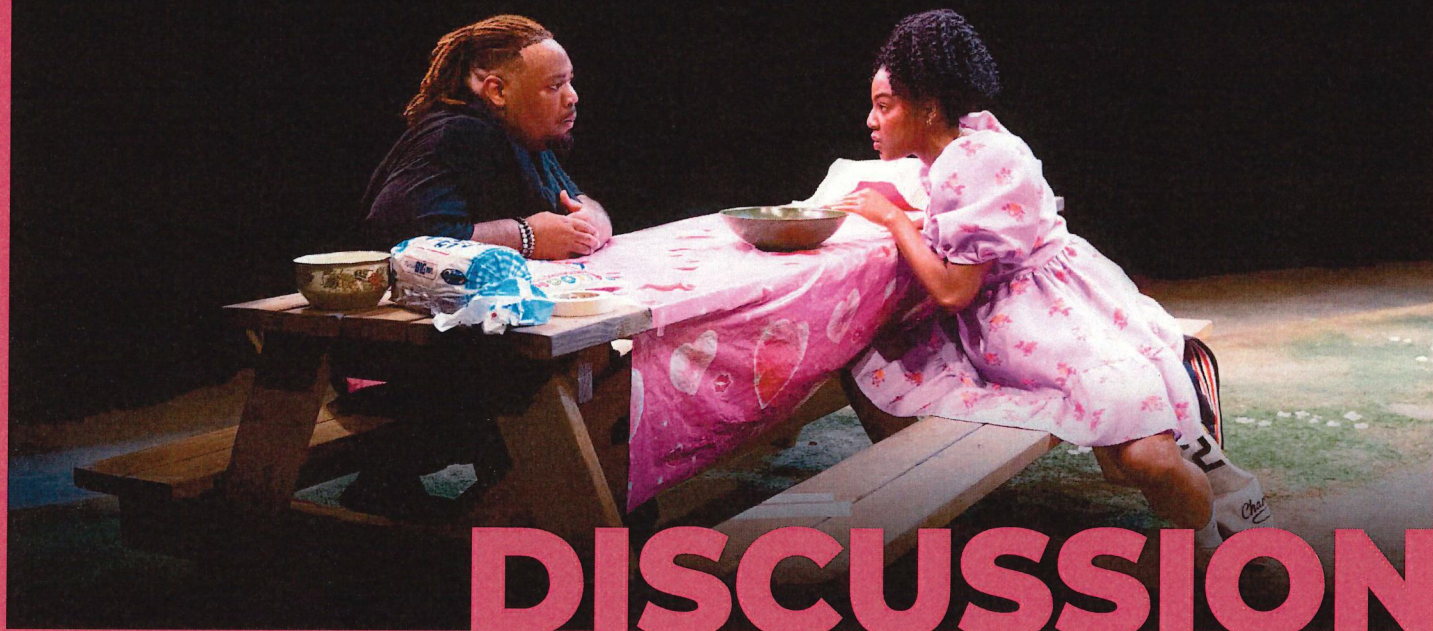
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We are not a museum...not an antiquarian display place. The past is certainly our nurturing source and continuing inspiration, but we are in no way bound by the past. We don't stand still. **We are a living, breathing, changing and growing theatre, with a future still to discover.** Theatre is always a living art, with open arms for the new. The legacy of the **Oregon Shakespeare Festival will continue to enrich the future because our beginnings are strong, sound and sure.**

- Angus Bowmer
(As I Remember, Adam | 1975)

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Full Name	JAMES PETER EVANHOE
Meeting Date	February 2026
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Are you a City of Ashland resident?	Yes
Indicate if you want to provide written testimony, or if you want to speak via Zoom.	Written
Which agenda item would you like to address?	Moving OSF Off of City owned property 3 new theaters
Comments (Leave this section blank if you are requesting to speak electronically.)	Subject: Will Ashland ever become financial stable again? Answer: As of this date of communicating and the absence of tourists numbers needed to become financial stable without increasing taxes the answer is NO. The main driving force for decades was OSF and its standard off Broadway productions which brought 340,000 tourists into Ashland and into many Ashland businesses hotels, motels, restaurants, gift shops, etc. But in 2022 OSF became sexually perverted and only produced plays thst were sexually explicated. Because of this one fact Ashland lost 90% of its annual OSF visitors. Approximately the revenue loss for Ashland businesses is now over one billion

dollars. The added losses of 2022 to 2025.

Now 4 years later OSF is still a financial failure when compared to OSF 2017-2019.

Not one of our guests from out of town thought the OSF play they attended was good, 2022-2025. They did not comment to be polite.

OSF is now selling its staging artifacts to raise funds.

What they need to do for the financial good of Ashland is closed down completely, move out of the modern theaters on City property, back into yhrir older OSF owned theaters to allow Ashland to develop commercial projects that will once again see 340,000 seasonal tourist, which will stablize the Ashland City economy.

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Full Name	FERNANDO Gapasin
Meeting Date	February 03, 2026
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Are you a City of Ashland resident?	Yes
Indicate if you want to provide written testimony, or if you want to speak via Zoom.	Written
Which agenda item would you like to address?	Public Comment on our Community Hospital
Comments (Leave this section blank if you are requesting to speak electronically.)	To Ashland City Council: The Bottom Line for Healthcare is CARE by Dr. Fernando E. Gapasin Save Our Hospital, Ashland is a coalition of Ashland patients and healthcare providers who want to keep Ashland's General Hospital as defined by OAR 333-500-0032 and mandated by an 80-page Affiliation Agreement between the City and Asante executed on 31 July 2013. This means that Asante is mandated to provide general hospital services, including emergency,

birthing, in-patient, and surgical services to the residents of Ashland through 2028.

Ashland Community Hospital has been an essential service in our community since 1907. The Ashland city charter grants the city of Ashland authority and direction to maintain a hospital within the city limits of our community. We require our elected officials to honor this responsibility by insisting that Asante abide by the mandates of their 2013 contract with the City of Ashland. In the latter part of the last century highly educated and skilled healthcare professionals moved to Ashland with the vision of providing a national model for patient-centered healthcare. Having a community based General Hospital is essential to maintaining this vision. If a General Hospital is not in Ashland it has been stated by some of these providers that they will be forced to leave Ashland. This drain of highly skilled providers will diminish essential healthcare in our city.

The Ashland birthing center provides a water birth option and doulas, is unique in this region. More than two hundred births occurred at the hospital last year. Medford will not be able to offer these services in their current form.

Just a year ago Asante began a process that included broad stakeholder input and concluded that inpatient services and birthing services would, in fact, be expanded. Twelve months later, without any discussion with staff or our community, Asante has abruptly reversed course.

Moving in-patient services eleven miles away will impose hardship and potentially life-threatening consequences on Ashland residents, particularly the elderly who represent 30 percent of our community.

Asante claims the loss of millions. However, data from the Oregon Health Authority says that "Asante Ashland Community Hospital itself made millions of dollars in 2024 and continued doing so through the first half of 2025, with operating margins that outpaced those of most hospitals in the state."

We must continue to require our City Council to insist that Asante fulfills the requirements of the 2013 agreement which provides for a \$4 million penalty if Asante fails to maintain a General Hospital in Ashland until 2028 and remind them that the city charter requires a general hospital in Ashland. Simultaneously, we need to meet with the Asante Board of Directors to remind them of Asante's obligations to our community and demand an explanation for their change of direction.

We invite all Ashland residents to join our coalition.

For now please contact me if you wish to join us at our next meeting.

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[City Council](#)

Subject:

Typo Changes meaning in Comment Submission

Date:

Tuesday, February 03, 2026 10:07:48 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello City Council,

I just sent a comment for tonight's meeting. I cannot attend the public session because I'm in treatment for cancer and I can't be in a big gathering, even masked. But I sent my message quickly to get it in before deadline and then re-read it, finding that a word was missing that changed the meaning.

I sent:

I would be with him at nightfall.

I meant:

I would not be with him at nightfall.

Below my name is my comment in full.

If you receive this in time, thank you, Jeannine Grizzard

As a twenty year resident of Ashland, and the artistic director of our community theater (Ashland Contemporary Theatre), I am deeply embedded in this community. I took much time away from producing plays to nurse my husband until he died in July and now I am undergoing treatment for a stress induced illness.

But pretend my story is likely in others and that it is eight months ago with my husband nearing end of life. The impact to us both of diminished hospital services would have been heartbreaking. He had a fall about once a week, never hurt. But if he had broken a bone, he would have been transported to Asante in Medford for his hospital stay. I would not be with him at nightfall. He might have died alone because of the distance.

It doesn't take much imagination to play out this and similar scenarios in countless troubling ways for our residents, especially seniors. Driving at night to Medford to tend our loved ones is a hardship.

The City owes it to its residents to fix this looming Sword of Damocles over our heads and ensure ongoing hospital services in Ashland.

Sincerely, Jeannine Grizzard

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Ashland City Recorder](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: City Council Public Comment Form
Date: Monday, February 02, 2026 9:55:07 PM

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City Council Public Comment Form

Public Comment

Use this form to submit public comment for City Council meetings. This form must be submitted by **10 a.m.** the day of the meeting to be on the record.

If you wish to speak to the Council in person at a meeting, you must fill out a Speaker Request form available on-site. Do not use this form.

Full Name	Lauri Hoagland
Meeting Date	2/3/26
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Are you a City of Ashland resident?	Yes
Indicate if you want to provide written testimony, or if you want to speak via Zoom.	Written
Which agenda item would you like to address?	public forum
Comments (Leave this section blank if you are requesting to speak electronically.)	Ashland residents remain highly concerned about Asante's plan to reduce medical services at the Asante Ashland Community Hospital and break their 2013 agreement with our community. The Oregon Constitution guarantees affordable, comprehensive and accessible health care for all residents in our state. Convenient hospital services have been a part of our community for the last 119 years. Many of us were born and raised with a local hospital to go to and others have chosen this community because this level of care is available in our community. Yet, our input was never a part of this recent decision! Asante has not held any public meetings to discuss their plan or answer questions about care changes. We pay for our health care.

Asante gets tax benefits because they provide that care. We deserve a voice in this decision.
We worry about what will be left of our Ashland Community Hospital in 2028 when the agreement between Asante and Ashland community expires? Will Asante discontinue all its services in Ashland? As our elected officials we expect the city council to advocate for our health and hold Asante accountable. Our city charter Article XV11 designates the city council as responsible for owning, operating and conducting a city hospital. You may have turned over operations to Asante but that doesn't absolve you of your stewardship.

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SUSAN PECK

Ashland Resident:

☒ YES ☐ NO City: _____

Agenda Topic/Item Number: ORD 3294 Dog Noise
X. ORDINANCE, RES, CONTRACTS

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

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Cate Hartzell

Ashland Resident:

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Agenda Topic/Item Number:

Ordin Revisions CRD 3271

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

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CLARINDA MERZ-REU

Ashland Resident:

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Agenda Topic/Item Number:

ORD-3284
SECTION 2.54.110 Procurement

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

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Claudia Merriden

Ashland Resident:

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Agenda Topic/Item Number:

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item): RD 3789
15.36.030 Frontage

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Claudia Merriper

Ashland Resident:

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Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item): marijuana
Ord No. 3292

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Cate Hartzell

Ashland Resident:



YES



NO

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Ashland

Agenda Topic/Item Number:

Public Hearing: (b) Ordinance 3282

real property

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

N/A

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CLARINDA MERRIPEN

Ashland Resident:

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Agenda Topic/Item Number:

ORDINANCE LANGUAGE - all items

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item): Recorder under Admin

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I rise to speak about first reading of Ordinance Language Change (Set #2).

The first problem I have is putting the Recorder under Administration. The Recorder oversees our elections. She should be overseen by the Council and the Mayor. Putting her under the City Manager blinds us, the public, what she is doing and gives incumbent candidates access in a way challengers do not have.

Will it be messy and hard to manage, but a whole lot less problematic than consolidating power in an opaque bureaucracy. An example of how the council should oversee her could look like a broad monthly report to the council for review that would be read into the public record.

Another guardrail would be to have a public election commission oversee her work, but that could be more far challenging.

However, consolidating her power under the City Manager gives us zero transparency and that shouldn't be tolerated.

Secondly, under section 2.54.010 removing the Finance Department from administering abandoned property unhinges the process from fiscal management. It means

that it could be done without analysis. It should be an additive approval process not a subtractive one. So it would have to go through the Finance Department and the City Managers for approval.

Thirdly, under the same section, removing an upper limit with the addition of adding the general public as a buyer or transferee, opens a hole for corruption that is needless and self inflicted.

Fourthly regarding the recorder, she should stay in charge of Maps of the city. Taking her out of the line of reporting for ordinance 15.36.030 will create confusion and political maneuvering where none now exists.

Note: ORDINANCE NO. 3292 Section H regarding minors in Marijuana Dispensaries is redundant. Just point to the relevant section of Oregon law which is already quite clear and be done with it. Any further clarifications just set Ashland up for problems in the future.

Claudia Merripen



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Denise M Gorker

Ashland Resident:



YES



NO

City: _____

Agenda Topic/Item Number:

Public Forum

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

The Business of Homelessness
in Ashland

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LINDA ADAMS

Ashland Resident:



YES



NO

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Agenda Topic/Item Number:

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

Strategic plan + the Common Good

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Linda Adams Public Testimony 2/3/26

As we the people ^{with} ~~and~~ you as our representatives engage in the Strategic Planning process ahead, I want to speak to the soul of our city. We are at a crossroads, and the map we choose now will define our character for a generation.

Our Constitution was established to 'promote the general Welfare.' This is a moral mandate, not just a legal one. In times of fiscal uncertainty, the easiest path is austerity—the narrowing of our vision until we only see line items, deficits and Cheetoheads. But we must not allow budget challenges to become an excuse for a poverty of imagination. Government, at its best, is the vehicle through which we manifest our shared values. It is the physical embodiment of the Common Good.

We must recognize that human capital and infrastructure are two sides of the same coin. This includes the 'boring' miracles of local government: reconstructing Charters, the ability to turn on a tap and have clean water flow, or to flip a switch and see light. But a truly healthy infrastructure must also include a safety net for our most vulnerable.

Our unhoused neighbors are a part of this community's human capital. When we allow people to fall through the cracks, we weaken the entire structure of our city. Investing in services, transitional housing, and dignity for the unhoused is not a distraction from our 'core' mission—it *is* our core mission. A city that functions for the people must function for *all* the people.

Whether it is moving safely through town on a bike or taking our kids to a park, these shared resources are the democratic living rooms of Ashland. They are where our community fabric is woven. This is what a government 'of the people' does: it provides the means for every resident, regardless of their housing status, to live with safety and dignity."

Closing "I urge you to reject the fearful narrative of scarcity. Let us embrace a strategic plan that invests boldly in our infrastructure and all our people. Let's ensure Ashland remains a place where the light stays on, the water flows, and no one is left behind in the dark.

Linda Adams
Testimony 2/3/26



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SUZANNE HAVEMAN

Ashland Resident:



YES



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Agenda Topic/Item Number:

ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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John Maurer

Ashland Resident:

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Public Forum Topic (Non-agenda Item):

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Mary Hughes

Ashland Resident:

☒ YES

☐ NO

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Cate Hartzell

Ashland Resident:



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Sale of City Hall

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Wes Brain

Ashland Resident:



YES



NO

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Is Ashland Community Hospital on agenda
If so YES for Agenda Item

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If ACT is Not on agenda

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Debbie Mattsson

Ashland Resident:

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CHARLDA MERRIPEN

Ashland Resident:

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YES

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LAST NIGHTS MTA

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Amongst Ashlanders with jobs and houses the number one question that I come across is: How is Ashland going to pay for itself given the upcoming deficit?

Yet yesterday, in the study session y'all spent, checks notes, over an hour and 11 minutes out of an hour and 15 minutes session talking about how long a person has to be a resident to run for office.

This is akin to President Trump bringing up fictitious voter fraud so that no one brings up the Epstein files. Yes, I went there.

According to your own forecasts, put out at the November retreat you hosted, we have a fiscal deficit sometime between starting in the worst case next year, or the best case three years from today. I don't even trust those numbers as I question some of the premises used to make them.

Every agenda item you bring up should address this issue.

Every staff proposal needs to given the skeptics eye when it comes to spending money.

Every councilor should preface their comments on each proposal with "And how will this affect the looming deficit?"

Let me help you practice - You want new city hall complex in this economy? If you get a bond for it, how is it to affect the looming deficit?

I might also want to know if there be any litigation related to the current city hall how that will affect the looming deficit?

Speaking of bonds, we already have a huge bond for the water treatment plant. What does the debt service look like over the next 10 years and how is it affecting the deficit?

You also need to hire a Finance Director who is accomplished and respected enough so when she brings accurate but unwelcome data to the table, you all listen. She needs to be independent and be able to hold a mirror to the City Manager, Mayor and council. And we need her yesterday.

Finally, stop with the frivolous distractions. The spraying of chemicals should have never happened. Once you all knew it, someone from the Mayor's Office should have called our lawyers and had them call Parks to put a stop to it. You all have done this exact thing before.

Same with the Ice Rink. Once it became known that it was an issue, someone from the Mayor's office should have either called Parks or liaised between Parks and Public Works to make some kind of inspection happen. This is what we elect you to do.

Instead you spent an hour and 11 minutes yesterday talking about a phantom problem. Do better.

Claudia Merriner



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PAUL MOZINA

Ashland Resident:

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Ashland Charter

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Ashland Charter

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When I heard Deputy City Administrator, Jordan Rooklyn, falsely assert at the June 3 business meeting that the Council had amended the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget "via motion" (no one on the council bothered to correct her), that got my attention. I started investigating and discovered that the City Council had violated Open Meetings Laws, the Oregon Revised Statutes and the Ashland Charter in the process of amending the 2025-2027 budget.

You won't find a form or procedure on the City of Ashland's website for filing a complaint regarding violations of the Ashland Charter. My experience attempting to submit a complaint against the City Council exposed that, depending on WHO is alleged to have violated the Charter, the facts will be ignored.

On June 18, 2025, the day after the City Council's business meeting, I sent the following email to the Mayor and City Councilors:

"Dear Mayor Graham and Councilors,

Please reconsider my public comment made last night.

The Council's *actions* to amend the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget approved by the Citizen's Budget Committee (CBC) were done in bad faith to the committee and the people of Ashland.

Shortly after the CBC approved the budget on May 14, the Council met for a study session on May 19. Agenda item IV. Third Quarter Financial Update, stipulated that the item was: "Informational. No motion or direction needed." In the context of this informational item, the Council chose to revisit the funding options for the childcare grant program, which had been approved by the CBC on the 14th. There is *nothing* in the packet or language in the agenda item to indicate that a discussion of the 2025-2027 biennial budget was to occur. The agenda item description was not specific enough (pg.9) to permit citizens to recognize that an amendment to the budget was going to be discussed.

At the May 19 Study Session, Councilor Dahle expressed his concerns about how to "unwind" the decision of the CBC. He thought that some kind of resolution would be required, possibly working the budget committee into the amending process, and that would need to happen prior to adopting the budget. There was



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SHARON BRYSON

Ashland Resident:

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9.28

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AMC 9.28. Ashland Pesticide law.

Communities that are invested in informing residents of poison that government inflicts on their citizens are able to go to their city website and have an IPM (Integrated Pest Management Policy) at the strike of a keyboard. In about three minutes I was able to find IPM for Ashland School District, the city of Talent, Medford, Eugene and Portland all posted for free. No IPM for Ashland.

I've been told City of Ashland doesn't have IPM instead AMC 9.28. In the text of AMC 9.28 there are gaps that cause the law ineffective. The policy states APRD has a similar policy in place that again is not posted for public view. I was able to get a copy from an insider.

Parks similar policy is an IPM that clearly states the steps of the policy and how records will be kept. Gaps in 9.28 - begin with the purpose statement 'designed to reduce or eliminate use of exposure to pesticides' but no plan as to how by whom or when. 030 of 9.28 talks about landscape species and monitoring - again not stated how, with what or who monitors. Application section bullet F. states written record of product, date, time etc. with name of applicator and applicators supervisor. I see no copy of the form to be used.

Which brings me to the main purpose of my presenting to you this evening. I am submitting for public record of 6 months of pesticide logs that I paid for and want council and interested citizens to have available. The records will be submitted to add to this meetings minutes. There were 16 sprays near neighborhoods, 3 golf course sprays with tow behind tank sprayer. It clears up the question of does Parks use pesticides in parks. The answer is yes.

12 city property
3 parks
1 doesn't say

Also, of interest to me is House Bill 2679. A bill that was on the floor in Salem last session. The bill didn't pass but was introduced to put restrictions on pesticides containing neonicotinoids. I am invested in a pesticide free Ashland that reflects the culture of our town where the majority of residents are health conscious for our ecosystem, each other and for our children.

City of Ashland
PARKS and RECREATION DEPARTMENT
340 S. Pioneer Street Ashland, OR 97520

Pesticide Application Record
(To be kept for 3 years)

Applicator Joe Skister, Trevor Costa Date of Application 7-8-25
Time of Application 9
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 1.5 Tank/

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) Crowson Water Tower

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW-treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 gal ^{per} of water

Supplier: Amstar

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) brake leaf weeds + grasses, blackberry

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 80
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 36 oz.

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Skates, Ben Dimins, Trevor Carter Date of Application 7-16-25
Time of Application 1
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 2

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)

Siskiyou Meadows, 7-11 to N. Mtn.

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz to 1 gallon water

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses broadleaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 85°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 45 oz

Comments _____

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Applicator Trever Coster Date of Application 7-30-25
Time of Application 1
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 2

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) N. Mtn Varsity Baseball

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW-treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5oz per 1 gallon

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind 0
temperature 95°
precipitation 0

Total amount of product applied 15 oz

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Skates, Trevor Coster Date of Application 7-30-25
Time of Application 9
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides _____

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) Gilligans Island, Omars Island, N Entry
CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gallon of water

Supplier: Amizon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) broad leaf weeds, grasses

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 80°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 37.5 oz

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
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Applicator Joe Skates, Trevor Coster Date of Application 8-12-25
Time of Application 10
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 3

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) Gilligans, Astro, Naps medicine, Grove PL, APD

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property), Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW-treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gallon of water

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 529-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses, broad leaf weeds, clover

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 75°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 45 oz.

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
(To be kept for 3 years)

Applicator Joe Skates, Treva Coster Date of Application 8-21-25
Time of Application 10
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 1.5

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) Siskiyou Meadows 7-11 to Palm St.

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property) Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW-treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz. per gal. of water

Supplier: Amston

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) bracken ferns + grasses

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 82°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 22.5

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Skates, Trevor Coster

Date of Application 8-27-25

Time of Application 9

Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 3.5

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) 1st 2 miles E of Mt St on Siskiyou
E. main and Tolman, N. Entry

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property) Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gall of water

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses, clover, broad leaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 80°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 52.5 oz

Comments _____

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Applicator Traver Coster Date of Application 9-16-25
Time of Application 11:30
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 1 hr.

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) Varsity baseball
CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet grasses, broad leaf weeds

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW-treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz. per gallon

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses, broad leaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 70°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 7.5 oz.

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Skates/Trevor Coster Date of Application 9-23-25
Time of Application 1:00
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 2.5

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) Community Dev. N. Entry

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate
Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gal. water
Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Renger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses, clover, broad leaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 75°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 27.5 oz.

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Skates, Trevor Coste Date of Application 10-1-25
Time of Application 10
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides .5

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)

N. Entry

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Dichlobenil

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 100 lbs per acre

Supplier: Grange Coop

EPA Registration Number Csaron 4G 400-168

Target Species (be specific) grasses

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack

SQ-Squeeze Bottle

HA-Handheld

-broadcast

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 70°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 15 lbs

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Scates, Trevor Coster Date of Application 10-1-25
Time of Application 2
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 1

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet Ash st medians rock project

(City Property) Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Dichlobenil

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 100 lb per acre

Supplier: Grange Coop

EPA Registration Number C950ron 4G 400-168

Target Species (be specific) grasses, broadleaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): hand broad caster

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 75°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 20 lbs

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
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Applicator Joe Skstel, Trevor Costar Date of Application 10-15-25
Time of Application 11
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 3

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)

7-11 to N. Mtn medians, Gilligans island, S.R. Chiropractic

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gallon of water

Supplier: Amgen

EPA Registration Number Renger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) clover, grasses, broadleaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack

SQ-Squeeze Bottle

HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 65.0
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 55 oz.

Comments _____

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Applicator Joe Skates, Traver Coster Date of Application 10-16-25
Time of Application 11 am
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 2 hrs

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)
Astro, Fire Island City yard S. of Mtn auto gate,

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property), Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gallon of water

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses + broadleaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 78°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 30 oz.

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
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Applicator Joe Sentes / Trevor Coster Date of Application 10-22-25
Time of Application 11 am
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 3 hrs

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record)

Siskiyou median curbs, city yard north of mtn auto gate, Mtn
medicinal N. entry curbs, PD lower entry
CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gal of water

Supplier: Amazon

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) grasses, broad leaf weeds

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 70°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 45 oz

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
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Applicator Joe Skates, Ernie Comacho, Trevor Coster Date of Application 11-26-25
Time of Application 12
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 2.5

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) Ashland St. Medians,
Oman's island, Gilligan island
CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course, Parks Div.) _____

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Glyphosate

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 2.5 oz per gallon of water

Supplier: Amsoil

EPA Registration Number Ranger Pro 524-517

Target Species (be specific) clover, broadleaf weeds, grasses

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 55°
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 45 oz.

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
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Applicator Treuer Coster Date of Application 1-14-28
Time of Application 10:30
Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides 1 hrs

Name of Park Maintained Area (one park per application record) N. Mtn. Baseball and Softball in fields

CIRCLE AREA BELOW, and write in area from code list sheet

(City Property, Schools, Misc., Golf Course Parks Div.)

Area of Park Treated (Circle areas on list below)

TW- treewells FL-fencelines Cr-Cracks BI-bleachers Sh-Shrub beds P-Ponds DU-Dugouts

Bf-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts

SB-Sloped Banks Other: _____

Chemical Used: CHOOSE ONE CODE FROM APPROVED CODE LIST or Write in Other: Dichlobanil

Mixing Ratio (amount product/amt. water or granular coverage rate) 100 lbs per acre

Supplier: Grange Coop

EPA Registration Number Casoron 4G 400-168

Target Species (be specific) grasses

Equipment Used (Circle One Code Below or Write In): _____

BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld

Weather Conditions: wind none
temperature 48
precipitation none

Total amount of product applied 20 lbs

Comments _____

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Pesticide Application Record
(to be kept for 3 years)

Applicator: Jeremy Christensen Date of Application: 7/16/2025

Time of Application: 5:15 AM Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides (XXX) 2

Park or Maintained Area (1 per Applic. Record) Golf Greens (enter CODE from list here)

Area Treated: CIRCLE ONE OR MORE CODES, and/or fill in the blank:

TW-treewells FL-fencelines CR-Cracks BL-bleachers SH-Shrub beds
P-Ponds DU-Dugouts BF-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets
A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts SB-Sloped Banks

Other: Greens

Chemical Used: ENTER 1 CODE FROM the APPROVED PESTICIDE LIST: _____

Other: Secura Action

Mixing Ratio:

Liquids: X Tablespoons. per gallon OR 3oz per 1000sq ft
Granular: _____ per _____ square feet of coverage

Supplier: Simplot EPA Registration No. 100-1633

Target Species (be specific) ENTER CODES FROM SPECIES LIST and/or write in.

CODES: Dollar spot

Other: _____

Equipment Used: CIRCLE ONE CODE:

BF-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld Other: Tow behind Tank sprayer

Weather Conditions: temperature: 67° wind conditions: 2 mph

precipitation: 0 comments: _____

Total amount of product applied (Tbsp. or ounces): 28 oz

Comments: _____

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Applicant: Jeremy Christensen Date of Application: 8/27/25
Time of Application: 5:30 AM Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides (X.XX) 2 hrs
Park or Maintained Area (1 per Applic. Record) OKGC (enter CODE from list here)

Area Treated: CIRCLE ONE OR MORE CODES, and/or fill in the blank:
FW-treewells FL-fencelines CR-Cracks BL-bleachers SH-Shrub beds
P-Ponds DU-Dugouts BF-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets
A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts SB-Sloped Banks

Other: Greens / Surrounds

Chemical Used: ENTER 1 CODE FROM the APPROVED PESTICIDE LIST: _____
Other: Trimec

Mixing Ratio: Liquids _____ Tablespoons. per gallon OR 1 ounces per gallon
Granular: _____ per _____ square feet of coverage

Supplier: Simplex EPA Registration No. 2217-529

Target Species (be specific) ENTER CODES FROM SPECIES LIST and/or write in.

CODES: _____

Other: Burweed

Equipment Used: CIRCLE ONE CODE:
BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld Other: Tow behind sprayer

Weather Conditions: temperature: 66° wind conditions: 0

precipitation: 0 comments: _____

Total amount of product applied (Tbsp. or ounces): 57.2 oz

Comments: _____

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Pesticide Application Record
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Applied to: Jeremy Christensen Date of Application: 10/22/25

Time of Application: 6:20 AM Hour(s) Spent Applying Pesticides (X.XX) 2 hrs

Park or Maintained Area (1 per Applic. Record) OKGC (enter CODE from list here)

Area Treated: CIRCLE ONE OR MORE CODES, and/or fill in the blank:
TW-treewells FL-fencelines CR-Cracks BL-bleachers SH-Shrub beds
P-Ponds DU-Dugouts BF-Baseball fields R-Roses W-Wasps/Hornets
A-Annuals P-Paths/Trails TC-Tennis Courts SB-Sloped Banks

Other: Greens

Chemical Used: ENTER 1 CODE FROM the APPROVED PESTICIDE LIST: _____
Other: Thimec

Mixing Ratio: Liquids _____ Tablespoons. per gallon OR 1 ounces per gallon
Granular: _____ per _____ square feet of coverage

Supplier: Simplot EPA Registration No. 2217-529

Target Species (be specific) ENTER CODES FROM SPECIES LIST and/or write in.

CODES: _____

Other: Burweed

Equipment Used: CIRCLE ONE CODE:
BP-Backpack SQ-Squeeze Bottle HA-Handheld Other: Tow behind spray

Weather Conditions: temperature: 43° wind conditions: 1 mph

precipitation: 0 comments: _____

Total amount of product applied (Tbsp. or ounces): 57.2 oz

Comments: _____

Status

Completed Legislative Action

Spectrum: Partisan Bill (Democrat 12)
Status: Failed on June 27 2025 - 100% progression
Action: 2025-06-27 - In committee upon adjournment.
Text: Latest bill text (Introduced) [PDF]

Summary

This Act puts limits on the use of pesticides that have some neonicotinoids in them. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8). Directs the State Department of Agriculture to classify certain pesticides containing neonicotinoids as restricted-use. Prohibits application of restricted-use neonicotinoid pesticides on residential landscapes, subject to certain exceptions. Becomes operative on January 1, 2027. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Title

Relating to neonicotinoid pesticides; prescribing an effective date.

Sponsors

Rep. Zach Hudson [D]	Sen. Jeffrey Golden [D]	Rep. Tom Andersen [D]	Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin [D]
Rep. Farrah Chaichi [D]	Rep. Lisa Fragala [D]	Rep. Mark Gamba [D]	Rep. John Lively [D]
Rep. Jules Walters [D]	Sen. Deb Patterson [D]	Sen. Khanh Pham [D]	Sen. Kathleen Taylor [D]



A Proclamation in Honor of Black History Month 2026

WHEREAS, Black History Month, first proposed by scholar Carter G Wilson in 1926, seeks to rightfully center the role of Black Americans in our national narrative; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month pays tribute to the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality, and deepens understanding of our shared history; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has named the theme of Black History Month 2026 "A Century of Black History Commemorations" recognizing that what began as a weeklong observance of Black contributions to history and modern culture in 1926 has over time become the Black History Month we know today; and

WHEREAS, this year's celebration honors the role of museums, archives, libraries, and parks in preserving Black history and culture, particularly as the nation observes the 250th anniversary of U.S. independence; and

WHEREAS, Black history is American history and has an important role in modern public culture, workplaces, and education; and

Whereas, inequality and injustice still linger in our cities, states, and country. It must be the aspiration and responsibility of all Americans to advance the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

We remain committed to honoring diversity, equity, inclusion, and mutual respect as the fundamental principles of city government, and work to promote these core values throughout our community.

During Black History Month, let us draw inspiration from this legacy as we continue together on the path toward equality, liberty, and opportunity for all. Our shared history shows us that we rise and fall together, an enduring lesson reflected in the words of Dr. Maya Angelou "The truth is no one of us can be free until everybody is free."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tonya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as Black History Month and call upon the people of Ashland to observe this month with appropriate reflection and learning and to continue our efforts to create a more just and equitable community and society. In Ashland we are Better Together.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2026

Tonya Graham, Mayor

Alissa Kolodzinski, City Recorder

