

ORDINANCE NO. 15-1005

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 13.36 – COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVANCEMENT FEE.

WHEREAS, the existing City police station located on Warner-Milne Road, built in the late 1960s, does not meet federal seismic standards for emergency facilities. The station is too small to accommodate the current policing demands. Evidence processing and witness interviews are conducted in a lunchroom area that does not meet current policing protocols; and

WHEREAS, an expanded population, increased development, and greater intensification of uses within the City of Oregon City has increased the number of personnel, equipment and facilities necessary to keep the community safe; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new police station will serve as a cornerstone of public safety within our community. This site will hold the Oregon City Municipal Court, Code Enforcement, a large public meeting space, a modern and efficient Emergency Operations Center and a safe, accessible Police Department designed to deliver excellent customer service to our community; and

WHEREAS, construction of this new police station cannot occur without a new revenue source; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with providing safety does not rest solely on those who own property but instead should be spread amongst all users of developed property. As result, the proposed safety fee will be imposed on all users of developed property throughout the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City hereby amends the Oregon City Municipal Code to include Chapter 13.36 – Community Safety Advancement Fee, attached hereto as Exhibit 'A.'

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 3. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of adoption. The effective starting date of the fee will be January 1, 2016 and will first appear on water bills delivered in February, 2016.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 6th day of May, and the City Commission finally enacted the foregoing ordinance this 20th day of May, 2015.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 20th day of May 2015:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney

Attachment:
Exhibit A - Chapter 13.36 – Community Safety Advancement Fee