

November 6, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of our friends and industry colleagues Rick and Shelly Strauss of Bent Shovel Brewing. We wholeheartedly support their interest in opening a taproom inside the city limits of Oregon City.

Both of our companies launched at roughly the same time with essentially the same goal in mind: create a sense of community around the love of locally brewed craft beer.

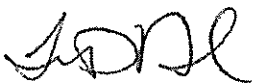
Others had the same idea and now the region is home to 5 breweries as well as a cidery & two distilleries. Yes, we are competitors. But we are collaborators as well. We realize that it's good for everyone if we promote one another and the thriving craft scene in Oregon City. It's a "rising tide that lifts all boats" mentality which is a phrase often repeated when describing the craft beer scene anywhere in the country.

Craft entities such as these not only fill a demand for quality locally made and locally owned products, they create wonderful community gathering spaces, a sense of identity for neighborhoods & become a destination for tourists.

The entire region benefits if we all work together.

Therefore, we absolutely support the idea of a Bent Shovel Brewing taproom at a proposed midtown location. It will help tie together Main Street and a burgeoning downtown with those of us on Hilltop. Above all, it's a collective win-win for local residents, visitors from out-of-town, and other business owners such as ourselves.

Sincerely,



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