

**CITY OF NEWPORT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

The Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to consider amendments to the Newport Municipal Code and Newport Zoning Ordinance that put in place a program for managing the city's urban tree canopy. If adopted, the amendments will support a City application for a "Tree City USA" designation with the Arbor Day Foundation. The Commission will make a recommendation to the Newport City Council. A public hearing before the City Council will be held at a later date, and notice of the City Council hearing will also be provided. Specifically, the proposal amends the following code sections: Amend NMC 2.05.040 (Park and Recreation Committee) to authorize the committee to serve as the City's tree board; amend NMC 9.10 (Right-of-Way Permits) to establish standards for planting and maintaining trees within public rights-of-way; amend NZO 2-4-5 (Landscaping Requirements) to cross-reference to the approved planting list and permit requirements of NMC 9.10 for trees and shrubs that are proposed within the public right-of-way; amend NMC 13.05.015 (Streets) to include a subsection requiring that street trees proposed within a subdivision or partition adhere to the approved list and placement standards of NMC 9.10; and amend NZO 2-4-3 (Vision Clearance Requirements) and NMC Chapter 9.25 (Intersection Safety) to clarify the standards and eliminate redundancy. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The proposed code amendments, additional material for the amendments, and any other material in the file may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (address above). Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director (541) 574-0626 (address above).

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