

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 6, 2020

Administration:

Council will be holding a meeting this Tuesday. They hope to appoint someone to fill a vacancy left by Councilor Mike Downing. They will also discuss the 2020 Capital Plan and 2020 Pavement Management Plan.

The 1A Basketball Tournaments will be continuing this weekend. Many people are expected to be in the area for the games. Some local restaurants and businesses will have extended hours to accommodate the extra people.

We've had great weather this week. It is supposed to cool down a bit this weekend. Enjoy the spring air!

City Council Agenda March 10th

- Council Vacancy
- Annual Financial Report
- Budget Board Appointments
- Committee Appointment Ordinances
- Public Works Annual Reports
- Adoption of 2020-21 City Council Goals

Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	16	2	23
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	6	8	13	9
Mechanical	5	8	3	5
Plumbing	2	5	0	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	37	18	39

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

None at this time

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2790 Colorado Avenue, Baker City—Detached Accessory Structure
- 43084 Sunnyslope Road, Baker City—Residential Addition
- 19418 Chandler Lane, Baker City—Remodel
- 2940 Birch Street, Baker City—New Residence



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 25th through March 2nd the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	29
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 32

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 6

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	7
Arrived for Cover	5

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on March 10th.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **49 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **19 hrs** of Fire Training
- **18 hrs** of EMS Training
- **19** Burn Permits Issued





"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."



POLICE DEPARTMENT

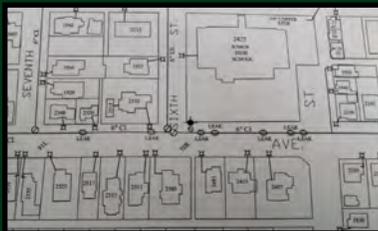
- ✪ During the past week, BCPD opened 31 new cases making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ BCPD went through First Responder/CPR/AED certification and approximately 1/2 of the department participated and they other half will be get their certification next week.
- ✪ All of the Police Department's fire extinguishers were checked and certified last week.
- ✪ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.

Public Works: Water Department



Dennis responded to a call to turn off the water where a repair was being made.

Normally, it is a relatively simple matter of turning off the valve on the meter yoke. In this case, the water valve in the street needed to be turned off. An evaluation of the connections will be performed.



Construction work will begin on the Court Street water line replacement. This photo shows the location of several leaks that have occurred over the recent years. The new line will be 8" ductile iron pipe.



Initial staking of the new water line route was performed this week. The intersection of 4th and Court Streets is scheduled to be closed next Thursday (March 12) and Friday (March 13) while that portion of the water line across 4th Street is installed.





Public Works: Goodrich Pipeline



Here is one of the Goodrich pipeline markers that was recently installed near a driveway and irrigation ditch. The adjacent property owner requested that the post and sign be adjusted in height so that ditch cleaning equipment could work above the sign and not damage it.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Maintenance personnel from 5J School District called to report a wastewater drainage problem at the middle school.

Karl and Jake responded to the call and cleaned 80' of the lateral from a manhole in the middle of Broadway Avenue.



Public Works assisted a local drain cleaning professional on Campbell Street. A vault needed to be inducted and a drain line video-inspected and traced. Karl and Jake performed the work and the owner was billed for the work.



A resident called to report a wastewater problem on Baker Street. Karl and Rick responded to the manhole at Baker and East Streets and thoroughly cleaned the line. The line was found to be operating properly. A professional drain cleaner was able to clear the blockage from the line.





Public Works: Park Department



Kris and Blain raked up leaves and other debris in preparation for a concrete pour in Geiser-Pollman park .

Approximately 10 cubic yards of concrete was delivered Thursday morning.

Recent temperatures had risen sufficiently so that concrete could be placed without concern of it freezing. Insulation blankets were placed over the concrete after the surface was finished.



Public Works: Street Department



Left: One of the concrete “diamonds” around a manhole on Pocahontas Road has started to crack and come apart. Repair work will be scheduled for later this spring.

Right: With the recent mild temperatures, Matt has been able to use the Elgin crosswind sweeper to clean Baker City Streets.



Did you know....

*****It is legal to salvage road killed deer and elk.*****

If you are interested in salvaging the meat from road kill deer, please call 541-524-2047 and we will put you on a call list.



Public Works: Water Department



Public Works met with a local irrigator/farmer concerning maintenance of a shared irrigation and storm water pipeline and ditch. Heavy truck traffic crossing over the existing CMP has caused portions of it to partially collapse.



Sediment has also partially filled the pipe and has significantly decreased its capacity.



Public Works will work in conjunction with the irrigator to perform necessary maintenance so that water can continue to flow through the system.



Planning Department:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Planning Department staff held a 2nd open house at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, to continue reviewing materials for proposed revisions to the Baker City Development Code and potential rezone areas within the City. **Please see the attached flier for detailed information** regarding these revisions, as well as information relating to the Baker City Comprehensive Plan – Goal IX.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY DEVELOPMENT

The Baker County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the Commissioner’s Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 Third Street, Baker City, to discuss a Conditional Use Permit application for two new storage units at 41320 Highway 30, located within the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone and the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The *Urban Growth Area Joint Management Agreement* between Baker City and Baker County states, “Baker County shall retain responsibility for land use decisions and actions affecting the City of Baker urban growth area, such responsibility to be relinquished over any land within this area upon its annexation to the city.” Baker County is responsible for processing land use applications within the UGB, and is required to evaluate those applications using standards contained within the Baker City Development Code.

APPLICATIONS

- An accessory structure was approved at 935 Walnut Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A home occupation permit for an internet-based business at 1400 Court Avenue was approved in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- New Directions Northwest was approved for a land use compatibility statement needed to apply to the Department of Environmental Quality for a stormwater permit.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 277.186: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT BAKER CITY IS PROPOSING CHANGES TO LAND USE REGULATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTIES, AND MAY CHANGE THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY.

Notice to mortgagee, lien holder, vendor, or seller:

State law requires that if you receive this notice it shall be promptly forwarded to the purchaser.



PROPOSED UPDATES

REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & MAP, DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND ZONING MAP FOR *the City of Baker City*

A set of revisions to the Baker City Development Code, the Baker City Comprehensive Plan, and the Baker City Zoning Map are proposed. Updates and revisions to the guiding land use planning documents and maps of Baker City are needed periodically to reflect changes within our community. The proposed revisions and additions include:

	REVISIONS TO:	ADDITIONS
DEVELOPMENT CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) Site Design Review procedures Number of maximum parking spaces permitted for developments Public noticing requirements Siting standards and material restrictions for manufactured homes Requirements for street and sidewalk improvements Property line adjustment application procedures Eave height restriction for accessory structures in residential zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floodplain development standards Standards for mobile vending units Standards for hostels A Residential-Professional District near the downtown area allowing larger signs for businesses in a residential zone Increased front street setback for self-service storage facilities Re-use or re-development of existing buildings with no increase in footprint as a shorter review process (Type I)
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update to the Baker City Comprehensive Plan based on an analysis of local and regional economic trends, evaluation of the community's opportunities and barriers to economic growth, and a determination of the types and amounts of land and infrastructure needed to support expected employment for 20 years. 	
ZONING MAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed re-zoning of identified properties throughout the City 	



PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BEGIN SPRING 2020

March 25th, 2020

Planning Commission Hearing

April 14th, 2020

First City Council Hearing (*tentative*)

April 28th, 2020

Second City Council Hearing (*tentative*)

All public hearings will be held at City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City. All public hearings will be conducted according to Section 4.1 of the Development Code and in accordance with the rules of procedure adopted by the Council, which are available at City Hall.

Any interested party may testify or submit written comments at, or prior to, the public hearings.



Making changes to land use regulations is a Legislative (Type IV) procedure, which means all changes are initially considered by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to gain input from the community before making a recommendation to City Council. The Council will hold a series of public hearings before making a final decision on the proposed changes.

Documents are available for inspection at the Baker County Courthouse located at 1995 3rd St., Baker City; for copy at a reasonable cost; or on the City's website (<http://bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>)

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

This list of proposed revisions and additions was developed with input from the public over the past few years during the following Planning Commission work sessions:

- 2017 11/29 and 12/20
- 2018 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 11/7 and 12/19
- 2019 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/10, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/16 and 10/16
- 2020 1/15

COME LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES

The Planning Department will host a series of open houses for the public regarding the proposed updates and re-zoning effort

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

February 24th, 2020 5:30pm to 6:30pm
March 4th 2020 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Council Chambers Baker City Hall - 1655 1st Street Baker City



STAY INVOLVED

- ✓ **ASK** Let the Planning Department answer your questions
- ✓ **LEARN** Review the proposed drafts in person or online
- ✓ **SHARE** Spread the word with family, friends and neighbors

Visit: <http://www.bakercity.com/>
Email: planning@bakercounty.org



Stop by: 1995 3rd Street in Baker City
Call: 541-523-8219



2020 CENSUS

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

The 2020 Census

4 Ways to Respond



1. Secure Internet
New and Quick, Respond Online.

It's safe, secure and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected. It's economical both for you and for the taxpayers. It's greater saving time and it's user friendly—offering you help screens and the ability to review your answers.



2. Respond by Phone

Our enumerators are ready to take your information question by question from the convenience of your phone from any location.



3. Respond by Mail

Wait until you receive your paper form through the mail or dropped at your residence. It can be filled out at home and dropped into your mailbox or post office.



4. In-person Interview

Our enumerators will visit residences that choose not to self-respond.

Multiple Languages Available

Phone & Internet	Paper Mailer	In-Person Interview
English Chinese Korean Arabic Polish Japanese Haitian Creole	Spanish Vietnamese Russian Tagalog French Portuguese Haitian Creole	Numerous Community individuals hired to interview others in their own community and language

Each completed survey is a building block to a better America.

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