

Give to Jackie

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Public safety for the communities of Oakridge and Westfir means so much to me that in 2019 I became a member of the public safety committee. Animals mean so much to me that I formed a nonprofit safety animal center and began free services for the communities, financing vet expenses, waving adoption fees, and providing pet food for the low income. Glad to report that 98% of the rescue dogs have been adopted.

With this program I am asking for more support from local law enforcement and asking that the contract with the Oakridge police department and the city of Westfir be reviewed by council and the administration committee to define services as law enforced for crimes against animals. I am not asking for officers to become dog catchers. I am asking for the laws regarding ORS sec. 167.315 and other statues that are the Oregon Statue Laws to Protect Animals such as ORS sec. 131.805 Law Enforcement Policies... (give the handout).

We the people need the city ordinances to be enforced under Oregon state law. There is a contract that exists between both Oakridge community and Westfir with these expectations for what our tax dollars pay. Ordinance 926 defines Class violations and there are consequences for violations aka crimes against animals on page 22 under section 5.1 Penalties and fines applicable under 2.1 including non-criminal offenses of consequence in 3.1. Section 6 under EMERGENCY, states and I quote "The passage of this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the city, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the council."

September of 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME- TRUDY HAMMOND Public Safety Committee

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11. LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

The Governor may appoint special state agents to collect evidence and to effect the apprehension and conviction of criminals.
OR. REV. STAT. § 131.805

Humane special agents are included in the definition of "peace officers" and have the same powers as other peace officers.
OR. REV. STAT. § 133.005

Any person violating the animal protection laws may be arrested and held without warrant; the person making the arrest shall use reasonable diligence to notify any owners of animals found in the charge of the person arrested and shall properly care for them; any peace officer who cares for such animals is immune from civil or criminal liability.
OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377

Peace officers have a duty to arrest and prosecute any person violating the animal protection laws.
OR. REV. STAT. § 133.379(1)

Peace officer may enter premises, under a search warrant or in any lawful manner, where animals are being mistreated and provide them with necessary sustenance and aid and may impound them; officer is not liable for damages for any entry unless caused by unnecessary actions that were intentional or reckless.
OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345

A law enforcement agency that receives a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse from a veterinarian or public or private official shall investigate and process the case.
OR. REV. STAT. § 686.460