



October 20, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT: Rick Zylstra hired as Oakridge Community Development Director

On behalf of the City of Oakridge, it is with great excitement and pleasure to announce the hiring of **Rick Zylstra** as the City's new Community Development Director.

As the Community Development Director, Rick Zylstra will oversee the administration of the Public Works Department and also serve as the City Planner.

Rick comes to the job with a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge. He is a lifelong resident of Oakridge, and previously served the City as the Assistant to the City Administrator, Community Services Coordinator, and the Community Services Director, from 2015-2020. He also previously served on the Oakridge City Council, and was a Reporter for Highway 58 Herald. In his spare time, Rick is a volunteer with the Oakridge Food Pantry and many other community organizations.

Rick has a Masters Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon's School of Planning, Public Policy and Management. He also earned his undergraduate degree in Geography at the University of Oregon, making him a rare "Double-Duck" (but he supports the Beavers too, *unless* they're playing the Ducks). He also worked in construction & homebuilding for 12 years.

I am confident that everyone at the City is *very* pleased to have Rick "back on the team," as we look forward to working with him as we continue to make Oakridge a better community!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Cleavenger", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

James M. Cleavenger, JD, LLM
Oakridge City Administrator

**Rick Zylstra will be suspending his campaign for Oakridge City Council, since it is prohibited to be a full-time employee of the City and a City Councilor at the same time.*