

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON**

**IN THE MATTER OF IMPLEMENTING)
A TEMPORARY AMNESTY PROGRAM)
IN CURRY COUNTY)**

ORDER NO: 20795

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon to find properties that were developed without permits. Sometimes permits were simply overlooked, but sometimes the structures were built intentionally without permits. Permits ensure an orderly pattern of development, and, ensure structures are built to state health, life, and safety standards. When a permit is issued, the Assessor's Office uses the data to assess improvements on the property; and,

WHEREAS, in a presentation to the Curry County Board of Commissioners in the spring of 2019, County Assessor, Jim Kolen, reported on the taxes foregone by unpermitted development. He estimated the total assessed value for non-permitted new construction during the last five years was \$14.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, in an attempt to ensure orderly development, safe living conditions, and capture taxes off unpermitted development, an Amnesty Program is being proposed effective until April 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of Curry County Commissioners that, if a landowner has failed to obtain permits for construction on their land, as of the date identified in this Board Order, the County will offer an amnesty program whereby if the landowner voluntarily comes forward to obtain necessary permits, to authorize their unpermitted development, no penalties will be assessed by the Community Development Department. Permit fees still apply; 'penalty fees' will be waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that, because the unpermitted structures are violations, the owner normally could be charged with citations. However, as part of the amnesty program, citations will not be imposed on the unpermitted development.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED, the amnesty opportunity in this Order shall expire on April 1, 2020.

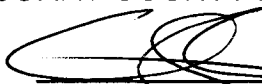
Dated this 2nd day of October, 2019.

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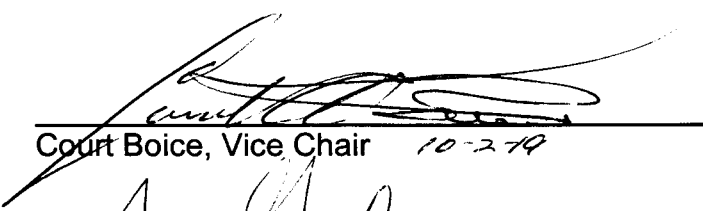
Approved as to form:



John Huttli, Legal Counsel



Christopher S. Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair

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Sue Gold, Commissioner