NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Housing Action Plan

Overview:
Since 2007, the City of Madras has gone through a significant economic recession that caused housing prices to follow cyclical increases and decreases. Housing prices are increasing and rental vacancy rates are decreasing, the City regularly hears feedback about the challenges with finding middle-income housing (i.e. workforce housing). The City of Madras and its partners in housing development, the real estate community, and housing non-profits recognized the need to act on alleviating the impact of these conditions. In February of 2017, Madras City Council identified a goal to create and implement a housing strategy. Thus, the City is developing this housing strategy and action plan to provide opportunities for development of more housing and especially more housing for low-and-middle-income households, as described in the following section. City staff has prepared a draft Housing Action Plan that is intended to address community concerns for housing affordability and availability.

Public Meetings:
- The City Council will receive a presentation on the draft Housing Action Plan on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Madras Police Station/City Hall located at 125 SW “E” Street.

- The Planning Commission will receive a presentation on the draft Housing Action Plan on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Madras Police Station/City Hall located at 125 SW “E” Street.

Public Comments:
Anyone wishing to present comments may do so at the City Council and Planning Commission public meetings on, respectively, November 13th and December 5th. Anyone may submit written comments in advance of the public meetings to the Community Development Department at 125 SW “E” Street, Madras, Oregon. The draft Housing Action Plan will be available for review on the City’s website on October 31st by 5:00 P.M. as well as at the Madras Community Development Department. Upon request, copies can be obtained at a cost of $.25 per page. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Snead, Community Development Director, by phone at 541-475-2344 or by email at nsnead@ci.madras.or.us.