

City of Westfir Newsletter

May 2025



City Hall Hours: Mon Wed Fri 9am – 2pm

*City Council meetings are the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm.
Meetings are held at City Hall and also via audio/video teleconference.*

City Hall will be closed
Monday, May 26 for
Memorial Day.



72nd Annual Tree Planting Festival

May 2–4, 2025

www.owtreeplantingfestival.org

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Thank you to Barb Desser for organizing the Easter egg hunt this year and to all who volunteered to make the day successful.



PUBLIC NOTICE: WESTFIR CITY ORDINANCE NO. 138 PERTAINING TO NOXIOUS GROWTH, GRASS AND WEEDS

By City ordinance, no person in charge of real property shall allow noxious growth on the property. Noxious growth is hereby declared a nuisance. It shall be the duty of any owner or person in charge of real property to abate noxious growth from said property. The owner and person in charge shall be jointly and severally liable for the cost of abatement as provided in this ordinance. **Noxious growth is defined as:**

a) grass and weeds more than 12 inches high; **b)** poison oak and poison ivy; **c)** blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or cross a property line; and **d)** vegetation that is a health hazard, a fire hazard, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare or otherwise makes the use of the thoroughfare hazardous. Noxious growth does not include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop unless that vegetation is a health hazard, a fire hazard, or a traffic hazard.

The City of Westfir intends to abate noxious growth at the expense of the property owner, 10 days after the last publication of this notice in the local newspaper of record.

**Last publication date:
June 8, 2025**

**City abatement begins:
June 18, 2025**

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NOTICE OF SECOND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Westfir, Lane County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at Westfir City Hall at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492 and via audio/video teleconference.

The meeting will take place on **May 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** Citizens may attend the meeting in person at City Hall; by computer, tablet or smartphone by going to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88966711218>

or by calling 1-253-215-8782 [and entering Meeting ID **889 6671 1218**].

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting in person, or via Internet or phone, to discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or on the Westfir website:

<https://www.ci.westfir.or.us>

Water/Sewer Rate Increase

At the May 5 meeting the City Council will vote on a **new water and sewer rates schedule to take effect July 1, 2025.**

The following changes are proposed: water base rate increase to \$58 per month; sewer base rate increase to \$63 per month; Unoccupied unit (zero usage) increase to the same as the water base rate. All other fees and usage thresholds remain the same.

The rate increase is necessary to cover rising labor costs, deferred maintenance and aging facilities.

Per ORS 294.160, there is a public comment period on the fee increase at the May 5 meeting. The meeting agenda and proposed changes to the Water/Sewer Policy can be viewed on the website under the City Calendar: www.ci.westfir.or.us

Outdoor Burning Moratorium

Due to a backyard burn that started a forest fire on April 18, the City of Westfir has placed a moratorium on outdoor burning of yard debris under the authority of City Ordinance 142, Section 3. All burn permits have been revoked. There is currently no plan to lift the moratorium until Fall 2025.

The City will look for alternative methods of yard debris disposal. Please contact the City if you have special needs at 541-782-3983 or cityhall@ci.westfir.or.us. If you purchased a burn permit in Spring 2025, and have not yet conducted an outdoor burn, you may request a refund of the permit fee.

The public has the opportunity to comment on the moratorium at the May 5 City Council meeting.

