



RESOLUTION NO. 994

A RESOLUTION FOR AN ADVISORY SUPPORT TO GAUGE SUPPORT FOR NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AMENITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Gearhart wishes to gauge voters support for Public safety facilities; and

WHEREAS, understanding Gearhart voter's preferences for location and amenities of a future Public Safety building will aid in the City's planning efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council instructs the City Administrator to transmit the below Ballot Title to the County Clerk and take all other actions required by Oregon Revised Statutes.

BALLOT TITLE:

Advisory Vote Gauging Support for New Public Safety Building Amenities

Question:

Would you support a new public safety building having studio or dorm sleeping facilities on the second floor?

Summary (175 word max)

The City's current fire station is an un-reinforced concrete block building, built in 1958. The station only has one bathroom, and no place for volunteer or career firefighters to sleep. The City would like to gauge whether there is public support to construct a new building, for firefighters and police officers, and building amenities. This advisory vote is to gauge whether the new building should include sleeping accommodations.

A lack of housing in Gearhart and surrounding communities has made the hiring and retention of volunteer and career first responders challenging. Adding sleeping accommodations to a new public safety, would likely increase the overall cost of the building. Having fire and police personnel living at the public safety building could also aid in response times.

A vote of yes is a non-binding indication that you support including sleeping accommodations in the new public safety building.

APPROVED and PASSED by the City Council of Gearhart at a special meeting on the 28th day of February, 2024 by the vote of ____ ayes and _____ nays.

Mayor Kerry Smith

ATTEST:

Chad Sweet, City Administrator