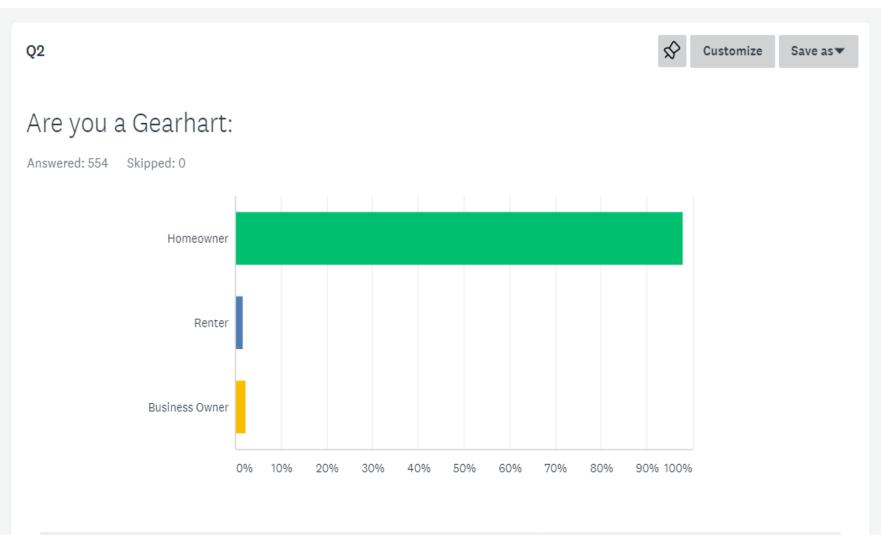
# FIRE / POLICE STATION SURVEY RESULTS

### <u>Statistics</u>

- TOTAL VERIFIED RESPONDENTS 554
- The survey period was from 6-25-2021 to 8-1-2021 just over a month
  - By comparison, the 2019 survey was open for 3 months and received 947 responses
- The survey was released online 6-25-2021
  - $\circ$  455 of the 554 verified respondents were online
  - $\circ$  14 were removed from the initial total
    - 11 duplicate respondents
    - 3 anonymous respondents
- 1600 paper surveys were mailed out by 7-2-2021
  - o 99 of the 554 respondents were paper
  - $\circ$  3 were removed from the initial total
    - incomplete information (unable to submit "blanks")
  - o 26 respondents added comments (included)
  - 1 was received after the survey closed (could not enter)
  - $\circ~$  8 mailed were returned with a forwarding address and re-sent
  - o 15 mailed were returned as "Temporarily Away" and were not re-sent



ANSWER CHOICES	<ul> <li>RESPONSES</li> </ul>	•
✓ Homeowner	97.83%	542
▼ Renter	1.62%	9
✓ Business Owner	2.35%	13
Total Respondents: 554		

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✓ Yes	55.78%	309	
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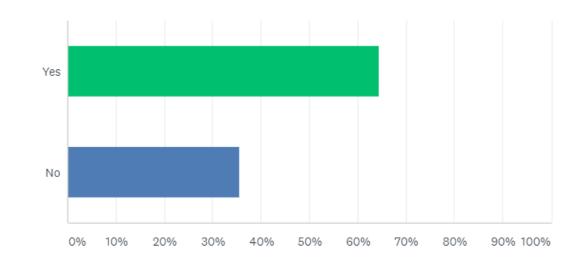
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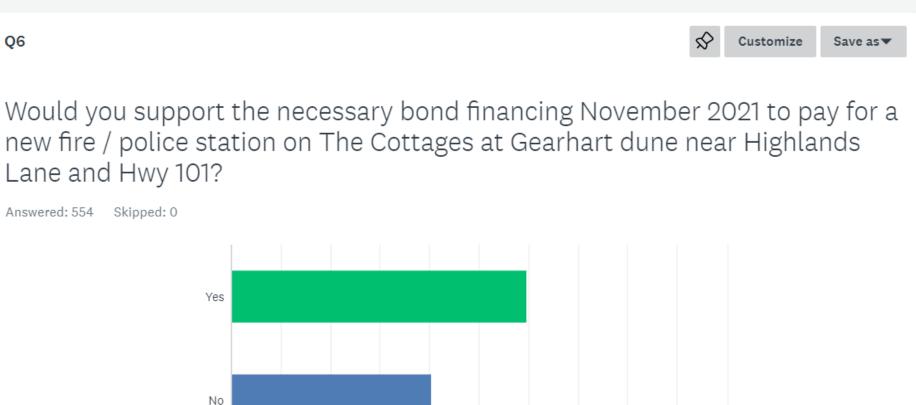


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▼ Yes	64.44%	357
✓ No	35.56%	197
TOTAL		554

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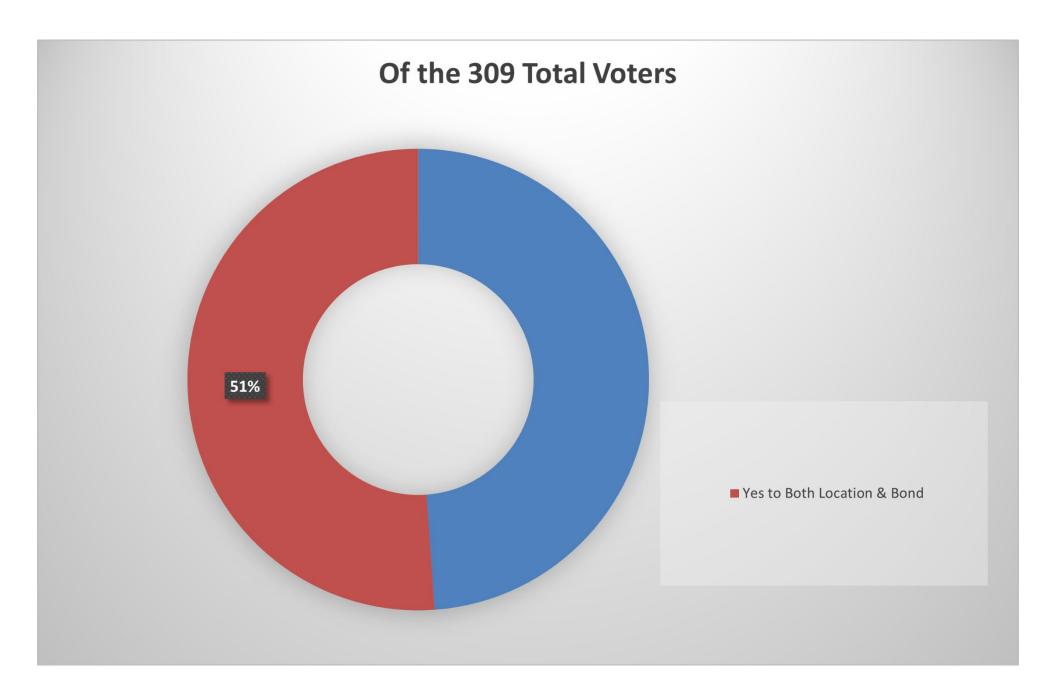
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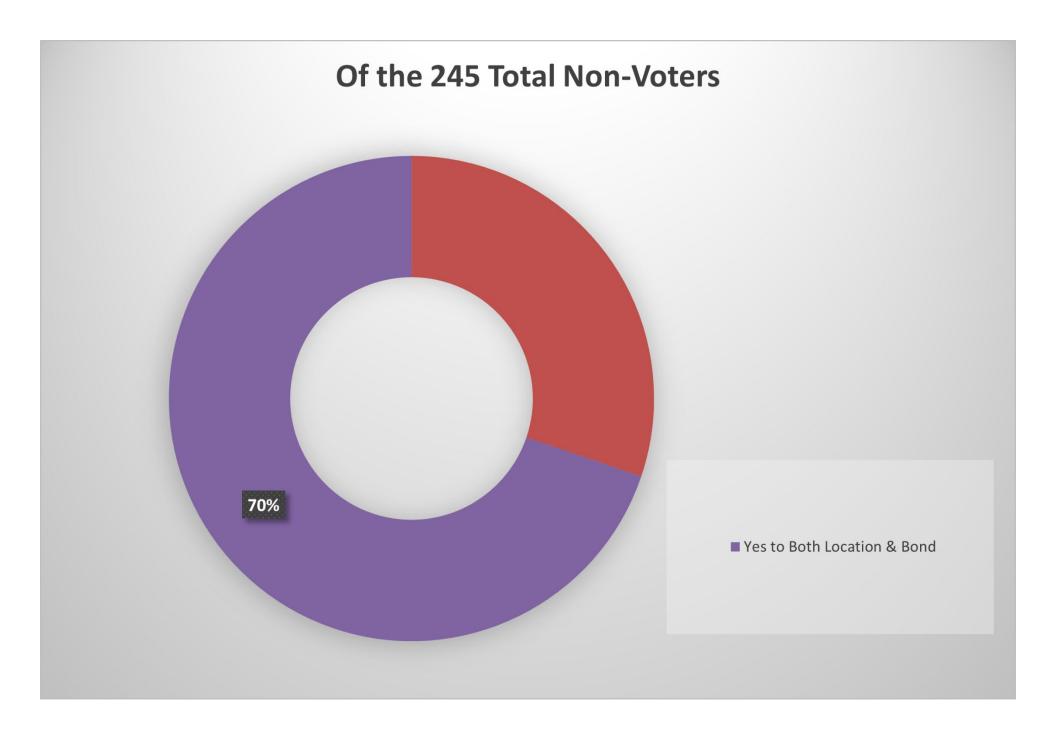
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Proposed Gearhart Fire/Police Station on the dune located at Highlands Ln and 101





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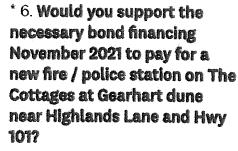
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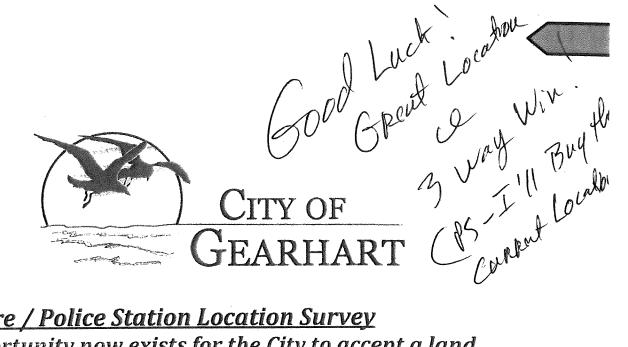


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#### \* 1. First and Last Name:

#### Surprise, surprise

The city of Gearhart spent considerable time and effort identifying locations for a replacement fire station. It was a timely and laudable exercise that considered comments and participation from the local citizens. The proposal ultimately failed.

Gearhart has reacted by endorsing a recently submitted proposal that significantly benefits a developer without benefit, courtesy and time to educate and solicit comment from citizens. The city sent a weak survey essentially asking: "We want it. Will you vote for it? And will you pay for it?" The proposal allows the developer to double the amount of anticipated housing in that area (surprise, surprise)) effectively doubling the amount of water usage, and doubling the amount of septic, as well as burdening other infrastructure.

Historically, the Gearhart water system costs twice as much as proposed; it currently meets state standards, but has a disagreeable taste. Historically, discussions regarding a sewer system have been aggressively dodged.

Population demands on infrastructure have not been reanalyzed with foresight and awareness of global warming, increased population and increased vehicular traffic.

1 of 6 answered

There are sufficient issues to be redressed before expanding Gearhart's population. High-density population may be trendy, but may also be highly counterproductive.

Is the water system sufficient? Can the wells produce sufficiently in today's warming climate and possible drought conditions? With rising ocean levels, is the saline integration with groundwater or other effluent integration a consideration? What is the effect on traffic and other infrastructure considerations, etc.?

GARY LEWIN Gearhart

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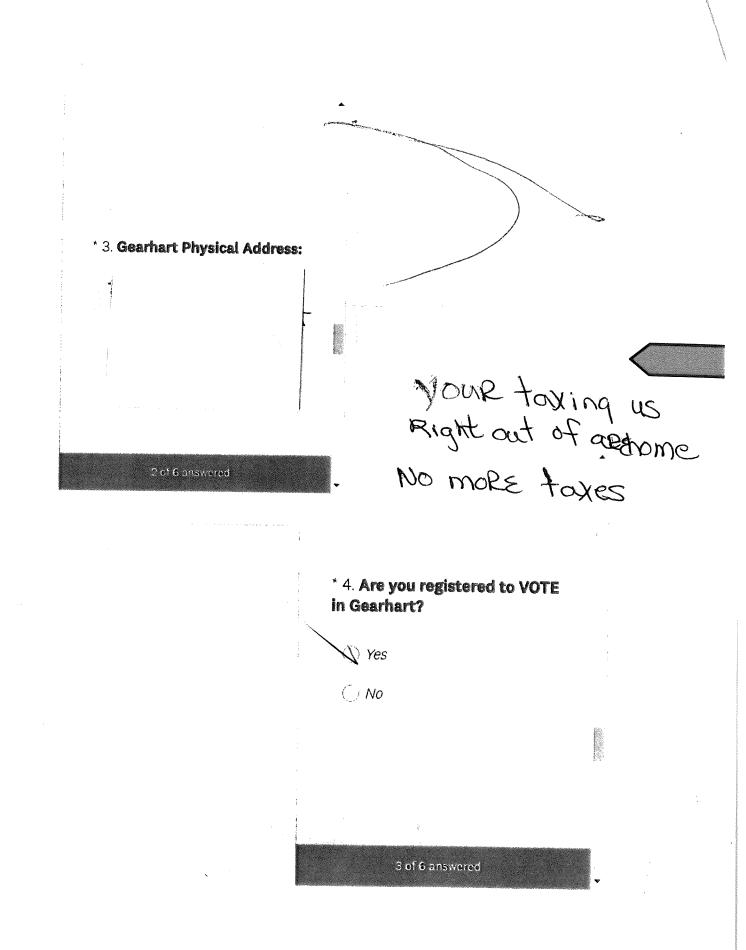
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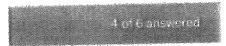
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I don't think we have enough Information to vote on this site or any other. Wetlands and traffic at this site has not been addressed. I also do not agree to the size of the station. Steeping rooms and workout facility is not necessary for a volunteer department. To say we are "saving" 3 mil \$ 15 False. There was never an agreement w/murphy's in place. May be you should work on a scaled down version, instead of fantasy wersion and see what voters might say. How much was spent on this useless survey online & print? can the city support an annexation? I have no confidence in the people in charge an manage this project.

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\* 4. Are you registered to VOTE in Gearhart?

Clatsup County has this information as public record. public record. Redacted as respondent did not want it known KE 3 of 6 answered



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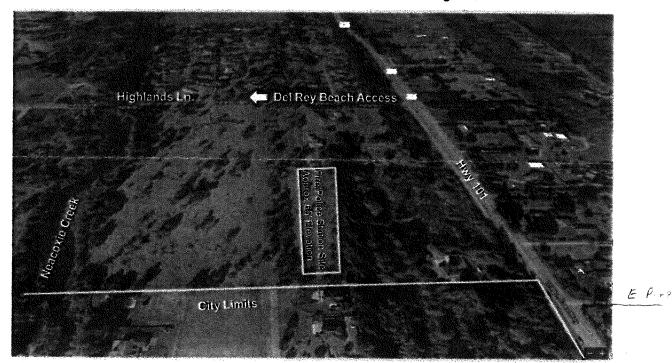
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Proposed Gearhart Fire/Police Station on the dune located at Highlands Ln and 101



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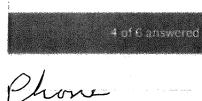
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### **New Fire / Police Station Location Proposition**

### Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ will continuously be updated on <u>www.CityofGearhart.com</u> please share!

1) We've read on social media that the proposed Highlands Cottages site is not geologically stable and should be rejected for a new fire/police station. What is the City's response?

The City has performed its due diligence conducted by geological and structural engineers. An engineering firm studied the dune conducting a subsurface investigation, site reconnaissance, and laboratory testing and is satisfied that the site is stable secondary to its height, age, and location. The City has more faith in these professionals than those who are expressing their own personal opinions.

2) We keep hearing that the proposed police/fire station is "excessively large and an unneeded Taj Mahal" and that the current fire station could be fixed up for far less money than a new one. How does the City respond to this?

- The current fire station was built in 1958 and at 4,000 square feet was adequate for the time.
- The original structure was not built with Cascadia subduction zone earthquakes/tsunamis in mind. It is not practical to retrofit and makes no fiscal sense to spend \$9-10 million on a facility subject to inundation.
- Today's fire-fighting profession has changed. In 1958, our volunteers were all male and were responsible for putting out fires. Today, many of them are women, and the job for both men and women entails more than fighting fires.
- Our firefighters are certified EMTs, and they respond to medical emergencies, automobile accidents, water rescues, hazardous waste situations, and more.
- Current standards require a separate area for decontamination for pathogens and hazardous materials. Currently, the first responders clean exposed equipment in the kitchen!
- These additional responsibilities require additional pieces of equipment which require adequate storage. Some of our equipment is stored in cargo shipping containers, which is both unattractive and inconvenient for our volunteer responders.

- The new station will have restrooms, showers, and dressing rooms for women and men. Currently, there is only one toilet.
- Our first responders are required to receive ongoing training for medical, structural, and wildland firefighting certifications. The current training room is approximately 288 square feet and is too small to accommodate our volunteers.
- Many paid and volunteer fire departments provide sleeping quarters to maintain on-duty staffing 24/7. Our current station has none. An intern program that includes living space would benefit the public by shortening response times.
- Right now, the offices for the Gearhart Police Department are located in City Hall. It makes sense to co-locate first responders in a more resilient location.
- By liberating the offices currently in the City Hall used by the police and fire departments, the City could improve the council/planning commission meeting space and consolidate the building department eliminating the rent paid for the portable office they use.
- 3) Why doesn't Gearhart just merge with Seaside's fire department to save money? The two fire departments already have mutual aid agreements and work very closely with one another. The City of Seaside's fire station is about 20 feet above sea level and would be flooded in virtually any tsunami scenario. It was also not built to current earthquake safety standards and could have a catastrophic structural failure in a major earthquake. Reliance upon a single station could result in greater loss of life and a tax increase.

If we tried to merge the four local districts, we would need to have four separate measures on the ballot, and all would need to pass. This would include the Gearhart Rural Fire Protection District, City of Gearhart, City of Seaside, and the Seaside Rural Fire Protection District. All of these organizations rely heavily on volunteers. It is critical to have firefighting equipment a reasonable distance from the staff, and volunteers to facilitate a quick response to fire and medical calls of all types. It would not solve the problem of getting our fire-fighting equipment out of the tsunami zone.

4) The Highlands site was looked at several years ago and was rejected. Why is it OK now when it was not OK then?

When the Highlands site (owned by another family at the time) was considered by the Gearhart Fire Citizen Committee several years ago, the land was known to be in unincorporated Clatsop County. The feeling was that our fire station should be located within the actual City of Gearhart. If we successfully adjust our Urban Growth Boundary, the property will become part of the City of Gearhart.

## 5) A few are saying the response times from the Highland location make it unacceptable.

First of all, we must acknowledge that there are no perfect sites. Every option has pros and cons. The "trade-offs" must be weighted and evaluated. Some of those considerations include:

- Cost of Land
- Distance from statistical fire and medical responses
- Proximity to our volunteer base (many of our firefighters live east of Hwy 101)
- The resilience of the site from earthquake and tsunami

While the favored High Point site ranked high in several of these criteria, the City faced millions of additional dollars to purchase the land from the current owners. The new Highlands site would be deeded to the City in exchange for bringing the subdivision into the city limits for minimal costs. The proposed site is closer to where many of our volunteers live, shortening one factor in response time and lengthening another. Many of the GVFD's calls are on Hwy 101, which would be accessed via direct access to Hwy 101 and also Highlands Lane. Ironically, some who currently express reservations about the Highlands site due to response time to downtown Gearhart have recently promoted moving our fire station to the existing Hertig Substation 2 miles further north on Hwy 101.

6) Some have expressed concern over the City creating "high-density housing" should the Cottages Subdivision be included within the City of Gearhart. Why would the City want to ruin Gearhart's low-density residential character?

Should this proposal come about, the zoning would be R-1 and 10,000 square foot minimum lot size, the exact same zoning as the existing residential areas in Gearhart. If people like Gearhart's existing housing density, they should like the new proposed addition. This location will be built upon anyway. We now have an opportunity to secure high ground and a park.

7) The tax lot owned by The Cottages LLC is over 30 acres in size. How did the owners/developers and the City come to an agreement on which 2-acre section would house the proposed fire/police station?

The proposed boundary marks the highest dune on the tax lot. It is both the safest and sturdiest spot to put the station.

8) When looking at High Point, the term used was an "Emergency Response and Resiliency Station." Why now is it "Fire/Police Station"?

Whether the station is built at the High Point location on Marion Ave or on the dune at The Cottages, it will be an emergency response and resiliency station. It will house the emergency response departments (fire and police) and will be placed in a location expected to survive 95% of probable tsunami events. A change in terminology was to avoid confusion between the two sites and confirm who will occupy the station.

The site will be available to serve as an emergency response center for the City and serve as an incident command center. Resiliency refers to the time it takes for a city to resume normal operations after a major event. Having an emergency center at a higher elevation will aid in the city's resiliency.



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will be able to build up to four dwelling units per acre. This change would allow for greater housing density, lower home prices, and a greater number of home sales.

In exchange for inclusion into Gearhart, the developer has offered to transfer ownership of enough land for the City to build a fire/police station and training grounds, and have another park. The proposed site is more inland and about 10 feet higher than the High Point site, so it should be more tsunami resilient. It is also more centrally located to Gearhart firefighters and more affordable housing.

The cost to perform land improvements and build the fire/police station structure on the dune at The Cottages at Gearhart site near Highlands Lane and Hwy 101 will be comparable to High Point (approximately \$10.5 million). However, the City will not need to purchase the land for a **savings of \$3 million dollars**. Avoiding a potential legal battle would also create savings for the taxpayers.

This opportunity is a rare circumstance where three parties all will benefit from this new location - the taxpayers, the developers, and the City.

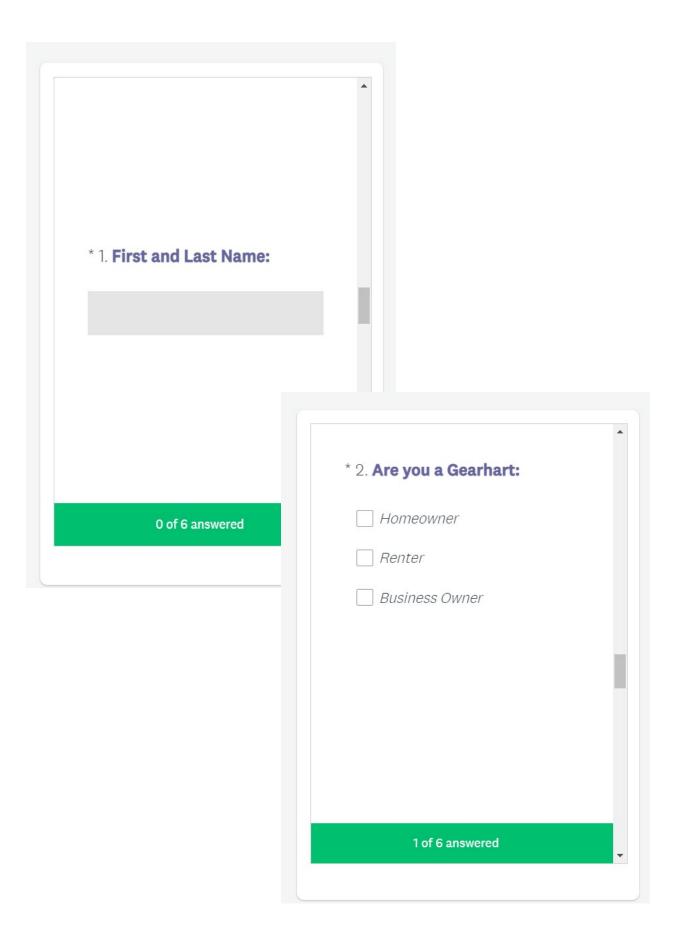
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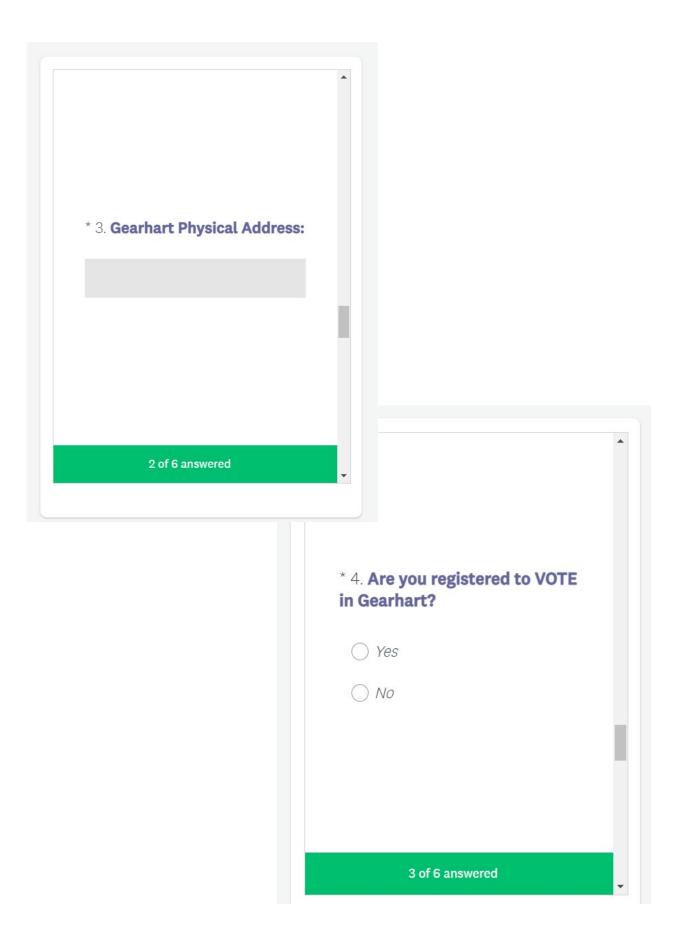
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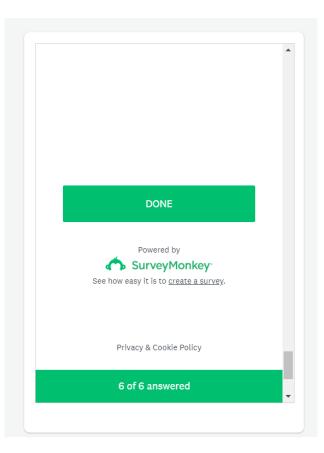
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- 2. *(preferred)* Use this weblink to access the survey and enter your responses <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FireStation2021</u>; or
- Complete/return this paper version to City Hall where your responses will be entered on your behalf – PLEASE ANSWER ALL (6) SURVEY QUESTIONS – the online survey will not allow a field to be blank. Return to City drop box or mail to 698 Pacific Way PMB 2510, Gearhart, OR 97138.







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