



July 26, 2012

Steve Wheeler, County Administrator
Clackamas County
Public Services Building
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: Partnership with County to Improve Parking Downtown Oregon City

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

As you know, the City of Oregon City and its public and private partners have made tremendous strides in improving infrastructure and private investment in downtown Oregon City in the past several months. Nevertheless, one of the remaining challenges appears to be limited parking, specifically for County and Courthouse operations and members of the County population who use these facilities.

The City Commission has adopted a Parking Plan, which has been largely implemented, and which is designed to encourage the availability of more parking for customers of downtown private sector businesses. Unfortunately, this does little to mitigate the impacts of tens of thousands of County residents estimated to use County services in downtown Oregon City annually.

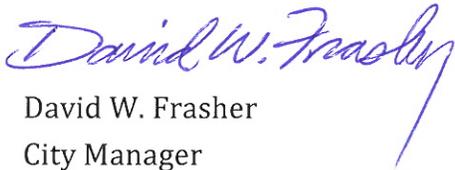
I realize that Clackamas County, like most public entities, faces financial challenges, even while trying to meet its obligation to provide adequate parking for County owned facilities downtown. Recently, Oregon City Urban Renewal Commissioner, Paul Edgar, attended a City Commission meeting in which he reported that County Commission members were aware of this problem and committed to remedying the parking shortfall downtown.

In the meantime, I have spoken to presiding Judge Robert Herndon, and with our Finance Department staff to consider how the City might help Clackamas County address this problem. Although it would not be appropriate for the City to take on the responsibility for

wholesale solutions to the County's facility needs, I would be willing to recommend that the City Commission authorize funding of up to \$300,000 to contribute toward meaningful parking improvements in partnership with Clackamas County. The distribution of these funds would depend upon the County, State, and/or other entities coming forward with proportionate funding levels and/or other solutions that would reasonably increase downtown parking opportunities for Oregon City residents.

It is my hope that this pledge will demonstrate Oregon City's willingness to help and that it may stimulate serious dialogue about how we can work together to improve parking for County facilities, residents, and visitors in downtown Oregon City. The projected growth statistics for Clackamas County indicate that parking demands for County services in downtown Oregon City are going to increase significantly in coming years and Oregon City would like to see a substantial resolution to the problem before that occurs. Please let me know if you are available to discuss further.

Sincerely,



David W. Frasher
City Manager

Cc: County Commissioners: Charlotte Lehan, Jim Bernard, Jamie Damon, Ann Lininger,
Paul Savas
Clackamas County Presiding Judge Robert Herndon
Oregon City Commission
Oregon City Urban Renewal Commission
Oregon City Executive Team
Nancy Busch, Oregon City Parking Enforcement Division
Main Street Oregon City Director and Board
Oregon City Chamber of Commerce