

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 624 7TH ST				City: OREGON CITY			
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City			GPS Latitude: 45 21 21 N		Longitude: 122 36 16 W		
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 63	Lot: 1x, 2x, 3x, 4x	Map #: 22E31AC	Tax Lot #: 1500	
Date of Construction: 1923		Historic Name: Fire Station/Old City Hall			Historic Use or Function: Government - city hall		
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Government - fire station			Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Mediterranean				Plan Type/Shape: Rectangle		Number of Stories: 2.0	
Foundation Material: Concrete				Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Flat / Composition shingle				Window Type/Material: 1/1 wood double-hung			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Stucco				Secondary:		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Handrails, exterior doors and garage doors, c.1995							
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None							
Integrity: Good		Condition: Good		Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site		National Register Listed? No	
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old							
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:							
This fire station is a two-story rectangular, Mediterranean-style structure from 1923. The exterior surface is stucco with round tile accents at the tower entry. The flat roof is hidden behind a parapet wall with corner crenellations. The front door is reached by a series of 11 steps. The double doors are flanked by small windows and capped by transom and a small hood. The windows are 1/1 wood double-hung with transoms and appear to have been installed in the original openings as a mid-1990s upgrade. A vestibule entry has been added to its west side to provide handicap access to the elevated first floor. All exterior handrails, doors, and garage door appear to be a c.1995 addition.							
Statement of Significance:							
Prior to the construction of this building in 1923, fire hose houses were scattered at many locations throughout the community. In 1921, the City purchased the first motorized firefighting vehicle -- a Studebaker. Ed Surfus, Oregon City's fire chief at the time, converted the vehicle for firefighting. Other former fire chiefs are Roscoe "Skip" Locke and Ed Huft. The building also served as City Hall until 1980. The fire house is considered to be the oldest working fire station west of the Rockies.							

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