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**Subject: Update Regarding the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program
– 2026 Selection & Selection Timelines**

Dear Community Members,

We are writing to provide an important update regarding the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program and some adjustments to the program schedule.

New Annual Deadlines

To align with recent changes to the state funding timeline, the City is moving its annual program administration schedule earlier in the calendar year. Beginning in 2027, the deadline for both application submissions and petition status updates will change from **September 1 to July 1** each year. All current applications will remain on file and remain active. There is no need to reapply if an application is already submitted.

Because the 2026 application selection cycle has been postponed, conducting a selection process in September 2026 would no longer align with the associated state funding schedule. Advancing these deadlines will improve coordination with state-level funding cycles and help the City provide more predictable and consistent service to applicants.

2026 Resource Allocation

This schedule adjustment will allow the City to address critical deficiencies within the wastewater system through the reallocation of resources within the overall wastewater program. While the City remains committed to this program, the temporary shift in funding priorities will ensure that essential system needs are addressed.

These investments will strengthen the wastewater system and better position the City to expand sewer service to additional areas currently served by septic systems in the future.



Stay Connected

We want to ensure you have the information you need regarding these updates:

- For General Updates: Please sign up for notifications on the city website at **bendoregon.gov/septicsewerprogram** to stay informed about future program cycles.
- For Specific Inquiries: If you have questions about your petition status or the application area, please reach out to the Program Manager directly at **tfindley@bendoregon.gov** or **541-388-5578** for more details.

The City appreciates your patience and continued engagement with the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Findley".

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