CITY OF BEND

City of Bend
710 NW Wall Street
Bend, OR 97701

COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003
CITY RESOLUTION NO. 3463

A Joint Resolution of the Bend City Council and the Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners Extending the Temporary Safe Stay Area at Juniper Ridge

Findings

A. Deschutes County, Oregon ("County"), and the City of Bend, an Oregon municipal corporation ("City"), are political subdivisions of the State of Oregon.

B. The County and the City each own land in an area of Deschutes County commonly known as "Juniper Ridge," north of the city limits of Bend and outside the Bend urban growth boundary, adjacent to US-97 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks.

C. In October 2024, the Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners and the Bend City Council adopted a joint resolution authorizing temporary overnight vehicle camping at the area known as Juniper Ridge (the "Temporary Safe Stay Area" or "TSSA"). (Deschutes County Resolution No. 2024-046, October 23, 2024, and Bend City Council Resolution No. 3401, October 29, 2024) (the "Joint Resolution"), as allowed by ORS 195.520 (formerly ORS 203.082, as amended by HB 2006, Section 6 (2021)).

D. The Joint Resolution authorized rules and regulations for the TSSA to mitigate and improve safety conditions for the community and people staying in the area and create reasonable rules limiting open flame, cooking, and warming fires, prohibiting use of structures , and accumulation of garbage and other waste, and an enforcement strategy toward remedying unlawful structures and unlawful dumping of gray and black water and waste. These rules were adopted by the City as Administrative Policy JR-001 on April 28, 2025, and by the County as Administrative Policy No. GA-27 on May 21, 2025. The City and County also entered into an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA"), dated June 23, 2025, outlining shared costs for sanitation services including handwashing, potable water, and wastewater disposal, security patrol, enforcement and monitoring, and ongoing coordination between City and County staff.

E. In June 2025, City and County staff and security contractors began a concerted effort to implement the rules and regulations, beginning with education and emphasizing compliance. 49 notices to remedy violations and 10 notices to move were given from July-December 2025, including for unpermitted structures and accumulation of waste and debris.

F. The City and County also entered into an IGA dated December 23, 2024, to jointly contribute funds for a Houseless Services Grant Program ("HSGP") to fund housing-focused case management at the TSSA. The HSGP was created by City Resolution No. 3401. The HSGP awarded over $1.2 million to service providers providing housing-focused case management at the TSSA. The City funds come from the federal American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") and must be fully expended by December 31, 2026. Among other outcomes, service providers funded by the HSGP have engaged 309 clients and helped at least 36 people transition out of the TSSA to more stable housing, through December 31, 2025. The City tracks services provided by HSGP grant recipients on its TSSA Dashboard, found at **www.bendoregon.gov**. Continuation of the TSSA is intended to support continued connection and trust building between service providers and people camping at the TSSA, so that more people can transition out of the TSSA to family or other more stable housing options.

G. In May 2025, after the City and County authorized the TSSA, the United States Forest Service closed an area of federal land outside of Bend city limits. The federal action, known as the China Hat or Cinder Butte closure, resulted in the displacement of 200+ people who were camping without authorization there. Many relocated to the TSSA, though the TSSA was not intended to serve additional people, increasing the demand on providers and sanitation services.

H. The City Council and County Commission met on September 29, 2025, to receive an update on the TSSA, and requested another meeting in early 2026 to consider extending the closure date. On January 20, 2026, the Council and Commissioners held another joint meeting to hear an update on the TSSA, including enforcement and housing-focused case management, and to consider extending the closure date. At this meeting, a majority of each body supported extension, along with additional local funding for housing-focused case management and sanitation services, and an enforceable limit on the number of people and campsites at the TSSA, limiting to people who are currently in the TSSA.

I. The City and County agree that additional more permanent solutions are needed to shelter and/or house people in the City of Bend and Deschutes County, including permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and additional shelter options including managed campsites, safe parking sites, and traditional shelter and services.

J. This resolution is not a land use decision.

Resolution

Based on these findings, the City Council of the City of Bend and the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes County resolve as follows:

1. Extension. The TSSA, as authorized by the Joint Resolution, is intended to close no later than June 30, 2027, except for the portion to be closed earlier as described herein. After

June 30, 2027, public access, camping, and overnight vehicle use will no longer be allowed on the City and County properties.

2. Intent. The intent of the TSSA is to mitigate and improve the health and safety risks associated with unsanctioned camping, and to provide improved sanitation services and case management to facilitate people camping at Juniper Ridge moving into safer shelter or housing. The extension of the TSSA by this Resolution is to enable further provision of housing-focused case management to those individuals already camping in the TSSA. City and County staff are directed to develop rules and an enforcement plan to limit occupancy of the TSSA to only those currently existing campsites and the number of people as of June 1, 2026, that are residing in Sections 3 & 4, including those who may relocate from closed portions of Sections 1 & 2 to open areas of the TSSA in Sections 3 & 4 after the partial closure described below.
3. Commitment for funding. The City and County commit to each party providing funds toward additional property and land management services for the period from January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2027, through an amendment to the existing IGA dated June 23, 2025, as well toward additional housing-focused case management services for the same period, under the City's Houseless Services Grant Program and through a future IGA.
4. Closure of a portion of the TSSA. The City will make concerted efforts to remove all people camping on the portion of its property at the TSSA known as Sections 1 & 2 and is east of the Central Oregon Irrigation District canal by June 1, 2026, and close this area to all unauthorized access, as shown on the attached Exhibit A. The process and notice for removal will be through the City's policies on campsite removal, in coordination with service providers engaged in housing-focused case management to the individuals camping at the area to be closed.
5. Early closure or termination. Any earlier termination or suspension of the TSSA, or further extension of a complete closure, may occur only after consultation between the City Council and Board of County Commissioners, and then by formal action of the governing bodies.
6. Limited authorization. The allowance for overnight camping by homeless individuals living in vehicles applies only to the area identified as the TSSA, as previously set forth in the Joint Resolution.
7. This resolution is effective on signing by both the City and County.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for Deschutes County

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PHIL CHANG, Chair

-OPPOSED-

ANTHONY DEBONE, Vice-Chair

Recording Secretary

PATTI ADAIR, Commissioner

Adopted by the Bend City Council

02/18/2026

Yes: Kebler, Franzosa, Méndez, Norris, Perkins, Platt, Riley

No:

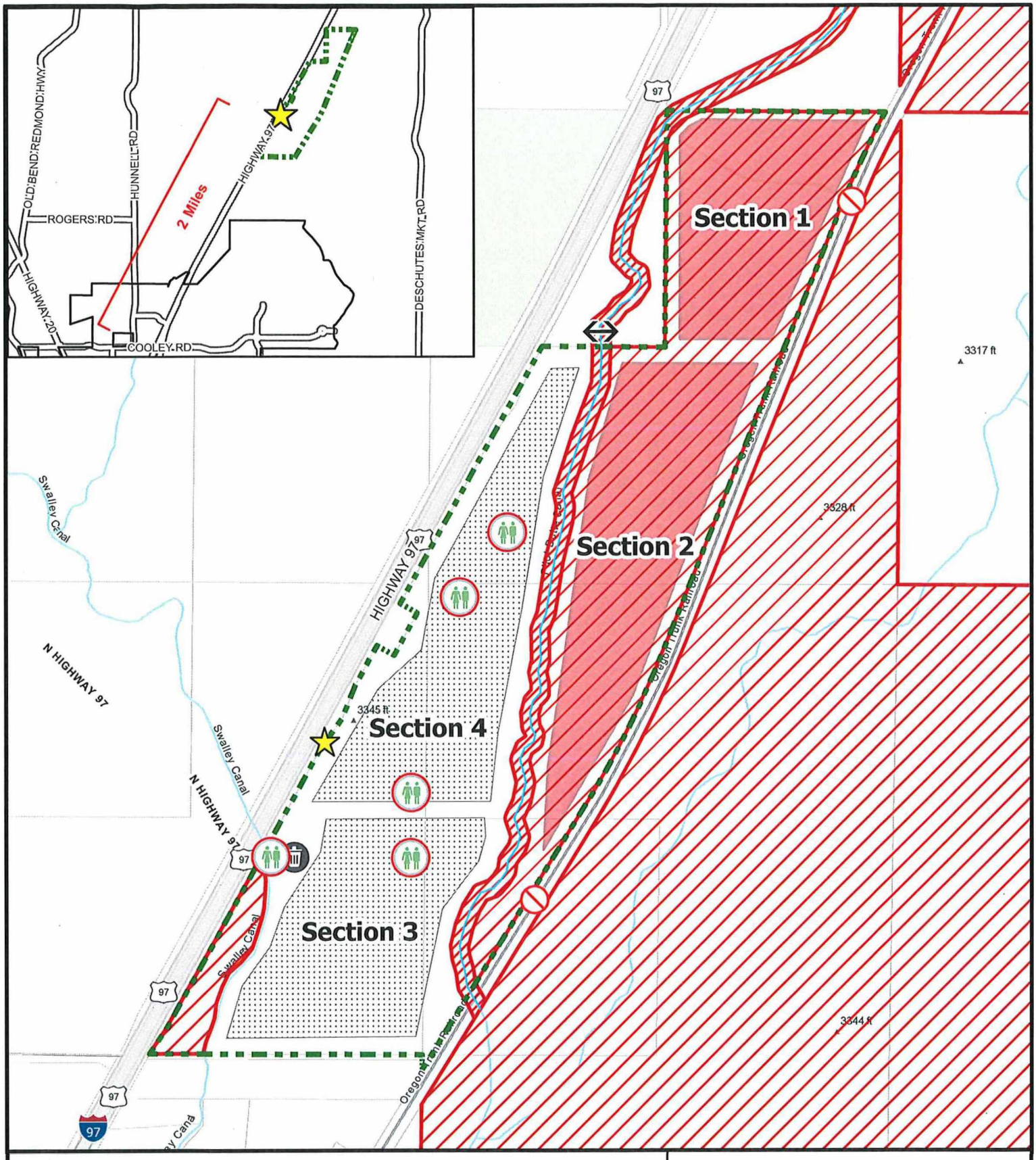
Melanie Kebler, Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Bontje, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

Ian Leitheiser, City Attorney



TEMPORARY SAFE STAY AREA

- Temp. Safe Stay Area
- Hygiene Stations
- Dumpster
- No Camping
- Closed RR Crossings
- Primary Access
- Local Streets
- Canal Crossing

Camping Sections

- Section 1 & 2 (closed)
- Section 3 & 4

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