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Dear Ron,

It's come to my attention that City Council may consider increasing the hours for the Code Enforcement Officer position.

In the time since the position was created and an officer hired, it's become obvious that there's much more enforcement work to be done than most of us would have guessed. As the residential population grows, and as the City's marketing campaign attracts more and more tourists, I anticipate that additional time will be needed to effectively enforce the Yachats Municipal Code.

Therefore, I support the notion of increasing the hours for the Code Enforcement Officer position. It would be in the City's long-term best interest.

Also, I believe enforcement is more effective when the public sees familiar symbols that a person claiming to be an officer is, in fact, just that. So, I offer the following suggestions.

- 1) Any forms, questionnaires, or other paperwork that the Code Enforcement Officer presents to a member of the public should be on City letterhead or bear the City's emblem.
- 2) For those who aren't personally acquainted with the officer, being presented a business card isn't very convincing evidence that you're actually speaking with an enforcement official. Since the Code Enforcement Officer hasn't been issued a uniform or a city vehicle, he should at least be given an engraved nameplate and a badge that bear the City's emblem, as well as a couple of magnetized "City of Yachats, Code Enforcement Officer" signs to affix to the doors of his personal vehicle when he's using that vehicle to make enforcement contacts.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,



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